

Bettendorf Kiwanis

OCTOBER 13, 2010

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Minutes from the October 12 Meeting

Maria led the meeting in Jim's absence. Wally prayed. We had 13 in attendance with one guest.

Dale Farland's birthday is Oct. 13.

There are going to be four people attending the Governor's luncheon on October 24: Jim, Bev, Tom and Maria. It will be counted as our October interclub.

Maria passed around a signup sheet for Scarecrow Shenanigans. They need more volunteers for the morning shift. Dave said that Key Club will also participate. There should be 6-8 Key Club members for each shift.

Maria announced that Kristin is back to work and plans on attending next week's meeting. Hopefully she will bring baby pictures!

Dan said that the membership drive will be October 26. Bring a friend to the meeting!

Eric won \$2 in the raffle and Maria drew a black marble.

Wally introduced our speaker, Ray Porter from United Way. Ray is the Community Impact Manager. He spoke about



one of United Way's programs, Achieve Quad Cities. Achieve Quad Cities partners with other community organizations to improve graduation rates in the area.

Ray said on average 3 students a day drop out of school. This is 540 children a year. They usually drop out in their 9th or 10th grade. This has a real economic impact to

the community. The reasons for dropping out are that students feel disengaged with education and many do not have any other adult role model other than their parents.

Achieve Quad Cities has partnered with Big Brothers Big Sisters in a mentoring program for junior and senior high students. The goal for next year is to have 200 students/mentors. In this program, students visit local businesses, have classroom speakers and get encourage from their mentor. The mentoring program is a one-year commitment from the business person with 4-6 hours per month of time invested.

Ray passed out more information on Achieve Quad Cities which included information about signing up to become a mentor to a student.

Oct 19 Speaker: Chris Presson, Quad City Mallards
Program Chair for October: Wally Almquist
Program Chair for November: Steve Grimes

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If you make a habit of buying things you do not need, you will soon be selling things you do.

Philippine Proverb