

The Noon News

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Waterloo Exchange Club

Waterloo Airport Overview – President Droste introduced Brad Hagen, Airport Director at the Waterloo Regional Airport— a position he has held since April, 2002. In her introduction, Sharon described Mr. Hagen’s job as being responsible for everything that happens on the 2,600 acre site—from managing the airport operations, the Mid-port industrial site, the farming operations, the fixed-based air services, Army National Guard facility... So, Brad probably isn’t in much of a rut in his job.



John Woods & Airport Director Hagen are fuzzy, but the plan is clear.

Mr. Hagen began by describing the chain of command— a seven member advisory board of citizens he works with, up through the Mayor and City Council. Exchangite Pat Cole serves on the advisory committee.

They manage an operating budget that is self-funded from operations and a 5 year capital improvements plan that is primarily funded by federal grants, along with some matching funds from local communities. In the 2003-2008 capital plan, the focus was on renovating the terminal and commercial ramp area. The current capital plan is targeting runway and taxiway renovations. Brad told us about tapping into the economic stimulus funding for a \$5.8M project currently underway to renovate the North/South runway. By utilizing \$3.5M in stimulus funds, the entire project is being completed in one project, rather than several smaller projects using traditional funding availability.

On an average day, 527 people from the Cedar Valley book airline flights. Of this group, 130 people, 31% of the total, use the airport here—the remainder going to Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, Quad Cities, etc. Mr. Hagen attributes this “leakage” to primarily ticket prices. He described their effort to identify and correct these pricing inequities and asked for our help in this endeavor. If you find a big price differential at another airport, Mr. Hagen asks that we contact him with the specifics. Here is a [link](#) with the contact info. Capable man in a tough job—We’re fortunate to have him.

NEXT MEETING LOGISTICS

Program : ELEVATE Foster Care Program
Prayer : Larry Bjortomt
Pledge : Larry Shollenbarger
Menu : Prime Rib Sandwich with Fries

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Aug 03: Foster Care Programs
Aug 10: TBA
Aug 17: TBA
Aug 24: TBA
Aug 31: TBA

WHAT’S FOR LUNCH

Aug 03: Prime Rib Sandwich with Fries
Aug 10: Tuna Salad Croissant with Fruit Cup
Aug 17: Small Tenderloin with Coleslaw
Aug 24: Grilled Ham and Cheese Sandwich
Aug 31: Cheeseburger with French Fries
Order Chef Salad one week in advance

BIRTHDAYS

Jul 27: Pat Cole
Jul 29: Ann Rogers

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Before you criticize someone, walk a mile in his shoes. That way if he gets angry, he'll be a mile away and barefoot"- Author Unknown

National Convention – Glenda Husome’s Report

Youth—National ACE Student: Je’Vour Taylor

From a very young age he had witnessed and experienced drugs, gangs, violence, hunger, loneliness and learned to fight to get what he needed, which often led to trouble. And at a young age, his parents actually told him and the judge they did not want him – he was no son of theirs.

In 9th grade Je’Vour joined the football team and was living with a family that did want him. High school football practice is not easy -adjusting to your 15th or 16th family isn’t either. By 11th grade Je’Vour had not only matured but he was excelling. He has been accepted to Columbia University where he plans to pursue a degree in criminal justice.

National Youth of the Year: Julia Burd

Six years in a row, for a week each summer, Julia went with a group and in that time transformed a huge vacant inner city lot into a garden where the children that live near there could run and play rather than fear the activity and violence that are often a product of an overgrown, rundown area in the middle of a neighborhood. One day as they were cleaning and planting some of the hundreds of flowers they found a gun. Julia shared how moved she was that she was part of making a difference in getting at least that one gun off the street and making a place where children could run with joy and delight rather than fear.

Americanism—I saw red, white and blue like never before when over 800 people came together at our One Nation Under God breakfast. But besides a room full of those beautiful colors, there was incredible energy and pride that filled the room.

Child Abuse Prevention—More than \$350,000,000 for preventing child abuse.

Healing Field with 1500 flags, each with the name of a child that was a victim of child abuse.

Community Service—If you stop and think about all the things our club has been able to do to make a difference in our community because of the time and resources that **each of you** give at our Home Show and other projects, it is amazing. In fact, I’m sure it would be difficult to even list them all because there are so many. **But did you know this is going on all over our country?** Communities all over the United States are being changed because there are Exchange Clubs filled with Exchangites that stand up and say **what can we do next –we want to make a difference.** I loved sitting down with many of them and finding out what their club was doing. I’d love sitting down with any of you and sharing some of what I learned.

Community Service –Continued

I’m here to say “good job Exchange” from what I witnessed in Jacksonville at the National Exchange Club Convention – you are part of a wonderful – life changing organization and **you have excelled.** Way to go!!

Je’Vour’s life has forever changed and we are a part of helping him realize his dream of being able to help others so hopefully they won’t have to live through some of the things that he did.

And as we stand up and proudly honor our flag and the men and women that serve to make our country a safe place where we can publicly declare our loyalty to God and this wonderful country, I so proud to be an Exchangite.

One of the things that was shared on the opening night of the convention is that we all have a tattoo - right on our forehead. It says, **know me, accept me, make me feel special.** I’ve noticed that Exchangites are really good at this. And as we continue to look at each person here, and people in business or even on the street and see that tattoo on their forehead and then as we step forward and get to know them and see how special that individual is. Their life will be changed, our life will be changed and our community will feel the impact of people who **truly care and step up and capture opportunities,** and it too will be changed, and yes, our nation will feel the impact of people who truly care.

We can make a change with Exchange.

Family Picnic—Larry Prohaska reported things are still on track for the Family Picnic on August 12th. See page 3 for details.

Web Site Committee Meeting— Dick King has re-scheduled the meeting of the Web Site Committee to Monday, August 3rd after the cub meeting.

Exchange Cruise Vacation—Pat Cole reminds us that she needs to get the arrangements finalized for the cruise this January. Details on page 4. Highly recommended.

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Waterloo Exchange Club Annual Family Picnic

Please join us for an evening of fellowship with Exchange members and their families.

When: August 12th - 5 pm social, 6 pm meal

Where: Exchange Park, Waterloo

Food: Meat and Beverage Provided. Bring your own table setting and a side dish (Optional)

Contact: Larry Prohaska (319)290-3910

Exchange Cruise 2010

Royal Caribbean- Freedom of Seas

Sailing date- January 17, 2010

Departure Date- January 16, 2010

January 16 -Hyatt Regency Port Canaveral

January 17-Ship departs 4:30pm

January 18-Coco Cay, Bahamas

January 19-Cruising

January 20-Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas

January 21-Philipsburg, St. Maarten

January 22-Cruising

January 23-Cruising

January 24- Port Canaveral, Florida

Veranda Stateroom cat D2 \$1183.69

Inside Stateroom Cat L \$936.69

Includes taxes and fees.

Hotel for Saturday night is not included.

Air is not included.

Presently, air from Waterloo Starts at \$442.

Royal Caribbean Contributes \$50 per stateroom for our fundraiser