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Quakerdale - Sarah has shown her teachers a great deal of promise through her school work, but her home work has been erratic and often neglected. At 12 years of age, she's beginning to be pulled by the allure of distractions beyond school. Sarah's mom is a single-parent who works hard and struggles to provide a living for the family. Mom often can't be there and most of the time is just too stretched and stressed - or tired - to

provide Sarah the attention, guidance, discipline or tutoring she needs to approach her potential.

Billy is 11 years old. He doesn't go home at night, if he can help it, until after 10:00 p.m. and it's quiet in the house. Billy doesn't consider home a safe place to be.

Thousands of Iowa children are falling through the cracks and are "forgotten." These children will continue to be neglected, abandoned - even abused - and are likely to fall far short of their potential and perpetuate unproductive behavior and, often, a cycle of dependence upon society...



Rosemary Schwartz from Quakerdale

That's how the Quakerdale website frames the issues the organization addresses through its programming in five locations across Iowa.

Rosemary Schwartz stopped by to give us an overview of the Waterloo Campus. A U.N.I. graduate and in her third year at Quakerdale, Rosemary is currently serving as a Development Associate (she rounds up funding). Rosemary began by giving us a bit of the organization's history. Founded in 1851 near Salem, Iowa by Josiah White, a Philadelphia Quaker, Quakerdale was originally an orphanage and school providing spiritual education and teaching work skills. Quakerdale has evolved as the needs of the children and families they serve have changed. Today, Quakerdale focuses primarily on providing children with a safe place to live and a structured environment. Most of the children and families needing their support are referred through the Juvenile Justice System or the Department of Human Services. Consequently, 85-90% of their operating funds come from the State of Iowa, with the balance from private sector grants and donations.

Quakerdale came to Waterloo in 1973. The current campus, constructed in 1986, consists of three cottages (as they describe the buildings on their website); an office complex, an educational and day treatment center, and a maintenance building. Currently, the Waterloo facility focuses on serving young girls. Services include; a residential program, day treatment, an on-campus school for 10-12 students and several community-based programs, such as an after-school program at McKinstry Elementary School.

The work at Quakerdale aligns nicely with our Club's focus on young people. Lots of good information on their website. Click [here](#) for more info.

NEXT MEETING LOGISTICS

Program : Friendship Village Programs
Prayer : Sandy Kline
Pledge : Lloyd Hummel
Menu : Large Cheese Burger and Soup

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Jun 09 : Friendship Village Programs
Jun 16 : So Proudly We Hail
Jun 23 : Peregrine Financial Group
Jun 30 : Induction of New Officers

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH

Jun 09 : Large Cheese Burger and Soup
Jun 16 : Rueben and Fries
Jun 23 : Roast Pork Loin w/ Apple Glaze
Jun 30 : Roast Beef
Order Chef Salad one week in advance

BIRTHDAYS

No Birthdays This Week

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

President Neebel passed along word from Exchangite Roger Shook concerning the situation in Parkersburg and the storm victims in general. Roger spent last weekend as a volunteer helping with the cleanup effort in Parkersburg and says "pictures or words cannot describe the total devastation" Roger asks that "everyone please say a prayer for all victims of this tornado disaster and to do what ever they can to help all of those in need of assistance. They have months of clean up and years of rebuilding."

See page two for more information.

President Neebel reported that the Club is developing a project to look at how we can participate in the work on a longer term basis. Details are being developed and will be available soon.

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Message From Roger Shook - Exchangite Roger Shook has been volunteering in the cleanup process in Parkersburg. Roger, like all of us, has been affected by all the news reports from the storm. But it seems his work there deeply moved Roger. He sent President Neebel and I an email that is so powerful that it needs to be shared with you.

Here are Roger's words: *"Pictures or words cannot accurately describe the total devastation! ... would you please ask everyone to say a prayer for all victims of this tornado disaster and to do what ever they can to help all of those in need of assistance. They have months of clean up and years of rebuilding*

My daughter asked me why I had to go to Parkersburg to work this weekend and why I could not spend time with her. The answer was simple, I told her, 'because it was the right thing to do.' The only way anyone can go wrong on this one is to do nothing....to do something no matter how small or how great would be the 'right thing.' "

That kind of says it all. Aren't you proud to be part of a society and especially an organization that has people like Roger Shook with such strong compassion for their fellow men and such a bias for action in times of trouble.

It's also a very healthy sign for our Club that Roger: (1) wants to make sure we all know what he has seen first hand; (2) that he believes that we all want to be made aware of the suffering he has seen and (3) that he fully expects us to respond to the need along with him.

Editor's Note: Speaking for the many people whose lives you have touched ... God bless you Roger Shook - a faithful friend, a family man and an Exchangite in the truest sense of the word...

Guests - One guest joined us today. Debbi Porter returned as Glenda Husome's guest and announced her intention to join us as in membership. Welcome Debbi. Great to have you. We hope you feel welcome.

We believe this meets the goal for the year. A suitable frog is being sought for President Neebel. Stay tuned.

Club Golf Outing - The Club's Annual Lunch and Golf Outing is set for June 26th at Byrnes Park. All members are invited to share a great lunch and fine fellowship around noon and then it's off to the links for the golfers or a nap for the sensible ones among us. There will be a sign-up sheet circulating next week. *Editor's Note: You sure want to make it to this one if you can. Highly recommended.*



Just one part of the vast Exchangite presence in the M.W.D. Parade

My Waterloo Days Parade - Congratulations on a job well done to Lynette Fitzgerald and Wendell Wexter as well as the less visible members of the committee that put the parade entry together. And a special thanks to all the members who participated in our entry by marching or riding or driving. It was a great day for a parade. Lovely weather, big crowd and a good time was had by all. Look for more photographs at the meeting on Monday.

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