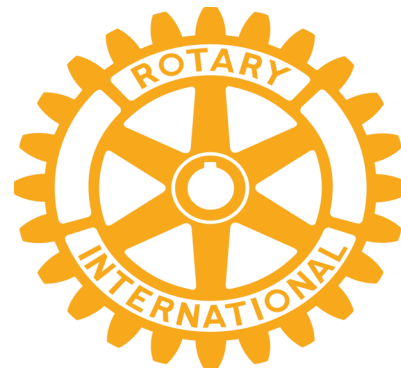


# The Sunrise Sentinel



Newsletter for the Rotary Club of  
Council Bluffs Centennial

May 4, 2016

Check us out on our website  
at

[CBCentennialrotary-club.org](http://CBCentennialrotary-club.org)

## Upcoming Programs/ Greeters:

May 11: Club assembly

May 12: Board Meeting 7:00  
a.m.

May 18: Dr. Cary Jackson-  
Fire Chief Justin James, cov-  
erage and response times in  
CB

May 25: Dan Reese t/b/a

June 1: Rick Stone t/b/a

## Birthdays/Anniversaries:

May 1: Larry & Jo Peters

May 5: Stephani Moon

May 15: Brian Moon

May 23: Terri Dreismeier

May 25: Michael & Kristen  
Westergaard-Bladt

May 27: Rick Stone



## VODEC

Today, Darren Richardson spoke to the club concerning Vodec. Vodec was founded in Council Bluffs in 1968 after a group of parents wanted to solve a problem in the community. The problem related to individuals within our community who suffered from intellectual and developmental disabilities and their ability to be gainfully employed. It's mission statement is to help people realize their potential.



Darren shared that there are a variety of programs set up through Vodec to help these individuals. Vodec contracts with businesses to fill various labor needs. He shared of Vodec's involvement with the 3M corporation and the assembly of masks. Vodec created a jig to assist their employees with the assembly of the mask due to the complexity

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of it. With the jig, their employees were able to accurately assemble each and every mask produced. Unfortunately, when 3M found a cheaper labor source, Vodec lost this contract. However, soon thereafter, the 3M company was back once again due to the poor quality of workmanship produced by the other vendor. Darren also shared that they go through the intense steps of getting employees ready to be hired by working with them very carefully to help them acquire the skills needed to be in the work force. Vodec has approximately 270 employees. Darren became an employee following a disability he suffered. He has remained with them ever since. Presently Vodec serves approximately 700 individuals in the Nebraska/Iowa region. Within that group are high school students who are getting assistance in transitioning into adulthood. Darren stated that other communities from the Des Moines are wanting them to establish a presence in their community. For more information about Vodec and the services it offers, visit their website at [www.Vodec.org](http://www.Vodec.org). Thanks to Mitch for arranging for this presentation.

### Grant Opportunity

It is that time of the year when we need to decide if our club wants to apply for a grant from the district to support a local project. Last year's grant was used to convert a vacant lot into a park for children. Do you have an idea for a project we can do this year? If so, please visit with Dan. Our deadline to apply is May 31st.

### 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>

