

# Bettendorf Kiwanis

FEBRUARY 22, 2010

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## Minutes from February 16 Meeting

Holy cow! Can anyone say full house? We had a total of 41 people present and 1 dog! We had the pleasure of having 2 interclubs present at this meeting. 5 members from the Davenport club and 7 members from the Rock Island Club attended.

2 new members were officially inducted to our club: Congratulations and welcome to Kristen Crawford and Dan Adams! We also had the wonderful announcement that Tim Black had decided to join our club. We just keep growing!

This week we had a program from Thomas Jefferson School. Ann Marshal and Ann Bitter introduced Tobago, their Certified Assistance Dog. Tobago is a 19 month old beautiful, ex-

tremely well behaved Golden Retriever. Tobago has a number of jobs at the school ranging from greeting children in the morning as they come in to the school to listening to the



children read to him. Tobago even stands when the children say the pledge!

Ann Marshal explained how Tobago was trained by an inmate at Elsworth Correctional Facility in Kansas. Ann and Ann spent a week in Kansas to learn how to care for and

handle Tobago. He knows 58 commands. She commented that he even has a command to go potty! (this command is a secret and only Ann and Ann know this one). Ann went through his daily schedule which starts at 5:00 a.m. with an hour long walk through her neighborhood. She said when the school bell rings at 3:00 he's ready to go home and relax from a long day working. (sound familiar?) Tobago can only stay with Ann Marshal or Ann Bitter because they are the people who have been trained to care for him. Tobago is not allowed to go to a kennel or a dog park because of his high level of care. His level is much higher than most dogs and they do not want him to come in to contact with that could harm him.

Rose day is April 21.

Next Meeting:

February 23: Karen Goodall & Cody Allen,  
Northwest Bank & Trust – Naming Your Executor:  
Is it an honor or a burden?

Program Chair for Feb: Bev Ricketts

Program Chair for March: Doug Nelson

*If you develop the  
habits of success, you  
will make success a  
habit.*

*Michael E. Angier*

