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Dry Run Creek Watershed Initiative - Rebecca Kauten, Project Coordinator for the Dry Run Creek Watershed initiative, stopped by to give us an overview of the \$500,000 project she has been working on since November, 2005. She grew up on a farm near Fayette and attended Upper Iowa University. Then it was off to UNI for a MS in public policy studies. Rebecca has an Exchange Club connection. Her grandfather was Lloyd Hummel's uncle (I think that's what Lloyd said).



Rebecca Kauten, Project Coordinator

Rebecca's interest in the issue of storm water management practices came naturally as a result of her farm background. The project addresses the environmental damage that has basically killed

all native aquatic life in the Dry Run Creek watershed which runs through Cedar Falls along the east side of the UNI campus and on to the rapidly developing area to the south. Rebecca's project covers about 15 acres.

The crux of the issue Rebecca is dealing with centers around the change in absorption of rainwater as bare ground is covered with concrete and asphalt as the area develops for commercial and residential use. Rebecca told us that she estimates that only 15% of the rainfall on the project area is absorbed into the ground versus 50% before the area was developed. Of course there's lots of issues with all the dirt, oil and other stuff that is spilled and leaks onto the streets and parking lots. Water temperature is a problem too. Rebecca showed us some data she had taken where the temperature of the water in the storm water drainage system from parking lot runoff being discharged into Dry Run Creek was over 80 degrees.

Rebecca is working with government leaders, business owners and homeowners in the project area to demonstrate what can be done to mitigate the problems. She showed us photographs of special bricks installed in large public areas on the UNI campus. These Aqua-bricks allow storm water to filter down through the brick and into the soil. She showed us a special catch basin that deals with storm water coming off parking lots. And, she showed us a skimmer box system installed at a gas station that deals with the oil and gas spilled around the gas station pumps.

These are big issues. We wish Rebecca well in her efforts to deal with them.

NEXT MEETING LOGISTICS

Program : Students of the Month (2)
Prayer : Lynette Fitzgerald
Pledge : Dick Cole
Menu : Roast Pork Loin

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH

Dec 10: Chicken Cordon Bleu
Dec 17: Meatloaf
Dec 24: No Meeting
Dec 31: No Meeting
Jan 07: Roast Beef

Order Chef Salad one week in advance

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Dec 10: Iowa Criminal Investigation Unit
Dec 17: Closed Business Meeting
Dec 24: No Meeting
Dec 31: No Meeting
Jan 07: ACE Students

BIRTHDAYS

Nov 24: Roger Shook
Nov 30: Aaron Buzza
Dec 01: Steve Grimm

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

President Neebel offered this quote: "*The best thing about giving of ourselves is that what we get is always better than what we give.*"

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Membership Initiative - Well, you folks really responded to the membership initiative. We had five guests today. Jennifer Heller invited Patty Foster. Patty works at the Bridges Senior Lifestyle Living facility. Sandy Goldsberry invited Beth Huffman. Beth is a realtor at Four Seasons Realtors. Dick Cole invited his long-time friend Dick Kline. Dick is retired and has returned to the Cedar Valley. Lynn Kloberdanz works with Dick King in the Black Hawk County Engineering department. Larry Shollenbarger invited his wife Mary for lunch. Mary works at Veridian Credit Union.

I'm sure I speak for President Neebel, the Membership Committee and the Board of Directors when I say thanks so much to everyone that participated in this initiative. The chili should be great too!

Home Show - Reece Miller wanted me to remind everyone that the Home Show is coming up February 7-10. Keep those dates in mind as Reece will be asking for our help during that time.

Salvation Army Raffle - Bernie Moine and Eric Rottinghaus kicked off the Salvation Army Raffle fundraiser. They drew names for ten prizes - all kinds of neat stuff. And we have three more weeks to go. They can still use more stuff for prizes, so bring those next week if you can. Bring some extra cash for tickets too. Bernie reminds us to save all our tickets for the big drawing for some really special grand prizes on the last day of the raffle, December 17TH. More details on this next time.

Bernie announced a special addition to the fundraiser. Mike and Nora Grillo are going to auction off an authentic Italian dinner for eight that they will prepare and serve in their home. Of course Mike and Nora's culinary skills are almost legendary, so we don't want to miss this one. So line up some friends and get your bid ready. The live auction will be held during the club meeting on December 17TH. Mike sent me the specifics on this as they stand now and I've included that as page 3. Check it out.

Certificate - Italian Dinner for Eight!

* This entitles the bearer of this certificate a dinner for 8 people at the home of Mike & Nora Grillo on one of the following dates:

January 19, 2008 - February 2, 2008 - February 16, 2008

Dinner will include: Full Italian Home Cooked Meal for eight.

- **Hors d'oeuvres and Wine will be at 6:00 pm with dinner to follow.**
- **Home made Manicotti and Sauce from scratch along with meat complements; a course either a soup or salad will be served; bread and of course wine with the meal.**
- **Desert and after dinner cordials, coffee or tea.**

* You may arrange for another time; if plenty of notice is given and we will work to adjust a date for bad weather. Sorry I can only accommodate up to eight guests with Nora, Myself and possibly my brother as your host.

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