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Columbus High School Youths of the Month - Jackie Kugler hosted the folks from Columbus High School, principal Tom Ulysis, along with students Melissa Horan and Brenton Kuchera. Melissa and Brenton, shown in the photo at the left with their Youth of the Month certificates and \$100 scholarship checks, are the last pair of students to present their essays on the National Exchange Club theme "Lighting the Fire Within". Now Jackie and the committee will select the Youth of the Year. We'll find out the winner of that award when we meet at Columbus High School on March 19.



Melissa Horan and Brenton Kuchera

of the theme centered around her quest to become a medical doctor, specializing in dermatology. Melissa described how her parents served as a major source of inspiration that caused her to want to serve others and led to the insight that being a medical doctor was her way of doing that. Melissa went on to describe her relationship with her father in his role as a coach of several sports teams she was involved in as being especially important in the formation of her goals. Melissa happily reported that she has been accepted in the pre-med program at the University of Iowa.

Brenton used Dr. King's "I Have A Dream" speech to illustrate how leaders can use mental imagery in their writing and presentations to cause other people to share their dreams and enlist the support of others in implementing change and improving the lives of others. He went on to describe other leaders who were particularly gifted in sharing their vision: John Kennedy, Dwight Eisenhower and Winston Churchill to name a few. Brenton emphasized the significance of being able to energize other people for a shared dream, since much greater good can be accomplished by leaders who are effective at "lighting the fire within" for a large group of people rather than a single person. Brenton went on to describe a personal application of this principal in his role in the highly successful canned food drive. Brenton had the vision that Columbus High School, being a small school, would have a higher degree of success if they could involve more people. So, he shared his dream of involving the entire community in the project with the committee and the rest is history. Columbus managed to collect more canned food than any school in the nation, enough to feed our community for six months.

Well, another great round of young people. Thanks Melissa and Brenton for sharing your thoughts with us. Here's a wish from all the Exchangites for continued success as you pursue your plans for the future.

NEXT MEETING LOGISTICS

Program : Police Officer of the Year
Invocation : Bill Swisher
Pledge : Diane Neebel

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH

Feb 12: BBQ Ribs
Feb 19: Tenderloin and Fries
Feb 26: Meatloaf
Mar 05: Roast Pork Loin
Mar 12: Fried Chicken

Order Chef Salad one week in advance

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Feb 12: Police Officer of the Year
Feb 19: TBA
Feb 26: Seeds of Hope
Mar 05: Isle of Capri
Mar 12: TBA

BIRTHDAYS

Feb 05: Bill Wilharm
Feb 06: Bob Mundell
Feb 10: Rich Nelson

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

President Gobeli offered the following quote from Babe Ruth: "Don't let the fear of striking out old you back."

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Meeting Location Change - Nancy Showers described significant renovation the Elk's Club is undergoing for the next 10-12 weeks. So our meetings will be held upstairs in the Lodge Room. There's a freight elevator and chair lift at the back entrance that can be used by those of us that have difficulty with the stairs.

Guests - Frank Magsamen invited Danny Katz, from the Waterloo Community Playhouse for lunch. Ivan Miller invited his Son-in-law Larry Wendling, from Hudson. Tony Fisher invited Dave Bartlett. Dave owns Dave Bartlett Construction, Inc.

We all enjoyed having you folks with us. And, we'd ask that you consider joining us on a permanent basis as members. We have a lot of great projects underway to improve the quality of life here in the Cedar Valley. We're sure you'll find several of these that interest you and will give you a great deal of satisfaction to work on.

Member orientation - Sharon Droste reported that 13 people attended the orientation, including nine new members. That's a great attendance. Thanks to the presenters, the committee who organized this and the members who attended.

Congratulations - Kudos to Amy Lang who has been promoted to Assistant Vice President, Commercial lending at Community National Bank.

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