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Thursday, January 19, 2012, 12:00 pm
Anthony Carano and Dawn Hovey
Pottawattamie County Foundation
The Center, 714 S. Main St.

JANUARY MEETINGS/EVENTS

05 Dr. Kent Boese, Arthritis and Joint Replacement
11 Board Meeting, 12 pm, TS Bank, 1745 Madison Ave.
12 Jeff Barnes, George Custer's 24 Hours in Omaha
19 Anthony Carano & Dawn Hovey, Pott. Co. Foundation
26 Vocational Talks – Dick Christie and Rick Guill

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

01	Nancy Coziahr	13	Jennifer Doebelin
01	Jeanne Prickett	20	Jon Leu
04	Jared Olson	22	Jim Hughes
05	Scott Belt	25	Tom Whitson
09	Marcia Antworth	28	Ron Tekippe
13	Del Campbell	29	Paul Bass

2011-2012 Officers

President – Mike Maher
Past Pres. – Carol Horner
Pres. Elect – Mick McKinley
Treasurer – Paul Hamilton
Secretary – Donna Pritchard
RI Fndn. – Doris Heineman

Board Members

Terry LeMaster 12
Gilbert Thomas 12
Tom Whitson 12
Peg Christensen 13
Tony Doremus 13
Jay Simms 13
Marcia Antworth 14
Jason James 14
Jill Orton 14

Executive Director

Wendy Chubick

January	Song Leader	Clipper	Greeter
05	Marcia Antworth	Lynne Branigan	Jason Ferris
12	Steve Chamley	Jill Orton	Tony Doremus
19	Carol Wood	Carol Horner	Rich Scotter
26	Larry Knotek	Martha Bruckner	Terry LeMaster

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Wendy Chubick, Executive Director

MAKE UP OPPORTUNITIES

MONDAY

North – Noon, Eppley Airport Conference Center
Bellevue – Noon, DJ's Dugout, 2440 Cornhusker Rd.
Millard – Noon, Bel Air Banquet Room, 12100 W. Center Rd

TUESDAY

Morning – 7 a.m., Happy Hollow Club, 1701 S. 105th St
Northwest – Noon, Champions Run, 13800 Eagle Run Dr.
Southwest – 5:15 p.m., The Prestige, 168th & Pacific

WEDNESDAY

Downtown – Noon, The Field Club, 3615 Woolworth Ave.
Council Bluffs Centennial – 7 a.m., Hy-Vee, Madison Ave.

THURSDAY

Suburban – Noon, Anthony's, 7220 F St.
Western Douglas County – 7 a.m., Elkhorn Common Ground Community Center, 1701 Veterans Dr.

FRIDAY

West – Noon, Champions Run, 13800 Eagle Run Dr.

E-Club Meeting Links:

www.rotaryclub7210.org
www.rotaryclubone.org
www.rotaryclubny1.com
www.rotaryclub7890.org
www.rotaryclubsouthwest.org
www.rotaryclub34.org

Rotary Events

Super Bowl Weekend Food Drive – Fri., Feb. 3, 3-7 pm & Sat., Feb. 4, 10 am-4 pm. Stores: Hy-Vee W. Broadway, Hy-Vee Madison Ave., No Frills W. Broadway, Super Saver N. Broadway, Fareway McKenzie Ave. Volunteers needed to work two-hour shifts. Two attendance credits will be given. The sign up sheet is attached. Please sign up at a meeting or contact the Exec. Dir.

Annual Rotary Chili Luncheon – Thur., Feb. 16, 11:30 am-1:30 pm, Masonic Temple. Proceeds will go to Club projects and programs. Volunteers are needed to work the luncheon, donate/make roasters of chili, donate store bought desserts. Two attendance credits will be given. **Each member is responsible for selling/purchasing a pack of 5 tickets for \$25.** Tickets and volunteer sign up sheets will be available at meetings or you may contact the Exec. Dir.

