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MEETING RECAP

June 1
Doug Thompson,
Program Chair

June 8
Cody Bowers, Program
Chair

June 15
Randy Purdy, Program
Chair

June 17th
Rotary Auction—Seven
Oaks

June 22
Open for ideas! Let
Pete know!

June 29
Pres. Pete's Year in
Review

Jeff Anderson, Editor

Pres. Pete Frangos

District Gov. Loring
Miller

RI Pres. Ravi Ravindran

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Pres. Pete called the meeting to order and had members introduce a number of guests. Steve Dakin introduced his wife, Lesli, and Scott and Brock Grubbs. Susan introduced Sharon Karpin who works with her at the Salvation Army and PDG Gary Welch and his wife, Colleen, of Ankeny. Sara welcomed Boon HS Principal Kris Byam and Lisa introduced her mother, Jane Hitsman. Amy had her two children, Catherine and Henry, with her and Mary Maybee almost managed to sneak under the radar but Pete spotted her and Inga was visiting with us again as well. Alex Peterson was also accompanying our

speaker on Wednesday. Pete shared about the upcoming programs and indicated that we do need a speaker for June 22. If you know of a program, please let Pete know in order to make sure we end up with "just one" (speaker).

DATE CHANGE FOR INGA'S PARTY!

Speaking of Inga, her senior/farewell party will now take place from 5:30-7:00 at the home of her host family (Don and Brenda Romig) at 1813 SE Linn Street (by Cap Erbe Park) on Sunday June 5th. Plan to stop by and wish Inga well as she completes her year as our RYE student in Boone and prepares to return to Norway.

RYE HOSTING OPPORTUNITY

Our incoming RYE student is named Raquel and she comes from Spain. If you are interested in hosting or know of a family that might be please let Susan or Tim know.

AUCTION UPDATE

Cody shared that we will be raffling off a Yeti Cooler and Bose Bluetooth Speakers at the auction. See Cody for tickets for the raffle and Megan for tickets for the event. Ev mentioned that next week the happy dollars (and then some) that are collected will serve as the prize money for the popular heads or tails game!

SERGEANT AT ARMS

Sergeant Cody collected a happy dollar from Abby who is pleased with the progress on the auction (Thanks again to Abby for all her hard work). Lisa was happy that her mom was able to visit on Wednesday and George was happy to report that he and Mary will be celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary tomorrow! Quite an amazing milestone! Craig was happy to have had Sara O'Donnell who was a member of the Group Study Exchange team that visited Boone from

Australia back in 2005 visiting with them for a few days this past week. Jeff shared that his daughter has made it safely by land, air, and sea from Iowa to Iceland to Norway and Denmark (on her way to Prague for the summer). Several members paid dollars in tribute to longtime Boone physician and community leader Wayne Rouse whose funeral was earlier that morning. Ken's house now has dry wall and Mary was looking forward to another

interesting auction that evening. Amy was happy to have her kids with her and for having driven to and from Detroit with them this past week without once having to say, "don't make me pull this car over!" Sara was happy for our speaker and guest but not so happy about the experience of passing a kidney stone! Ouch! Our speaker, Chris Norton, was happy to donate a signed copy of his book for our auction!

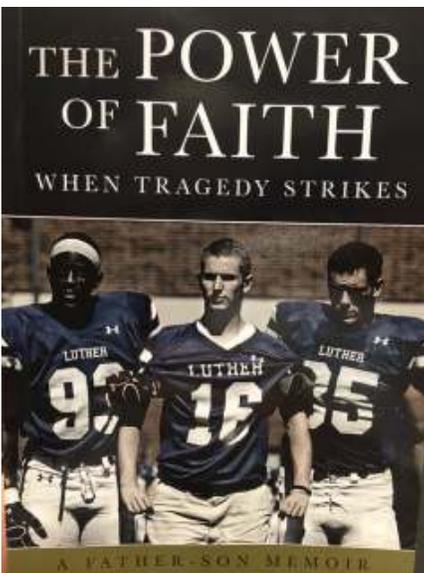


Be a gift to the world

Quote of the Week

Life is about your responses, not your circumstances.

Chris Norton



Chris Norton, Sci-can Foundation

Sara Morton introduced Chris Norton, a young man who was paralyzed while playing football for Luther College on October 16, 2010. Since his injury Chris has made it his mission to try and use the lessons of his experiences to inspire and motivate others to overcome the challenges and obstacles they meet in their lives. Chris entitled his presentation "the power to stand", noting that was all possess to power to stand up in response to the challenges we face and that how we respond when faced with setbacks and obstacles is "our choice". Chris recounted how he was injured making a tackle in a football game, dislocating his neck and injuring his spinal column, initially rendering him unable to move or feel below his neck. After being transported to the Mayo clinic her underwent surgery on his neck and spent the next 129 in the hospital and another 98 days in intensive therapy. He was told there was only a3% chance that he would regain movement bellow his neck. While is physical paralysis was a huge challenge, Chris noted that he worked hard to avoid becoming "mentally paralyzed" by believing that no matter what happened he could still control his attitude and his effort, and that helped him persevere. Gradually, and with tremendous work and the support of his family and fiancé, Chris did regain the ability to move his upper

body and some feeling and movement in his legs. His goal upon returning to Luther was to graduate and walk across the stage to receive his diploma, and he shared the inspiring video of when he did with the help of his fiancé (who he'd proposed to the day before). He shared that his motto is "work hard, win easy" and he observed that when people say they "can't" (do something) what they really mean is they "won't". He ended by sharing that life is wonderful and not meant to be easy". Chris is truly an amazing, inspiring young man!



Sara Morton with Chris Norton
Sara is holding Chris's book, The Power of Faith when Tragedy Strikes

