

THE SUNRISE SIGNAL *May 25, 2006*

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

Rotary Monthly Theme: None

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PROGRAMS

Today – Jay Pedelty
Pro-Drug Culture

June 1st – Charlie Kuester
City Comprehensive Plan



SERVICE Above Self

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

May – Ruth Miller
Scott Greening

June – Sue Followwill
Scott Tornquist

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MAKE UP OPPORTUNITIES

MONDAY

Mason City - Noon - Hanford Inn
Charles City - Noon – Uptown Cafe
Algona - Noon - Algona Country Club

TUESDAY

Forest City-Noon-Waldorf
Garner-Noon-Matt's Place
Osage-Noon-Cedar Valley Club

WEDNESDAY

Hampton - Noon – Godfathers

THURSDAY

Clear Lake-Noon
Holiday Motor Lodge

WHAT YOU MISSED IF YOU WERE ABSENT

“ROTARY ON THE ROAD”

TOOK US TO SPATIAL DESIGNS

Tom Hurd, Architect/Founder of the firm demonstrated how his new building uses renewable resources for a large portion of his utilities.

Tom, an Iowa State graduate has long been at the forefront of design initiatives that will both enhance the users comfort and at the same time reduce the reliance on traditional sources of public utilities.

Tom described his building as a “laboratory” of sorts. Many of his ideas are first tried within his own structure. He feels that is he is to recommend certain building features to his clients, he should be willing to use them him self.

Tom also says an idea that has at least 3 reasons to incorporate is likely to be a sound decision for the design. If only one reason exist to the design, then more work needs to be done before the feature will be included.

Tom has 2 working windmills that generate a combined 2600 watts of power. The building also uses solar panels to generate still additional electrical power.

The boardroom where we met doubles as a tornado shelter, designed to withstand a category 5 storm.

A 10,000 gallon rainwater detention pond provides water for site irrigation, and the pumps used are powered by the solar/wind generation system.

A grass parking area is soon to be completed using recycled materials that will sustain car traffic without damaging the grass growing in the space.

Also, a grass roof is part of the building and is used to test various plant growth species to gauge the most efficient mix of vegetation.

The bottom line is a building that is functional and very cost effective to build with very low cost of ownership.

Thanks, Bob for this most interesting program.



Tom explains features of his building

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