Announcements

The Board approved the new member proposal of Cindy Schmader. Cindy is the owner of Service Master of South Central Omaha. She was proposed by Susan Enewold. Please submit questions to the Exec. Dir. by Jan. 23.

Thank you to District Governor-Elect Dick Galusha for visiting the Club on Feb. 12. We were happy to have you!

Doris Heineman is recovering at home after her second liver surgery. Please send her your well wishes.

Please keep track of your participation in Rotary activities from July 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012 on the attached Governor's Participation Rotary 107 form. The upcoming food drive and chili lunch are each worth 10 points. Once you have the required 107 points, mail or email it to the address at the bottom of the form or get it to the Executive Director and she will send it in for you. Members achieving 107 points will be eligible for membership in the 107 Club and a special reward that will be given at District Conference. The sooner you turn it in, the bigger the reward!

Thank you to Celebrate Catering for providing our weekly meals. Please contact Stacy to cater your event. Call 712-322-2580 or visit www.celebratecatering4u.com.

Rotary Links:

District 5650 Website: <http://www.rotarydistrict5650.org>

Rotary International Website: <http://www.rotary.org>

2011-12 Member Donations to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Annual Program Fund (APF)

July – Sustaining (\$100 or more): Martha Bruckner, Scott Hartman, Mike Maher, Matt O'Reilly, Brad Richardson, Charlie Schilling, Tara Slevin, Ron Tekippe, Gilbert Thomas, Mike VanSickle; Other: Harold Bernstein, Jim Hughes, Niki Steier; Monthly EFT: Jason James, Rosalie Shepherd

August – none

September – Sustaining: Doug Goodman, Donna Pritchard

October: Sustaining: Donna Barry, Dick Graeme, Carl Heinrich, Jerry Hempel, Carol Horner, Charlie Johnson, Cindi Keithley, Bob Knox, Ralph O'Donnell, Chad Primmer, Jay Simms; Other: Dick Christie, Larry Knotek, Terry LeMaster, Mike Maher, Chris Olson, Chris Rochleau, Tom Whitson

November: Sustaining: Jennifer Doebelin, Phil Meyer, Terry Oldenburg; Other: John Davis, Rick Guill, John Vergamini

December: Sustaining: Lynne Branigan, Steve Chamley, Doug Drummey, Doris Heineman, Kathy Jordan, Rick Killion, Dan Kinney, Ed Lynn, Leo McIntosh, Jill Orton, Barbara Peterson, Wendy Schultz, Nancy Schulze; Other: Marcia Antworth, Steve Baumert, Peg Christensen, John Davis, Tom Johnson, James R. Knott

January: Sustaining: Scott Belt, Kelly Sears; Other: Erin Johnson

Each member donation will be matched with 100 club or member points. This means they have been credited with another \$100 toward earning a Paul Harris Fellow.

Members may access their personal TRF donor histories at www.rotary.org – click on "Member Access" in the upper right corner of the page. If you have not visited Member Access before, you will need to create an account to gain access to your information.

If you give to The Rotary Foundation by monthly EFT, please let the Exec. Dir. know so you can receive recognition. To set up monthly EFT to TRF visit:

<http://rotary.org/EN/CONTRIBUTE>. Click on “Recurring gift” in the “Send us Your Contribution” box.

Recognition of Members’ Years in Club – December

Harold Beckman – 3 years (honorary)	Paul Hamilton – 32 years
Jane Bell – 4 years	Cindi Keithley – 12 years
Steve Chamley – 3 years	Jeanne Prickett – 9 years
Dick Christie – 29 years	Wendy Schultz – 3 years

January 11 Board Meeting Summary

Executive Director’s Report for December:

Attendance: 53%

Current membership: 95

Treasurer’s Report for December:

Income: \$5,579.56; Expenses: \$3,408.24; Excess: \$2,171.32;
YTD Excess: \$3,193.33

Other Business:

- Rotary Youth Exchange student Magnus Lauritzen recently took a ski trip with Leo McIntosh and family and continued his ski vacation with a family from Lewis Central School District. Magnus also attended a Centennial Club meeting this month.
- Board voted to sponsor another Rotary Youth Exchange student in 2012-13.
- Club will have a Citizen CPR class/St. Patty’s Day after hours get together on Tue., Mar. 13. Cost \$25 for class.
- Board voted to contribute \$2,500 to the Council Bluffs Area 5th Grade Career Fair that will be held in May.

