

POLITICAL LINKS TO OUR COMMUNITY

Iowa State Senator, Hubert Houser; Iowa State Representative candidate Greg Forristall; and US Senator Grassley's Western IA Regional Director, Donna Berry spoke to Club members about various issues at the state and national levels. Forristall is running for state representative office to replace Gerald Jones who stated he was retiring. Forristall stated he was most concerned about economic development and retention of Iowa university graduates to facilitate that development. Berry explained she is the contact for Sen. Grassley for a 14 county region of western IA, and is located in Council Bluffs. She noted that Sen. Grassley plans to be in the area during the last two weeks of April. Senator Houser stated the legislature is working to close out the current session by the middle of April. Since there will be a new governor and new legislators next term they are trying to wrap up some more pressing issues and letting others coast. According to Houser, the primary issues of ongoing efforts relate to gambling, renewable fuels, eminent domain, child abuse, and appropriation increases.