

# The Noon News

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**New member induction** - Mike Grillo conducted the induction of three new members today: Debbi Porter, Patty Foster and Shawn Harrington.



Debbi Porter

Mike began by reminding us all of the many service projects the local Exchange Clubs have accomplished around the city. He spoke of Exchange Park, the Petting Zoo, the Home Show and the Healing Field programs.

Then Mike spoke about the many initiatives we have in support of the youth of the community. He mentioned the work done by our major partner—the Family and Children’s Council, Youth of the Month and Year and the A.C.E. program.

Moving on, Mike discussed the friendships that have developed among the membership.

These were all good points for the new members to consider as they look for ways to assimilate into the Club. They served as good introspection as we reflect on our participation in the Club.

Then each new member spoke briefly about themselves.

Debbi Porter described her recent trip to Mexico with a group of teens from her church. She discussed her special interest in the Club’s programs focused on the youth of the community. Glenda Husome is Debbi’s sponsor.

Patty Foster spoke about her interest in our Americanism activities. She also spoke about the positive benefits we receive when we help another person. Patty also talked about how impressed she is with all the community support the Club provides. Jennifer Heller is Patty’s sponsor.

Shawn Harrington told us about his connection to the community - born and raised in Waterloo, attended Columbus High School and works at Veridian Credit Union. Shawn is interested in serving his community. De Lon Goebeli is Shawn’s sponsor.

Another great group of new members. Let’s make them feel welcome.



Patty Foster



Shawn Harrington

## NEXT MEETING LOGISTICS

**Program** : New Club Year Celebration  
**Prayer** : Diane Neebel  
**Pledge** : Mike Grillo  
**Menu** : TBA

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

**Jul 07** : TBA  
**Jul 14** : TBA  
**Jul 21**: TBA  
**Jul 28** : TBA

## WHAT’S FOR LUNCH

**Jul 07** : New Club Year Celebration  
**Jul 14** : TBA  
**Jul 21**: TBA  
**Jul 28** : TBA  
**Order Chef Salad one week in advance**

## BIRTHDAYS

**Jul 03** : Rocky Buege

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Outgoing President Neebel offered this thought from the Exchange Covenant of Service: “Let us go with malice towards none”.

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**Installation of new Board and Officers** - District Exchange President De Lon Goebeli presided over the installation of the Club's new Board of Directors and Officers.

First though, President Neebel recapped the milestone events from her year as President. Diane expressed her appreciation from the personal support she received from the membership following the deaths of her husband and father this past year.

Then Diane discussed the addition of sixteen new members this past year. As a percentage of growth this is above the national average. Eight members left the club this past year. As a percentage of attrition, this is on track with the national average. The emphasis on membership retention was successful.

Then Diane talked about being able to distribute a record amount of \$74,000 back to the community.

And, President Neebel noted that all of the committees operated within budget during the year.

Then De Lon installed the new Board of Directors.

**One-year term:** Roger Shook, Lori Falk, Carole Hyder

**Two-year term:** Brittany Jungck, Galen Howsare, Ann Rogers

Then we got new officers. De Lon explained the roles and responsibilities of each position.

**President:** Don McGriff; **President Elect:** Sharon Droste; **Vice-president:** Steve Grimm; **Treasurer:** Monica Haag; **Secretary:** Wanda Martin; **Past-president:** Diane Neebel.

Then, Don McGriff, emulating the prize-fighter Sonny Liston, gave us a "shaawwt" acceptance speech. President McGriff told us a little about himself- born in Tucson, AZ; married 33 years—one child, an attorney in Denver, CO.

Then Don gave us his assessment of the condition of the Club. He said we are in a strong financial condition. And, he said the relations between members as well as the club and the community is very good.

Moving along, President McGriff described the focus of the club under his leadership. The theme for the year is "Food, Folks, Fun". We will continue to emphasize growing the membership and the emphasis on the four focus areas: Prevention of Child Abuse, Americanism, Youth and Community Service. A new emphasis will be to build community within the Club and for more recognition of the Club in the outside community.

Sounds like another great year to be an Exchangite.

**Freedom Shrine** - Wendell Wexter lead us in rededicating the Freedom Shrine at the Memorial Hall in Waterloo. The Freedom Shrine is a display of significant historic American document replicas, ranging from the Mayflower Compact to Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" Speech. The Exchange Clubs have been installing these displays since 1949.



Mike Grillo with the Freedom Shrine he helped build

Wendell reviewed the history of this particular installation, saying that it had been at the Waterloo City Hall and the Airport before being installed at the current location.

In a fit of nostalgia, Mike Grillo described how he helped build this particular display as one of his first projects as a new Exchangite and woodworker. *Editor's note: Our notes contain the phrase "25 years old". We are not sure if this refers to the age of the display or Grillo at the time it was constructed. In either case, both Mike and the display have been around a while...*

**Cruise** - Check out page 3 for details on the winter cruise. Pat Cole needs to get the rooms booked fairly soon. Contact Pat for more information. Highly recommended.

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***Waterloo Exchange Club***

***Winter Escape***

***January 10-18, 2009***

***Carnival Victory***

***Southern Caribbean***

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***San Juan, St. Thomas, Dominica, Barbados, St. Lucia, Antigua, St. Kitts***

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Cruise deposit \$500 per person

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