

The Sunrise Sentinel



Newsletter for the Rotary Club of
Council Bluffs Centennial

July 19, 2017

Upcoming Programs/ Greeters:

July 26: Rob Simmon, Stratcom/911 "A Different Doomsday"

August 2: Club assembly

August 8: Board meeting at Noon at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 22 Dillman Drive

Birthdays/Anniversaries:

July 12: Rachel Morehead

July 29: Scott Darrah



CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

This morning we heard from Tom Kerfoot with Children's Hospital. Tom is a part of the Foundation for Children's Hospital. He shared some background information about the formation of Children's. In 1948 the hospital opened with sixty beds. In the 1960's, the hospital expanded to one hundred beds. Thereafter, the hospital moved into an adjacent tower to Methodist Hospital. In 2009, its speciality pediatric center opened.

Tom shared that the outreach of Children's continues to grow. In 2016, there were more than two million children located within a 250 mile radius of Omaha. In 2016 the estimated economic impact upon the economy was over \$800 million dollars. More than 70% of the children seen are from outside of Omaha. The hospital also has the Rainbow House which is a 56 room "hotel" for families of hospital patients. The Rainbow House is available for families traveling more than 60 miles for treatment at Children's Hospital. Last year, Tom shared over 13,800 stays occurred at the Rainbow House.

In addition to the main hospital, clinics are located across parts of Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota. At the hospital in Omaha,

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August 19th is our club's third ever kickball tournament. Details of this year's event are posted on our club's website. The cost per team is \$200.00. Teams consist of 10 members, three of which must be female. We have two teams already committed. Several other teams are also on board to participate however we not officially received the registration. Thanks to everyone who has worked hard at getting these teams lined up. The more teams we can get the better. So, please continue to ask for teams to get involved. It should be a lot of fun. If you have any questions, please see Craig.

Rotary District 5650 Annual Conference

Club Officers and Directors:

Bob Collins: President
Cary Jackson: President Elect
Lucinda Klein-Lombardo, Secretary
Mitch Kay, Treasurer
Dan Reese: Past President
Kyle McGinn: Board Member (2018)
Rick Stone: Board Member (2019)

This year's conference is in Omaha and is to take place August 11-12. Public sessions are from Friday, 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Saturday from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. During the public sessions, each club can bring one prospective member for free. The early registration cost to attend is \$75.00. You need to be registered by June 30th to get this rate. The keynote speaker for Saturday's luncheon is Ann Lee Hussey, a Polio Advocate. There are many other events planned throughout the district conference, including but not limited to CPR training. District Governor Gary Bren indicated the CPR training is open to the entire public and he wants us to get the word out and get as many people as possible to attend. His goal is for at least 1,000 individuals to be formally trained. It sounds like a great conference with lots to offer. It is a great way to see how impactful Rotarians are in the world. For more information, including registration, go to the district website at RotaryDistrict5650.org.

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Tom shared its emergency room averages over 100 patients per day. The emergency room was designed to handle on average 70 patients per day. Unfortunately business is too good. Last year, 107 children with serious illnesses were unable to be treated at Children's Hospital simply because Children's lacked bed space. In that regard, Children's is expanding. The Hubbard Center for Children is under construction with an estimated opening date of 2021 and at an estimated cost of \$425 million dollars. The Center will give the hospital more room and bed space to address the most serious problems facing children.



As to Southwest Iowa, Tom shared the new clinic located on Woodbury Avenue has been very busy. It is a combined physician's clinic and urgent care facility accepting patients up to 10:00 p.m. each night. Last year alone, over 20,000 visits occurred at this clinic.

Finally, Tom shared that Children's Hospital does partner with Project Harmony in their efforts to eliminate human trafficking in the Omaha metropolitan area. Thanks to Bob for arranging to have Tom come speak to our club.

WESTFAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Westfair is fast approaching. The dates for this year's fair is July 26, 2017 to July 31, 2017. For quite some time, our club has helped man the two entry gates. This year's date for us to help is Saturday, July 29, 2017. We have been asked to cover the gates from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. We need one person per gate. In year's past, we have split the day in half creating two shifts of two and one half hours. Which means we need two individuals per shift. A sign up sheet was sent around this morning at our meeting. We need a volunteer for the first shift and a volunteer for the second shift. It is a great way to have a make up visit. If interested please contact Bob at your earliest conveniences.



Make Up Opportunities

Monday: North- Noon, Eppley Airport Conference Center;

Bellevue- Noon, D.J.'s Dugout, 2440 Cornhusker Road;

Millard- Noon, German American Society, 3717 S. 120th Street;

Tuesday: Morning- 7:00 a.m., Happy Hollow Club, 1701 S. 105th Street;

Northwest- Noon, Champions Run, 13800 Eagle Run Drive;

Southwest - 5:15 p.m. D.J.'s Dugout, 17666 Welch Plaza;

Wednesday: Downtown- Noon, Field Club, 3615 Woolworth Ave.;

Thursday: Suburban- Noon, Anthony's 7220 F Street; Western Douglas County- 7:00 a.m. Elkhorn Common Ground Community Center, 1701 Veterans Dr.; Council Bluffs- Noon, Council Bluffs Senior Center;

Friday: West- Noon, Champions Run, 13800 Eagle Run Dr.

Online makeup: <http://www.rotaryclubone.org>

