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# Rotary Buzzer

## Rotary Calendar

July 16

Marty Martinez, Sports Psychologist for ISU an USA Track and Field Brad Manard, Program Chair

July 23

Becky Dose, Program Chair

July 30

George Maybee, Program Chair

August 6

Rotary Scholarship Day

August 13

Bob Herrick, Program Chair

August 20

Andrew Schroeder, Program Chair

August 27

Vern Condon, Program Chair

September 3

Chris Jacobsen, Program Chair

Jeff Anderson, Editor

Pres. Amy Pollard

District Gov. John Ockenfels

RI Pres. Gary Huang

## MEETING RECAP

President Amy called the meeting to order and welcomed a number of guests and visitors. Abby Howie introduced her guest, Sara Morton, who has been proposed for membership and Abi Albrecht introduced Bev Erskine who is the Director of Access for HCI. Abi reported that her role in the organization is going to be changing so unfortunately she will not be able to make our meetings in the near future—but she hopes to get Bev to consider joining our club. Nan introduced Robyn Christensen who the new social worker at Westhaven. Jack Tiller, a Rotarian from the Flower Mound, Tx club was

visiting on Wednesday as well!

Amy reported that she has been contacted by the AAU Junior Olympics seeking volunteers to help with that event that will run from July 26-August 2 at Drake Stadium. If you are interested in helping out, see Amy for the contact info.

### IOWA GAMES CYCLING RACE HELP

Craig informed the club that this year's Iowa Games Cycling Road Race will take place in Boone on the morning of Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup>. Craig indicated that approximately 20

volunteers (members, family members, etc) are needed. All volunteers will receive an Iowa Games t shirt and lunch. The signup sheet will go around again next week.

### PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS SOUGHT

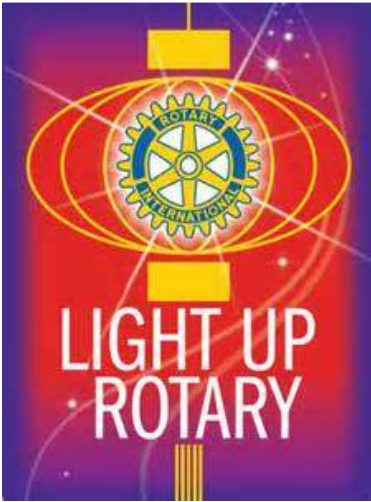
Pres. Amy put out a call for three volunteers to serve as members of a Promotions Committee. The committee will be responsible for coming up with ideas to promote our events and club in general. Please let Amy know if you are interested.

## SERGEANT AT ARMS

Pete began by contributing a happy dollar for the nice day and Tim ponied up to remind club members that we still need two more host families for our incoming RYE Student, Ivana (from Croatia). Troy paid a dollar, noting that Ev may not have place the emphasis in the "right" spots in the Rotary Anthem. Randy had an enjoyable family reunion (his wife's side of the family) in Wisconsin—so much so that

they are in charge of the event in two years! Megan indicated that she was, uncharacteristically, wearing heels on Wednesday in preparation for a wedding she is in on Saturday. She indicated she might need to ask Pres. Amy for some pointers, which prompted Ann to offer \$10 if Amy would give everyone some pointers—which led to a show and tell session where Amy demonstrated the proper technique, noting that

the trick is to "take smaller steps and use gel inserts in the front of the shoes". Amy did report she was somewhat surprised she "only" has 72 pairs of shoes! Susan is looking forward to the RYLA camp in Grinnell. Amy did also ask members to keep Vicki Greco and her family in their thoughts as her husband, Lou, is dealing with some health issues.



## Quote of the Week

We travel,  
some of us  
forever, to seek  
other states,  
other lives,  
other souls.

Anais Nin



## Samantha Burmeister, International Study Advocate

Pres. Amy introduced ISU student Samantha Burmeister who presented a program on her experiences with International study and travel. She shared that just over 2% of American students participate in any sort of international study program as undergraduates while almost 70% of students in the EU do. Samantha is a graduate of Bettendorf HS and spent a year at Abilene Christian and then spent the summer teaching English in France. She then transferred to a school in Chicago before eventually enrolling in the international business program at ISU. It took some doing but she arranged a semester long overseas study experience in the country of Cyprus. While in Cyprus she studied the marketing of fruits and vegetables and the wine/hospitality industry. In addition to her class work in Cyprus she also had the opportunity to travel to Greece, Italy, Germany, France, Belgium, Austria, the Czech Republic, Turkey, Israel, and Palestine. In addition to learning a lot she had the opportunity to tremendously expand her understanding of different countries and cultures, becoming a better "global citizen" as a result of those

experiences. She is creating her own digital media company and plans to donate 10% of the profits to help small business startups in developing countries. She encouraged everyone to take advantage of opportunities to travel and experience other countries and cultures.



International Study Advocate  
Samantha Burmeister with President  
Amy

# SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!