

# The Noon News

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**East High Bus Stop Project** - He said "Advisory for a Better Future Fund — that's a lot of big words" as he reads the title from Power Point Slide



Amanda Magnuson, Kylie Rash, Ms. Mnayer & Kevin Downs

their advisor, Maggie Mnayer prepared for them. "Really it's about trying to make a difference in our community." That's how East High student Kevin Downs began the presentation he and Kylie Rash treated us to yesterday. Fellow student Amanda Magnuson was there adding support for the project and the presenters. Their advisor, Ms. Mnayer, was never very far from the action in case the presenters needed her assistance.

She didn't have anything to worry about. Kevin, Kylie and Amada feel strongly about their project and it clearly shows.

These folks were representing a group of 22 eleventh grade students in Maggie's advisory group at East High School. They have undertaken an ambitious project to construct and maintain three bus stops along University Avenue in the area many folks making their way work to Goodwill Industries utilize. The bus riders have to wait for the buses in all kinds of weather. For the young people in Maggie's group, it's not acceptable for people to have to wait for the bus without some shelter from the elements.

Kevin and Kylie described how the student-led group has worked with various officials to understand the requirements for the project; developed a design for the shelters; secured bids for construction and worked on the funds to get the shelters constructed and installed. Currently they have construction funding lined up for one of the shelters and are working on securing the funding for the other two. Each shelter costs \$7,000 or so.

The group is also doing some planning now on the maintenance strategy and the costs associated with that aspect of the project.

*Editor's note: What a great feeling to know that we have young people who care so much about their fellow men. I've driven up and down University Avenue all winter, barely noticing the people out there dealing with all the snow and ice around the bus stops and certainly haven't been motivated to do anything about the problems they face. Maybe with more examples of compassion like this excellent one from the students I can learn to be more a more sensitive person, too. That's my hope anyway.*

*What a great learning opportunity this is for these young people. Just think of all the real-life situations they are working through in this project and the skills they are developing that they will use the rest of their lives.*

*We can help too. And not just with the funding. Think of the expertise and experiences we could share and benefit these young people and the work. Contact Maggie to help - 319-230-5740 (cell) or by [email](mailto:). End of rant.*

## NEXT MEETING LOGISTICS

**Program** : Basket Ball Awards  
**Prayer** : Trent Hunter  
**Pledge** : Mark Johnson  
**Menu** : Large Cheese Burger and Fries

## WHAT'S FOR LUNCH

Apr 07: Large Cheese Burger and Fries  
Apr 14: Meatloaf  
Apr 21: Roast Beef  
Apr 28: Meet at East High School  
May 05: Orange Roughy  
**Order Chef Salad one week in advance**

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Apr 07: Basket Ball Awards  
Apr 14: New Member Induction—Elections  
Apr 21: Club Recognition and Awards  
Apr 28: ACE Student of the Year  
May 05: Grout Museum Project Update

## BIRTHDAYS

Apr 02: Dan Channer

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

President Neebel continued the series about how to treat people with lesson #4—The Obstacle in Our Path.

*"In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the King's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out off the way. Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King indicating the gold was the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. The peasant learned what many of us never understand! Every obstacle represents an opportunity to improve our condition.*

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**Guests** - No guests today.

**Election of Officers** - We will be electing club officers and directors for next year at the Closed Business Meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup>. The club's year begins on July 1<sup>st</sup>. DeLon Gobeli is heading up the election committee and he announced the slate of candidates as it stands now (additional candidates can be nominated from the floor during the election for all the positions except President, President-elect and Director - 1 Year Term ).

Here's the slate of candidates:

**President\***: Don McGriff

**President-elect\***: Sharon Droste

**Vice- President**: Reece Miller

**Treasurer**: Monica Haag

**Secretary**: Wanda Martin

**Director - 1 Year Term\***: Lori Falk; Roger Shook; Carole Hyder

**Director - 2 Year Term\*\***: Don Faris; Steve Grimm;  
Steve Harty; Galen Howsare;  
Trent Hunter; Brittany  
Jungck; Ann Rogers

\* - The folks in these positions have been elected in a previous election and are presented here for information only. Additional nominations are not being solicited.

\*\* - The seven candidates are vying for three open positions.

**District Exchange Convention** - The Heartland District will host the convention in Joplin, MO on June 5-7<sup>th</sup>. Our club pays the \$110 registration fee for members who attend, leaving members responsible for only their travel, lodging and meal expenses. The convention programming is typically excellent and members are encouraged to attend.

**New Member Induction** - We also will be inducting seven new members at the Closed Business Meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Here's the list of folks involved:

## New Member

Janet Trepp

Trent Hunter

Patty Foster

Glenda Husome

Mark Johnson

Kathy McGowan

Dave Girsch

## Sponsor

Diane Neebel

DeLon Gobeli

Jennifer Heller

Jackie Kugler

Tom Jennings

Mary Shollenbarger

Don Faris

New members are asked to please stay after the meeting for a group photo for the newsletter and an individual photo for the roster book.

**Prevention of Child Abuse Month** - Missy Denning from the Family and Children's Council stopped by to review some National Prevention of Child Abuse activities taking place during the month of April. Here's the list.

- Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> for the Blue Ribbon Tying in the Parks. At 8:00AM at the following locations: Overman Park in Cedar Falls; Downtown Evansdale and Lincoln Park in Waterloo. There will be a reception/breakfast at the Family and Children's Council Office in the KWWL Building from 8:30 -9:00AM.
- Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> - Handing out educational material to adults and balloons for children at Crossroads Hy-Vee from 11:00 - 1:00 in two hour shifts. This is synchronized with Exchange Clubs all across the U.S. - the Cedar Falls Club will be at College Square Hy-Vee at this time.
- Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> - Selling blue ribbons at Sam's Club from 9:00 - 3:00 in two hour shifts.

Contact Marcy Borwig - 319-291-3010 Ext 128 (work) or [email](mailto:marcyborwig@waterlooclub.org) or Monica Haag - 319-233-3318 (work) or [email](mailto:monica@waterlooclub.org) for more info or to sign up.

Missy also invited us to a program FCC's intern students are conducting at the YWCA on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 11-2:00. The program is a Family Fun Fair targeted to families with young children.

**Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** - Reece Miller invites all volunteers at the Home Show and/or the Sports Show to the volunteer party at Isaac Walton facility on Washburn Road - Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Social Hour at 5:30 - Dinner at 6:30. Choice of T-bone steaks or 3 pc. Chicken. Non-volunteer spouses or guests must pay for their meal. Reece will provide more details at the next meeting.

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