



DAVENPORT NOON OPTIMIST CLUB

"FRIEND OF YOUTH"

Friday June 30, 2023

INTRODUCTION

- The meeting was called to order by our President-Elect Karie Gilson. John Mouw brought his brother-in-law to the meeting today. Wayne gave an update for flags. We have teams or club members to cover each route, but we still have six routes that looking for permanent organizations to take them over. If you would like to help put out flags on the 3rd or take them down on the 4th please reach out to Wayne. jochmann1@mchsi.com Rueben Moore visited today from QC Morning Club. He was talking today about the Bandarama that the Davenport Community School District is hosting in the fall. The Superintendent has asked him to bring in a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) Band to the event. They are looking to raise \$12,000 to help fund this endeavor, and will be submitting a funding request for it in the next month.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **July 7 - Business Meeting**
- **July 14 - HOBY Awards**
- **July 21 - HOPE at the Brick House**
- **July 28 - Family Resources**
- **August 4 - Business Meeting**
- **August 11 - Fostering Crossroads**



INFORMATION

Our program today was RiverAction. Their mission is to protect and restore the Mississippi River and the shared riverway environment. She talked about all the various activities they sponsor to help promote and protect the river. One of their signature events is Floatzilla, and they are putting extra marketing dollars behind the event this year to hopefully help break the record for Kayaks and Canoes at 3,151! She also mentioned that RiverAction was responsible for lighting the Centennial Bridge and have maintained the lighting all these years. They are currently in the process of updating the lighting to all LED lights, which should make the bridge look newer and sharper at night! RiverAction has many different programs going on throughout the year. If you would like to check them out please go to their webpage. www.riveraction.org



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