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Thursdays at 7:30 am

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Tuesdays at 7:30 am

Mr. Clark's Room

**Central Builders Club**Every Wed. but 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 am

Room 317

**Visitation Builders Club**2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. at 11:35 am

Spanish Room

**Central K-Kids**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. at 7:30 amLibrary 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

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[melodee@kewanee.com](mailto:melodee@kewanee.com)One Can Make a  
DifferenceReminder-Talk to  
someone this week  
about Kiwanis.

Lynn F opened the meeting & led in singing & the Pledge. Brock T played the piano. Dave K offered prayer.

**Guests** today included Martha Carroll, Lori & Brea Christiansen, Dr. Dan Congreve, Liz Craddock, Dr. Debra Ewing, Lizzy & Matt Gustafson, Roger Hawk, Larry Lock, Bob Martin, Dallas McCleery, Tom Ratliff, Melissa Shipp, & Jane Tornquist.

41 members, 18 guests.

**Attendance:** Mike Y reported we had 41 members & 17 guests & 1 speaker for a total of 59.

**Program:** Shaun G read the word of the day. Margaret G introduced her program, her brother Major Jim Golby. Jim has been stationed all over the world, currently doctoral candidate at Stanford & will be there for another year but then he will head to Westpoint to teach. He & his wife have (3) children & (1) on the way. He talked about his experiences on (2) deployments to Iraq from a tactical point of view (2004-2005 & 2006-2007). 1<sup>st</sup> time 2004-2005, then back stateside to school at Fort Knox, KY, & returned 2006-2007. Early on not many attack incidents but about the time he arrived, started to see spike in attacks. Even though we might not have noticed it, on the ground in Iraq it was a drastic change in 4/04 which did not diminish until mid 2007. 1<sup>st</sup> mission to defeat anti-Iraq forces including securing a long road (70 miles) so convoys didn't get attacked. Also, had to stop mortar & rocket attacks, had to identify local government structures, had to supervise local security forces without much guidance (just had to find them & tell them what to do). He had 40-55 soldiers with only 12 vehicles with which to protect 850 sq. km (roughly the size of Rock Island County) including 12 villages, 100,000 people, in a predominantly Sunni area. What does an Anti-Iraqi look like? Nothing distinctive about them, no uniforms, just didn't know. Had meetings with people but insurgents amongst them. What did they do to try to defeat them? Used Command, Control, Communications, Computers for information, surveillance, & reconnaissance. Accurate, made for superior firepower. The problem remained - who is the enemy even with all the technical advantages. Firepower was very effective if you could find the enemy. Conducted "Presence Patrols" trying to coax the enemy to fire at them. Iraqis were very afraid to help. About 10% of the population were the bad guys; 70-80% just wanted to have a life for their families; 10% or so were really supportive of the American forces. They did targeted raids when they did get good information from Iraqi or intelligence. Success all predicated on knowing who the bad guys are. Started getting better intelligence & found lots of weapons were all over the country. It was very easy to find massive caches of weapons & supplies. Counter-Mortar Mission used the same superior technology to find where enemy launched from but insurgents move easily or else position themselves where civilians are located too so it was difficult to return fire. Lots of guesswork with so few troops, at best they got lucky once in awhile. Governance Reconstruction - identifying local leaders & establishing city councils. Had to try to figure out who was important. Tried to get the tribal leaders together to decide who was going to work with the Americans. Sewage, water, electricity, medical facilities, schools & trash collection were things they tried to provide with little money but schools made great targets. Iraqi security forces were infiltrated by Iraqi insurgents. Corruption was a problem, particularly in the police. Difficult to get the police motivated. The difficulty in training was to get someone who could be in charge of 30 police & get them to follow him. Had strategic constraints including lack of troops, lack of money, lack of equipment, etc. Had to learn strategic restraint for long-term benefit instead of short-term gain. Can't just kill your way out of an insurgency. Lessons learned included don't focus on the American security but instead the Iraqi security, intelligence is based on showing the Iraqis they are better off with you than the other guy. 2<sup>nd</sup> deployment found massive US bases in place with amenities like Burger King. Surge came 9/06 with changed strategy & tactics. Had a strategy for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in '07 that everyone agreed with. Could make decisions closer to the ground. Started living with Iraqis. More personnel and more money.