

# The Noon News

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**Grout Museum Project Update** - Bob Neymeyer, Veterans Project Coordinator at the Grout Museum stopped by to give us an update on the Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum project. The Grout's website defines the project this way: *The Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum will honor Iowa veterans who served in the defense of the nation from the Civil*



Grout Museum staffer Bob Neymeyer tunes up the slideshow

*War to the present conflict in the Mideast. The facility will be part of the Grout Museum District. It will include those who served in uniform in both war and peace time and also the stories of Iowans serving on the home-front in defense factories and agriculture during World War II. The museum will be named in honor of the five Sullivan Brothers of Waterloo who died together in November, 1942 when the USS Juneau was lost after the Battle of Guadalcanal.*

The facility, a 27,000 square foot addition to the Grout valued at \$11,000,000, is scheduled to open in mid-November this year. Bob reported that things look to be on track to meet that date. The building is nearing completion and emphasis is shifting to getting the exhibit space installed and operating.

Bob outlined the vision for the facility's exhibits and made good use of a slideshow to show us how the vision is being implemented. Since the facility is targeted towards future generations, there will be extensive use of electronic media, as well as the traditional museum displays of artifacts.

One of the more interesting (to this reporter anyway) is a major work underway to document an oral history of the military conflicts from the folks that were there. Bob reported that he has recorded more than 500 interviews thus far. These stories will be used throughout the facility. Targeting information from this oral history to specific visiting groups is being pursued through extensive use of computer networks.

There will be a donor recognition kiosk outside in front of the building with brass plaques that will identify the donors. If you are interested in participating contact the Grout Museum folks via the internet [here](#) or 234-6357.

## NEXT MEETING LOGISTICS

**Program** : : Meet Me in Saint Louie, Louie  
**Prayer** : TBA  
**Pledge** : TBA  
**Menu** : Pork Medallions with Apple Sauce

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

May 12: "Meet Me in Saint Louie"  
May 19: B. H. County Country View Facility  
May 26: **No Meeting—Memorial Day**  
Jun 02 : Proudly We Hail  
Jun 09 : Friendship Village Programs

## WHAT'S FOR LUNCH

May 12: Pork Medallions with Apple Sauce  
May 19: Chicken Cordon Bleu  
May 26: **No Meeting—Memorial Day**  
Jun 02 : Fried Chicken  
Jun 09 : Large Cheese Burger and Soup  
**Order Chef Salad one week in advance**

## BIRTHDAYS

May 03: Sharon Droste  
May 03: Lynette Fitzgerald  
May 09: William Kay  
May 10: Eric Rottinghaus

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

President-elect Don McGriff, filling in for an ailing President Neebel, offered the following thought from an unknown source: "Good, better, best...never let it rest, until your good is better and your better best."

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**Guests** - One guest joined us today. Tammy Schlitter invited Dan Krutsinger. Dan is retired from the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Department.

**A Special Time at Camp Ingawanis** - The Sunshine Special Committee took 14 students from EXPO High School to Camp Ingawanis for a trail ride Tuesday.



EXPO High School students enjoy a trail ride at Camp Ingawanis

Sandy Kline chairs the Sunshine Special Committee along with Rich Nelson, Bill Senn, Rocky Buege, Dave Sasse and Bill Swisher.

The committee seeks out a special activity each year for underprivileged young people to experience that they would not normally be able to participate in. The committee sure meet it's goal with this initiative. The weather was perfect. The horses and young folks got along fine. A great time was had by all. The EXPO students were very appreciative of this effort.

**Black Hawk County Survey** - Frank Magsamen, Exchangite and Black Hawk County Supervisor, is seeking input for a Black Hawk County Futures Planning Team project that Frank is heading up. The Planning Team is a volunteer group of county residents who have during the past six months worked with the Institute for Decision Making at the University of Northern Iowa and county officials to identify key motivating values and future vision elements for county government.

The Planning Team is now seeking input and reactions to these future visions. The team has developed an internet survey, posted on the Black Hawk County website, where respondents can react to the vision statements. To access the survey, go to [www.co.black-hawk.ia.us/vision2028.html](http://www.co.black-hawk.ia.us/vision2028.html).

Printed copies of the survey will also be available at all City Halls and at the Waterloo and Cedar Falls public libraries. Deadline for submission of completed surveys is May 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Futures Planning Team will discuss the finalized visions with county officials and department heads to determine what action can be taken in their areas of responsibility to achieve the visions developed through this collaborative process.

For more information regarding either the survey or the Black Hawk County Futures Project contact Frank Magsamen at 319.833.3077 or [fmagsamen@co.black-hawk.ia.us](mailto:fmagsamen@co.black-hawk.ia.us).

**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.

**Exchange Club Winter Cruise** - Well, just when we thought we had seen all the great spots in the Caribbean, Pat Cole puts together another fantastic trip with a great new itinerary. Check out page 3 for the details.

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The pre-night hotel in San Juan is unavailable at this time, but it will need to be included in the itinerary to enjoy a day in Old San Juan.

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