

# THE SUNRISE SIGNAL *July 10, 2008*

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

Rotary Monthly Theme: Rotary Fellowships

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## PROGRAMS

Today – Alan Steckman

July 17<sup>th</sup> –Rotary Auction



## Rotarian(s) of the Month

July – Sue Followwill

*Mary Cooley-Replaces Hilleri*

Aug – Linda Forthman

Bob Friedrichs

## WHAT YOU MISSED *If you were absent*

City Councilman and Sunrise Rotarian, Scott Tornquist told his story regarding the Mason City Flood of 2008.

He like many of us awakened Sunday morning June 8<sup>th</sup>, with no particular concern regarding the water levels that were present in our Winnebago and Willow Creek water ways.

Scott received a call from a resident stating they were experiencing

sewer back up and needed help immediately.

Scott called City Employee Bill Stangler, who said there were several problems that he and his crews were addressing.

As the morning progressed to a time of about 9:30 it became apparent the magnitude of the situation was much greater than first thought.

As Scott traveled the Northeast part of the city and later the area is west central Mason City he saw the disaster that was upon us.

Entire neighborhoods were flooded to heights of over 6 feet of water with cars, personal property and homes being destroyed in the wake of the water.

Boat rescues became common, and it is a miracle no one died as a result of the flooding. The city water plant was flooded causing the entire city to be without sanitary water for several days. Restaurants, businesses, and families were disrupted as we all struggled with the results of the flooding.

As days stretched into a week, some normalcy began to occur. Federal, State and local agencies came on scene, with various services. Red Cross and Salvation Army Disaster teams were present almost

immediately. Local residents, church groups, and individual volunteers appeared like magic to assist as needed.

The United Way served as a funnel in organizing work teams and sending them out as needed.

FEMA Disaster teams were on site soon after the Federal Disaster Declaration was signed by President Bush.

Post flood recovery continues and will for many months.

A sincere thank you goes to everyone that stepped forward to help where ever needed.

## NOTICE

Two vacancies need to be filled on the Club Board of Directors. Volunteers are needed!!

Contact President Gary or Secry John D. if you can fill a term

## July Birthdays

2nd Lee Olson  
15th Cal Dickson  
17th Shelly Schmit  
24th Gary Herrig  
24th John DiMarco  
31st Chuck Burke

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