

THE SUNRISE SIGNAL *April 10, 2008*

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

Rotary Monthly Theme: Magazine Month

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PROGRAMS

Today – Art Gratias
Senior Citizens Center

Apr 17th – Mary Foy
Iowa Kids Net



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

Apr – Lee Olson
Jennifer Farwell

May -- Robin Edgar
John Last

The accompanying article is from the M C Globe Gazette

WHAT YOU MISSED *If you were absent*

Pleased with contacts they made on a recent trip to Washington, D.C., North Iowa city and Chamber of Commerce officials say they hope to see results when federal appropriations are finalized next February and March.

Representatives of the Mason City and Clear Lake Chambers of Commerce, Mason City, Clear Lake and Cerro Gordo County talked about the four-day trip during a Good Morning North Iowa session Thursday, hosted by the Mason City Chamber of Commerce at the Mason City Municipal Airport.

This was the first year a joint visit was made. In the past, members of the Mason City and Clear Lake Chamber, Economic Development and cities went on separate visits to Iowa's congressional delegation and various federal agencies.

The group of 15 people left March 9 and returned March 12.

"Efforts like this are critical to the success of North Iowa," said Mason City businesswoman Robin Edgar, who is president of the Mason City Chamber.

"Several times Roger Bang (Mason City's mayor) told members of the congressional delegation that North Iowa is on the verge of good things," she said. "... and our senators and congressmen agreed."

Mason City Administrator Brent Trout told the group about projects he pitched in Washington.

The city would like federal assistance on

a self chlorinating project at the water treatment facility, the Delaware Avenue bridge project and the 19th Street Overpass.

Trout said the chlorination project would allow the water treatment plant to operate for extended periods of times, particularly in periods of emergencies.

"The problem we may be facing is that the project is competing in an area where millions and millions of dollars are being requested by cities that are being forced to separate sanitary and storm sewers," said Trout. "It is very competitive."

Mason City Municipal Airport Administrator Pam Osgood said meetings with Federal Aviation Administration representatives about Essential Air Service and Airport Improvement Project programs went well.

"It was all pretty positive," Osgood said. "If everything goes well, we were told we should be able to complete about 75 percent of the projects that we planned."

David Knoll, director of the Clear Lake Enhancement and Restoration (CLEAR) project, said giving the congressional delegation first hand information is important.

"Right now we're feeling like this was a successful trip," he said. "I think next February and March when the appropriations are made, we'll also be saying it has been a successful trip."

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 4 Alan Steckman
April 22 Robin Edgar

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