

# Rotary Buzzer

## MEETING RECAP

March 23  
Goats on the Move!  
Nan Sloan, Program  
Chair

March 30  
Mary Dufelmeier,  
Program Chair

April 1-2  
District Convention

April 6  
Pres. Elect Club  
Assembly

April 13  
Auction Work Day

April 20  
Sara Morton, Program  
Chair

April 27  
Vicki Greco, Program  
chair

May 4  
Dave Cook, Program  
Chair

May 11  
Everett Johnson  
Program chair

Jeff Anderson, Editor

Pres. Pete Frangos

District Gov. Loring  
Miller

RI Pres. Ravi Ravindran

Pres. Pete called our spring break week meeting to order and with Everett's return the quality of performance of our Rotary song was much improved.

### Back in the Fold!

Pete shared the very exciting news that Sara Morton is back as a member!! Sara had changed positions awhile back and it did not appear she would be able to continue as a member...but it turns out she can and to prove it she was back with us on Wednesday. Welcome back, Sara!

Cody collected happy dollars from Andrew who enjoyed having Sara back, sharing that he always enjoys her dinner conversation! Sara was happy to be back and paid a dollar in hopes that the Hawkeyes do well later this week. Jeff was happy that his hometown of Hull made the front page of the Des Moines Register. Lee

Pete shared about some of our upcoming meetings, noting that April 6<sup>th</sup> will be our president elect Troy's club assembly and April 13<sup>th</sup> will be a dedicated Auction Planning and Work Day.

### AUCTION UPDATE

Abby sent the sign up list for volunteer positions and committees for the auction around again. Hopefully everyone should have received the various auction documents (previous donor list, donor info sheets, etc.) via email. If you didn't, let Jeff or Abby know and we will get the

## Sergeant at Arms

reported that Ramona is back in the hospital with an infection that is affecting her heart function and he asked that members please keep her in their thoughts and prayers. George was happy to have celebrated his oldest son's 63<sup>rd</sup> birthday this week and Brad was happy to have celebrated his youngest

information to you. Donated auction items will be stored in a room on the mezzanine level of USBANK. When you have items to drop off if you find Abby, Cody, or President Pete they will be able to access this secured space to help you store the items.

son's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Pete let a "USBANK" or two slip out which cost him a dollar. Several members were happy to have our speaker from the Iowa Wildlife Center with us on Wednesday.



## Marleen Ehresman, Executive Director of the Iowa Wildlife Center

### Quote of the Week

One swallow  
does not make a  
summer, but one  
skein of geese,  
cleaving the murk  
of March thaw, is  
the Spring.

Aldo Leopold



Jeff introduced Marlene Ehresman, the executive director of the Iowa Wildlife Center. Marlene has degrees in Fisheries and Wildlife Biology and Environmental Studies from ISU and she been involved in a variety of volunteer organizations over the past 30 years including working as a special projects coordinator for the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation. From 1997-2009. Marlene shared that the Iowa Wildlife Center's mission is to provide treatment and temporary care of injured, diseased, or displaced indigenous wildlife and subsequent reintroduction of healthy animals to appropriate habitats. The Center grew out of a visioning process that began back in 2007 and was made possible a large donation that allowed the purchase of a 75 acre tract of land just south of Ledges State Park back in 2010. Marlene shared that the land is a mix of oak savannah, prairie, and wetlands that is well suited to their needs. The site is known as Wildway and their facilities are currently limited to a single large metal building that provides space for storage and protection of recovering animal. However their vision for the future involves the possible construction of a multimillion dollar facility that who allow them to expand the services they provide. Marlene noted that they work

with students from Boone Middle School outdoor studies club as well as having interns from Iowa State. Marlene shared that they provide services for all types of wild birds, amphibians, and reptiles as well as a number of different species of mammals...including lots of bats. When she finished her talk Marlene showed members a big brown bat that she had rescued just prior to coming to the meeting along with a colored box turtle.



**Marleen Ehresman of the Iowa Wildlife Center showing members a box turtle! We want Sara to come back again so I didn't show the picture of her holding the bat!**

Come next week for the "Wild Kingdom--Part 2" with Goats on the Go!