

THE SUNRISE SIGNAL *January 10, 2008*

Rotary Founded February 23, 1905 Club Chartered June 14, 1990

Rotary Monthly Theme: Rotary Awareness

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PROGRAMS

Today – Dennis Renner
Income Tax Tips

Jan 17th – T B A



Rotarian(s) of the Month will:

Give the Classification Talk the first week of the month

- Greet guests and give the prayer for each meeting during the month

Jan – Cal Dickson
Bev Eckholt

Feb – Gerry McKerverey
Diane Horning

Upcoming events

**Basketball Tournament
January 26th**

**We need everyone working to
make this a success**

WHAT YOU MISSED If you were absent

Alan Steckman described the Iowa Caucus system as we prepared for the 1st in the nation Presidential selection process.

“Neighbors” meeting in schools, homes, and other locations send 1-2 hours making their preferences selection. While the process is different at Democratic caucuses, vs. the Republican meetings, the end result is the same.

Republicans, use the straw poll system, with all votes being counted, recorded and reported.

Democrats have a somewhat more involved process. They gather together by candidate preference. To remain viable, a candidate must have at least 15% of the total number of caucus attendees in their group. Those with less than the 15% threshold are encouraged to join with another group so their voice can be included with the more dominate candidates. When all the movement is completed the candidates with at least the 15% majority are reported to the County chairman and that information is forwarded to the state officials.

Other party business is also conducted, such as selecting precinct delegates to the county convention, and approving party platform planks for convention consideration.

Iowa’s “1st in the nation” status has been challenged by other states but since 1972 we have prevailed.

The turnout at the caucuses was far greater than anticipated. County officials hustled to find precinct meeting locations within the buildings to accommodate the large turnout. After some shifting, things got underway and the process worked.



Alan Steckman

January Birthdays

Sue Followwill 15th

Vicki Hornbuckle 28th

CLUB LEADERSHIP 2007-2008

President: Vicki Hornbuckle
P E: Gary Herrig
V P: Alan Steckman
Sec/Treas: John DiMarco

Past Pres Paula Zimmerman
Sue Followwill: 2008
Lynn Ptacek: 2008
Bev Eckholt: 2008

Gerry McKerverey: 2009
Diane Horning: 2009
Jennifer Farwell: 2009

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