

Special guest speaker Tuesday was Ronda Bacon, BVU Siebens Center Addition. Ronda is overseer of Harold Siebens Den at BVU. The den is a facility housing the collected personal and business papers, furniture, memorabilia, and archives of Dr. Harold Siebens. Harold Siebens was born in Storm Lake on Dec. 23, 1905. His family moved to St. Louis when he was a young child. As a teenager, he spent summers with his grandparents earning money fishing in Storm Lake. Thus began his lifelong connection to Storm Lake. In his early twenties, he came back to Storm Lake to run Bargain Basement on Lake Avenue for his father, Walter, who was operating a business in St. Louis. Harold returned to St. Louis after an iceboat accident left him partially paralyzed. He subsequently transformed his father's business into the American Sporting Goods Company. In 1948, he sold the business and took his family to Alaska. His grandfather George had been involved in the 1898 Alaskan gold rush. Later Harold became involved in oil business in Canada buying mineral rights. He eventually turned a \$50,000 investment into a million dollar profit. An honorary doctorate degree in recognition of his entrepreneurial skills and leadership. In 1980, Harold began his philanthropic endeavors by anonymously gifting BV with \$18 million to build a school of business to which he lent his name in 1985. Dr. Siebens also created endowments in the name of his children. Prior to his death in 1989, he made gifts to other institutions and organizations.

Kiwanis business : July 27--- Next pop can collection.
Aug. 2--- Division 6 meeting in Aurelia.
Aug 10-11-- NE/IA District Convention in Des Moines.

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