

The Noon News

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Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation - Our speaker today was Jon Torbett, Special Agent in the Field Operations unit of the Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI).



Jon Torbett, Division of Criminal Investigation

The DCI is an element of the Iowa Department of Public Safety. Mr. Torbett has been at the department for 7-1/2 years.

Jon began his presentation by giving us some data of Iowa's ranking in the US in terms of crime: 37th in violent crimes, 42nd in robberies, 47th in homicides with approximately 50 last year and 35th in total crimes.

Then Jon described the role and the organization structure of the DCI in combating crime. The DCI was created in 1921 to

provide investigative support and expertise to law enforcement agencies across the state. Jon says the role of the DCI has evolved to coordinating the four levels of law enforcement - national, state, county and city - and providing law enforcement expertise to smaller towns and rural areas.

The division is comprised of four functional areas: Field Operations, Support Operation Bureau, Criminalistics Laboratory and Gaming Enforcement. There are a total of 122 sworn officers and 102 civilian employees in the DCI. The Field Operations that Jon serves in has a total of 28 Special Agents deployed in four zones across the state. Zone 3 that Jon is in covers the northeast quadrant of the state and has 7 Special Agents assigned to it. Jon lives in and works out of Dubuque.

Jon briefly described the mission of each of the functional areas. Then he went on to describe the experiences in a recent day in his job that he said was fairly typical in terms of the diversity of the cases he deals with. First he went to Ellsworth to investigate a homicide. Then to Waterloo to work on a sexual abuse case and a theft case. Then to Mason City for an assault case before heading back home to Dubuque.

Jon indicated that he currently has 15 open cases. Since a case can span the entire timeframe from investigation to working through the judiciary process, the cases can be active for several years. Jon indicated they push to solve the investigation phase in a period of hours to several weeks.

Jon concluded his presentation with a couple of suggestions for things we can do to help in the fight against crime: (1) Be observant and aware of unusual things taking place around home or at work and (2) Be cooperative with law enforcement.

NEXT MEETING LOGISTICS

Program : Closed Business Meeting
Prayer : Arlan Hammer
Pledge : Tony Fischer
Menu : Rueben & Fries

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH

Dec 24: No Meeting
Dec 31: No Meeting
Jan 07: Large Cheese Burger & Fries
Jan 14: Roast Beef
Jan 21: Grilled Tenderloin & Fries

Order Chef Salad one week in advance

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Dec 24: No Meeting
Dec 31: No Meeting
Jan 07: ACE Students
Jan 14: Closed Business Meeting
Jan 21: Logan Middle School Greenhouse

BIRTHDAYS

Dec 09: Ron Liebold
Dec 16: Wendell Wexter

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

President Neebel offered this thought: *Some days are ho-hum, some are stressful. But no matter what's going on in your life, know that each new day arrives with its own array of joys, just waiting to be noticed. No day's a bad day once you open your heart and minds to the positives!*

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Columbus Students of the Month - The six Students of the Month from Columbus High School and staffer Andre Meeks came by for lunch and a really brief introduction. The students will be back in February for more of introduction and to present their essays.

Guests - We had a couple of guests today. Brittany Jungk invited Katie Noonan. Katie is a UNI student and an intern in Brittany's office at Junior Achievement. Eric Rottinghaus invited Jyll Klinger from his office. Welcome folks.

Two of our recent guests, Beth Huffman and Janet Trepp, have joined us as members. Let's all be sure Beth and Janet feel welcome in our club.

Toys-for-Tots - The Cedar Falls Exchange Club is coordinating the Toys-for-Tots project this year. You may recall some of the club members stopped by a while back and told us about this. Sandy Kline from our club is helping with out. Sandy is collecting toys and/or monetary donations. Bring your items to club Monday and she'll get them to the right place or contact Sandy for other arrangements and information.

Along this same line, Brittany Jungk announced that Big Brothers - Big Sisters is looking for used toys and games that mentors can use in the schools. Contact Brittany by email [here](#) for more information.

New Member Orientation - The New Member Orientation is being rescheduled for a time in January to be determined.

Awards and recognition - Past President DeLon Gobeli presented two National Exchange Club awards to club officers from last year. Sue Wilson received the Distinguished Club Treasurer Award and Wanda Martin received the Distinguished Club Secretary Award. Then President Neebel gave DeLon the Club's Ted Winkler Award for bringing in three new members last year. Great recognition. All well deserved.

Salvation Army Raffle - Week three and more great prizes. At least they looked neat as folks from other tables that won them walked by ours... **Next Monday, December 17th is the final day. Don't forget to bring all your tickets from the past three weeks for the drawings for the grand prizes** plus some more cash for the last weekly drawing.

Also, we will have the special live auction for the authentic Italian dinner for eight that Mike and Nora Grillo 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. Check out page 3 for details.

New member initiative - Time is running out to qualify for the crown jewel of the membership initiative - a special six course dinner with wine hosted by Don Faris at his home on January 26th. The Donald is pulling out all the stops for this one. To get an invite, you simply have to bring in a new club member during the month of December. Best part is the new member gets an invite too. How cool is that?? What a great way to assimilate new folks into the organization.

New club website - Kathleen Earnest has the new club website up and running. Check it out [here](#).

Correction - In the article about the Dry Run Creek Watershed project we incorrectly stated the size of the project as 15 acres. It should have been stated as 15,000 acres.

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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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