

# ROTAGRAM

**“Rotary Shares”  
DISTRICT 5970**

**August 13, 2007  
Mason City Rotary**

## LAST MEETING

Name                      Guest of:

### **Visiting Rotarians:**

Pam Osgood                      Brad Johnson  
Don Stahl                      Pam Little

### **Visitors:**

Corine Hadley                      Newton

**Today’s Program:** Paul Martin, Cerro Gordo County Attorney-- Indictments, Plea Bargains and Sentencing

**Last Week’s Program:** Nancy Richardson, Director of the Iowa DOT, was our guest speaker today. In Iowa there are 114,000 miles of road and 25,000 bridges. The majority of the roads and bridges were built in early 1900s using a 1 mile grid to accommodate farming. Iowa will be facing in the future a large number of roads and bridges that are aging to the point of needing major work along with increased costs in road construction. Estimated freight travel is expected to double in 15 years as well as increased personal travel.

## **Upcoming Programs/Meetings:**

*August Programs – Law Enforcement & The Justice System, Richard Winga, Chair*

*August 20<sup>th</sup> – Judge Gerald McGee, Juvenile Court System and Susan McKinnis, CASA Coordinator, and Birthdays*

*August 21<sup>st</sup> – Board Meeting, Hanford Inn, 5 pm*

*August 27<sup>th</sup> – District Governor Visit*

*September Programs – John Morgan, Chair*

*Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Labor Day – No Meeting!*

*Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> – Amanda Ragan, Community Kitchen*

*Sept. 17 – Jean McAleer, Francis Lauer*

*Sept. 24 – Major Lori Wright, Salvation Army*

*Tour \*\*\*\*The tour will begin at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch and a program in the Chapel*

*Makeups online ----*

<http://www.mcnoonrotary.org/makeups.html>

## **NOTICE:**

The following emails are to be used for any communication to our Club Secretary and Club Treasurer.

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District website – [www.district5970.org](http://www.district5970.org)

Our website -- [www.mcnoonrotary.org](http://www.mcnoonrotary.org)

## **President’s Corner**

The annual picnic was a wonderful event, in spite of the rain. We enjoyed good food and fellowship with our club members as well as members from the Mason City Sunrise and Clear Lake clubs. A huge thank you to Tim Becker and the picnic committee for all their work. Also, thanks to Vaughn Escher for helping with the Birdsall's Ice Cream and to Katy Elson for helping with the chairs and tables.

Central Gardens is getting closer to completion and looks fantastic! The Bill Killpack Memorial Butterfly Sundial was installed the day of the picnic and is another fitting tribute to Bill; a dedicated Rotarian. If you missed the picnic, take a trip to Clear Lake and explore the gardens. What a great addition to the North Iowa area.

Greg Benedict

## **Rotary Officers & Board Members**

Greg Benedict-President

Hal Hofman-President Elect

Margo Underwood-Past President

Mary Hackman-Glenn-Treasurer

Michael Fiala- Secretary

Bobbi Bendickson

Nicki Bleakney

David Haas

Brenda Harms

Jean Schilling

Kathye Gaines

John Morgan

Kathy Barlas

## **Bill Killpack Memorial Butterfly Sun Dial**

### CENTRAL GARDENS' LATEST SCULPTURE

The latest sculpture addition to Central Gardens of North Iowa is a beautifully unique sundial created in honor of Bill Killpack, known as "Mr. Rotary". The butterfly designed sundial was appropriately placed in the Butterfly Garden named by Roger and Gail Harringa.

Sundials served as ancient timepieces. This particular sundial pattern was created by H. Milton Duesenberg from a design he and Bruce Vrchota had made for a large metal and rock sculpture located in northeast Clear Lake. Duesenberg explained that what is important to a sundial is the sloping edge on top called a gnomon. "The edge has to be straight and the base has to be level and horizontal," he said. "The angle is based on the latitude of Clear Lake, 43 degrees 9 minutes, which makes the gnomon parallel to the pole of the earth and the time is based on Central Standard Time," Duesenberg described.

Laurence Fredriksen of Fredriksen Welding and Mike Connor did the execution of the butterfly design in wrought iron with J.B. Barnhouse of Country Stone Masons, carving the Iowa limestone base. Julie and Bruce Steinberg of North Iowa Collision donated the refinish painting.

The sundial was made possible by major donations from Mason City Sunrise Rotary Club, Mason City Noon Rotary Club and from individual Rotary members, former employers and friends of Bill Killpack. Killpack was a past President of the Mason City Noon Rotary and District Governor of 5970 Rotary. He had over thirty years of perfect attendance at Rotary. He loved Central Gardens of North Iowa so much that he served on the fundraising committee up until the time of his death. Area Rotary Clubs have helped in creating many of the unique features in Central Gardens, which will be enjoyed for generations to come.

For more information on making a gift to Central Gardens, please contact

Capital Campaign Chairs Jim and Ann Kuhlman  
(641-423-3592)

Honorary Chairs Bob and Donna Furleigh (641-357-4097)

Or the Central Gardens office at (641-357-1938)

Updates on site progress can be viewed at [www.central-gardens.org](http://www.central-gardens.org)