



# DAVENPORT NOON OPTIMIST CLUB

"FRIEND OF YOUTH"

Friday April 21, 2023

## INTRODUCTION

*The meeting was called to order by our President Carrie Dreifurst. We began with a prayer from Ron. Respect for Law has been moved from May 12th to May 26th. It will be held from 11:30 to 1:00 on Friday May 26th in the Iowa Room (located on the 1st floor of the North Building). RSVP's are required for Respect for Law as it is a plated meal. The cost is \$25 per member. Please RSVP to Aaron at [aaron.gunnare@gmail.com](mailto:aaron.gunnare@gmail.com). Safer Sacks with the Safer Foundation was a huge success. Between meals sold and volunteer meals they hit their goal of 2000 Meals! Wayne mentioned that our flag program still needs 5 routes covered. If you have any ideas please reach out to Wayne at [jochmann1@mchsi.com](mailto:jochmann1@mchsi.com) or 563-726-3467. Bike Rodeo is just around the corner. It is Saturday May 13th at the Pool parking lot at the Annie Wittenmeyer complex. If you are interested in helping there will be an informational email sent out discussing the details. As of now please plan on meeting at the storage unit (A32) at Saturday May 13th at 7:30 AM. Pickups are welcome and needed!*

## INFORMATION

*Friday we had Sarah Ott (Chief Development Officer for the City of Davenport) Lt. Austin Keen (Tactical Operations Bureau Commander) to talk about Group Violence Intervention. Sarah and Chief Bladel talked to us about this almost a year ago, and this was the one year update. They have seen a 42% decrease in shots fired incidents in 2023 to date compared to 2022. Also, a main point was that there aren't bad neighborhoods but violent people living there, as .18% of the population drive a large percentage of the violent crimes.*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 28 - Hand in Hand
- May 5 - Business Meeting (at Friendly House)
- May 12 - Dress for Success
- May 13 - Bike Rodeo

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