



DAVENPORT NOON OPTIMIST CLUB

"FRIEND OF YOUTH"

Friday August 25, 2023

INTRODUCTION

*The meeting was called to order by our President Carrie Dreifurst and our prayer was led by Ron Gunnare. **The board is still looking for a Secretary and 2nd Vice President. Secretary is a one year board appointment taking notes and meeting minutes, as well as doing the newsletter. 2nd VP is a multiyear position where you will gradually oversee different aspects of our club as you ascend to the presidency! If you have interest in serving on the board please talk to one of our current board members. Another opportunity to volunteer is to be a manager or recruiter for our flag program next year! Talk to Wayne if you have interest in helping flags! Our end of year banquet will be held Thursday Septmeber 21st at 6:00 PM at the outing club. Cocktails at 6:00 PM and dinner served at 6:30. This is a plated dinner and requires an RSVP. It is \$22 a person. Please see our website to both RSVP and pay. RSVP and payment is required by September 15th.***

INFORMATION

Our program today was introduced by Roland. Our program today was Common Chord which was formerly known as River Music Experience. Common Chords mission is to activate the power of music to improve our community. They discussed their four main pillars. Their connection to the community, to have accessible and inclusive experiences, to highlight local musicians and our music scene, and the power of music. They also talked about how they host Live@FIVE. Every summer, the Skybridge Courtyard comes alive with live music by some of our best bands. It is every Friday at 5:00, June through September. One of their focus points is to help introduce youth to music and instruments. They have an acoustic music club where kids get to learn the guitar. Their Let's Band Together puts instruments in kids hands, so they can learn the joy of music. If you have any unused instruments at your house they accept donations even if it is in need of repair. They also have several camps kids can attend during the summer. They help almost 3,000 kids annually. For more information please visit their website www.commonchordqc.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 1 - Business Meeting
- September 8 - QC Open Network
- September 15 - Every Child
- September 21 - Annual Awards Dinner
- September 22 - Cultural Diversity Club

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