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# Rotary Buzzer

## MEETING RECAP

March 9  
Matt Mick, Ericson  
Public Library, Mary  
Youngblood, Program  
Chair

March 16  
Marleen Ehresman,  
Iowa Wildlife Center  
Jeff Anderson, Program  
Chair

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

Jeff Anderson, Editor

Pres. Pete Frangos

District Gov. Loring  
Miller

RI Pres. Ravi Ravindran

President Pete called the meeting to order and welcomed Isidro Gonzales back again, Isidro is interviewing to be considered as an outbound Rotary Youth exchange student this weekend. Good luck, Isidro! Pete put in a plug for the District Convention which will be held in Des Moines March 31-April 2. Registration materials are available on the district website at [www.rotary6000.org](http://www.rotary6000.org). He mentioned that the "ball drop" fundraiser will take place on Saturday evening. Tickets are \$5 apiece and can be billed to your dues statement if you wish.

### AED Grant

Pete also mentioned that we are still looking for donations to help come up with our portion of a District Matching grant which will help us provide up to five AED's (portable defibrillators) to have available at school events. We need to secure an additional \$1,400 to complete our fundraising efforts, so if you or your business would like to contribute, please let Pete know.

### DEAR SENIOR LETTERS DUE NEXT WEEK!

Bob reminded everyone that Susan is still in need of more Dear Senior letters. Please bring them next week if possible (10-15 copies please).

## Sergeant at Arms

Cody paid a happy dollar for the "life lessons" Amy was offering up at their table during lunch. Steve paid \$5 to find out what one was...and getting your timing belt checked was tossed as an example. Pretty profound stuff! Jeff was happy that losing some weight

resulted in about 15 pairs of pants, two sport coats, and a couple of belts being available for wear once again. Lee was happy that spring is on the way and that Ramona is doing better. Everett was looking forward to his annual gig as scorekeeper at the boys' state

tournament next week and George was happy that Susan did a great job speaking at Mary's Women's Club meeting.

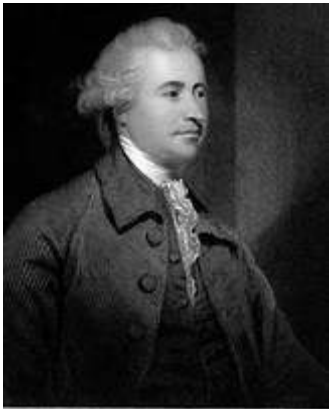


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## Quote of the Week

When the leaders choose to make themselves bidders at an auction of popularity, their talents, in the construction of the state, will be of no service. They will become flatterers instead of legislators; the instruments, not the guides, of the people.

Edmund Burke, Irish statesman 1729-1797



## AUCTION PLANNING IS UNDERWAY

Club members may not have given too much thought to this year's auction just yet, but it was very evident that our Auction chairperson Abby has!! Abby shared that this year's auction will be on June 17<sup>th</sup> at Seven Oaks. Doors will open at 5:30 and we will be serving pork loin (prepared by Troy once again!) and three sides. The price of the tickets will go up to \$20 per person to make sure we are covering our costs AND making a some money off the meal (it is a fundraiser as Abby pointed out!). This year's auction will be a luau-themed event, complete with leis and drinks with umbrellas to get everyone in a festive mood! Abby has discussed using smaller, six foot tables this year instead of the larger 8 foot tables. This will create more space in the room and avoid having tables that are empty. She plans to spread the silent auction items out a bit more to reduce congestion in the main room and she has talked to the band about dialing down the decibels a bit this year. The band was very good but it was hard to talk and hear over the sound last year. Abby passed around the donor list from last year and asked members to look it over to make sure they were still ok with following up with the donors they contacted last year and she passed around a signup sheet for committees as well (both lists will go back around the next few weeks as well). Abby shared that she has already secure the donation of an ISU neon sign and a Kate Spade purse and Amy has a Coach purse lined up. Mary will be our auctioneer again and

Lisa has agreed to help with the clerking and taking the money. Cody is working on the sides for the meal and Abby is hoping that Kirk will be able to emcee the event again this year. The keys to the success of this fundraiser are having all members (A) work to get great donations of auction items and (B) helping to make sure we have a great crowd by selling tickets to friends, family, co-workers and other high rollers! Abby's already done a lot of the early "leg work" for this year's event. Let's all do our part to help make sure this year's auction is the biggest and best ever! Aloha!!



Auction Chair Abby Howie with a mock up of the Auction promotional flyer

# SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!