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Rotary Buzzer

Rotary Calendar

January 29
Auction Kick Off
Meeting
Abi Albrecht, Greeter

February 5
Susan Herrick, Program
Chair

February 12
Mary Youngblood,
Program Chair

February 19
Megan Houston,
Program Chair

February 26
Jeff Anderson, Program
Chair

March 5
Auction Assembly

March 12
Nan Sloan, Program
Chair

March 19
Jeff Dighton, Program
Chair

Jeff Anderson, Editor

Pres. Megan Houston

District Gov. Jacque
Andrew

RI Pres. Ron Burton

MEETING RECAP

Pres. Megan was back, noting that only 50% of her twins actually ended up getting sick last week! I, on the other hand, was gone, so thanks again to Mary Youngblood for taking over for me! Megan did mention once again that volunteers are needed to help out with the clean up after our meeting each week. Lisa Mount was visiting as was Bob Grathwohl from Ames.

DISTRICT UPDATE

Pres. Megan met with DG Jacque Andrew for a mid-year "check up" to see how things were going and to encourage attendance at the District Conference May 1-3. She passed around signup sheets to get registered at a discount. RI VP Ann Mathews will be speaking on Friday and there will be

Several members gave Happy Dollars in recognition of Troy's PH+1 award, and Troy was happy about the nice ski trip he had to Colorado last weekend. Ben feels like "real" Iowan after having attended his first Iowa Caucus. He noted that the process seemed a bit "weird" (if you wanna see "weird", experience it during a

reception for her on Thursday night.

IOWA ENERGY

Megan passed around a flyer for Iowa Energy game on February 8th (I had incorrectly indicated it was on the 6th last week). There will be a social event for Rotarians across the district at the Hall of Pride beginning at 4:30 p.m. The Iowa Energy cheerleaders along with their mascot, Surge, will be there to share in the fun. Sharon has the and you can choose your seats based on a first come first served basis

FIRESIDE CHAT

Megan reminded everyone that there will be a new member "fireside chat" at the Herrick's 703 14th Street. Fireside chats are an informal opportunity for new members to become better

Sergeant at Arms

presidential year!). Lee also attended the caucuses and hopes that he violence directed towards polio workers in Pakistan ends. Randy had been living out of town while his house was being built and he is happy to be a Boone resident again! Abi was pleased that Ohio State has been beaten four times in a row and Lisa was happy that Peyton

oriented to our club and with Rotary in general. Please let Susan know if you will be attending. Her email address is s.herrick@mchsi.com

TROY RECEIVES PAUL HARRIS + ONE RECOGNITION



President Megan was pleased to recognize Troy for reaching the Paul Harris "Plus One" level of support for the Rotary Foundation. Each "plus" represents another \$1000 in donations to TRF. Way to go, Troy!

Manning is back in the Super Bowl. Eldon was back from vacation and reported that he spent some time with Kiriss Philips while they were in AZ, and that Kriss says "Hi"!



BOONE COUNTY TRAILS

Megan had a to do a bit of scrambling for a program, but Kurt Phillips came through by suggesting that we have Bill Lusher come and speak about Boone County Trail initiatives. Bill is a former employee of the Iowa DOT and was formerly a Boone County Supervisor. Bill began by sharing some history relating to some earlier attempts to establish trails in Boone County. He noted that in 1994 Doug Nebbe (Ogden Bike Barn) and Dr. Vermillion tried to generate support for a trail that would connect Boone and Ogden which failed to garner the necessary support. In 2004 some Ogden residents attempted to establish a trail between Ogden and Don Williams Park, which also failed to gain the support necessary to go forward. In 2005 the residents of Woodward, Madrid, Slater, Polk City and Ankeny started planning a project for a trail to run from Woodward to Ankeny, which came to fruition as the High Trestle Trail which opened in April 2011 (which is about the coolest thing EVER!). That trail is used by over 100,000 people year. In March 2012 a Connected Boone County Wide Trail Initiative met to begin planning to try and develop a master plan for connecting more areas of the county to trails. The goal of the master plan is to boost the local economies, provide a connection to Boone county's history, expand recreational opportunities, and to showcase and protect our natural resources. A study estimated that the cost

per mile of the project would be around \$316,800, with a total cost of around \$10 million. Fundraising through private and corporate donations is underway and grants are being sought as well. It may be a 20 year project, but the next 3-5 years will be critical to the overall success. Bill noted that attitudes about trails have changed dramatically over the past 20 years, with far greater support than was once the case.



Bill Lusher and Kurt Phillips, Boone County Trails Initiative

Quote of the Week

Life is like a 10-speed bicycle. Most of us have gears we never use.

~Charles Schultz, creator of the *Peanuts* cartoon strip.



RI PRESIDENT ELECT IS COMING TO IOWA!

The Rotary Club of Muscatine invites the Rotary Clubs of District 6000 to a special meeting at noon on **Monday, February 17, 2014** when **Rotary International President Elect Gary Huang** will be the speaker. The meeting will held at Wesley Family Life Center, 114 West 4th Street, Muscatine.

A **maximum of two** from each club may register to attend the meeting on a first come first serve basis. Club presidents-elect should make an effort to attend if possible. Past and Future District Governors, Assistant Governors and spouses are also invited to attend in addition to the two from each club.

Please see Megan if you would be interested in attending.