January 12 Program

Jeff Barnes

George Custer’s 24 Hours in Omaha

George Custer was best known for being a general in the Civil War and as an Indian fighter. He was also known as a goodwill ambassador and hunter. Custer’s visit to Omaha came about because the Grand Duke Alexei Alexandrovich of Russia was touring the U.S. and wanted to go on one of the buffalo hunts he had heard so much about. Philip Sheridan, a famous general of the Civil War, was head of the Department of the Missouri and was asked to put together a hunting party. He contacted Buffalo Bill Cody and George Custer.

Custer arrived in Omaha on January 11, 1872. Omaha was the head of the transcontinental railroad and one of the 100 largest cities in the United States. Custer came by rail but the Missouri River Bridge, that was to make the transcontinental railroad truly transcontinental, was under construction so they had to take a temporary ice bridge from Council Bluffs to Omaha. At the time, Omaha and Council Bluffs were four miles apart to accommodate the wide river.

When Custer arrived in Omaha he was greeted by Edward Ord, Commander of the Department of the Platte who took him on a tour of the city. Their first stop was the Kountze home. The Kountzes were powerful and influential bankers

who started the First National Bank of Omaha. It was customary when dignitaries visited to “show off” the most prosperous and well known citizens of the city.

Some of the details of the tour are speculation but it is believed that they headed north of town to visit the Union Pacific Shops and Government Corral – the Sam’s Club of the West. This was the point from which UP moved troops and supplies west. Since Custer was a military man, they probably continued four miles to the north to the Omaha Barracks to show him around the military post.

They then headed back to town so Custer could sit for his photo at Edric Eaton Studios. He loved to have his photo taken and took every opportunity to do so (photo attached). He also arranged for Eaton to accompany the hunting party to take photos of the hunt.

The Grand Duke arrived on January 12, 1872 (140 years ago to the day of this program) to a large cheering crowd. He was like a rock star in that day. Four horse drawn carriages took the party to their first stop at the Missouri River Bridge.

From there they took the Grand Duke on a tour of the city. They traveled down Farnam, the main drag of the time, to the Grand Central Hotel. The hotel was described as the most luxurious hotel between Chicago and San Francisco. That status was short lived as it was destroyed by fire in 1878. This catastrophe was the impetus that moved Omaha’s fire department from volunteer to professional.

They also visited Omaha High School. It was built on the highest point in Omaha. In that day, few went to college and high school was the usual pinnacle of education. The school was built to show the city’s emphasis on education and that the city planned to stay.

Their last stop in Omaha was for lunch at the home of another prominent family, the Saunders. This home was built on the second highest point in the city. All of high society was there. It was noted in the paper that Custer arrived late escorting the beautiful and fascinating Ms. Bates. Today we don’t know who she was but she must have been well known at the time. At 2 pm the home was opened to all citizens of Omaha to allow them to catch a glimpse of Sheridan and the Grand Duke. By 3 pm the party was on the train headed for points west and the great buffalo hunt.

Then and now:

- The original Missouri River Bridge was hit by a tornado and a second bridge had to be built.
- Union Pacific Shops and Government Corral now CenturyLink Center and TD Ameritrade Park
- Omaha Barracks now Metro Community College
- Edric Eaton Studio now Gene Leahy Mall
- Grand Central Hotel now the Paxton Hotel.
- Omaha High School now Central High School
- Saunders home now Woodmen Tower

Barnes is the author of the book *Great Plains Guide to Custer*. The information for the program came from that book.