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Rotary Buzzer

MEETING RECAP

March 30
Mary Dufelmeier,
Program Chair

April 1-2
District Convention

April 6
Matt Campbell, ISU
Football Coach

April 13
Auction Work Day

April 20
Sara Morton, Program
Chair

April 27
Chuck Long, Iowa
Sports Foundation
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

After Spring Break last week we had a full house on Wednesday. Pete introduced Katie Siders, Mary Youngblood's daughter, who joined us for the program and Aaron and Nicole Steele, who are the program. Pete passed around the April greeter sheet and reminded everyone to take their auction items to USBANK and leave them with him, Abbie, or Cody. Pete reported that Susan, Bob, Inga and Isidro are attending the convention and Dave will be there on Friday. Dave announced that Matt Campbell, new ISU football coach will be

our speaker on April 6, and Vickie has gotten Chuck Long to speak on April 27. We will use these dates for our new member day. Dave passed around three cards to each member to hand out to 3 civic minded people who might be interested in joining Rotary. Let Dave or Pete know the Monday before each of these dates how many new member candidates you will have.

RYLA NEWS

Susan announced that we had one boy from Boone and one girl from Ogden going to RYLA. She would like to get two more

students to sponsor for this great leadership development experience. She also announced that Isidro will be going to Italy for his student exchange and Inga saw the river turn green on St. Patrick's Day in Chicago last week!

AUCTION NEWS

Abbie again passed around the committee signup sheets. She will email out a PDF of the flyer for us to post at our businesses and a breakdown of the donor cash sponsorship levels.

Sergeant at Arms

Abbie filled in for Cody today – Many Happy Dollars for all three state teams but especially the Cyclones. Phil is happy Amy is back from her spring break and told us to all be thankful we have this weather because at his home they are supposed to get 6-10" of snow. Amy went to Vegas with Hans and then they took the kids to Phoenix. She

saw her first Cirque-du-Soleil, which she loved but kept thinking someone was going to fall at any moment! Eldon told us he was at the Jefferson Casino, only in the restaurant, but while there he got a call from his granddaughter saying they were going to be great grandparents soon. Jackpot! Sarah's daughter spent St. Patrick's Day in Dublin with

the UNI Women's Choir. Susan is in rehearsals for Godspell and urged everyone to attend it because of the amazing actors/singers in the cast. The dinner play would be April 29 and 30 and just the play will be on May 1, 6 and 7. Lee said Ramona is out of the hospital.

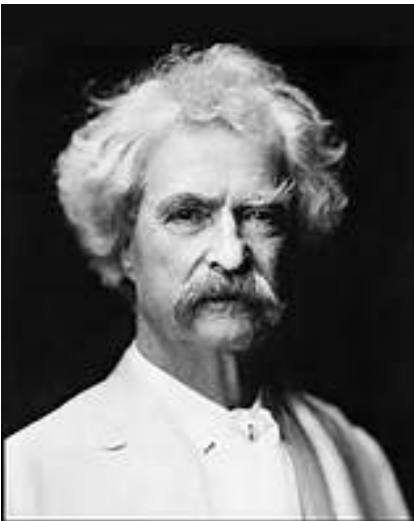


Be a gift to the world

Quote of the Week

The secret of getting ahead is getting started.

Mark Twain



Goats on the Go!

Nan introduced Aaron and Nicole Steele, owner of "Goats on the Go, LC". She had used their services last fall at her new home to clear ¼ acre so she could have a flower garden. She had 45 goats and within 48 hours they had cleared her land. The business was started in 2012 in partnership with the Steinhoeck family to provide "Targeted Grazing in Iowa". They provide method vegetation control using no mechanization or herbicides, they leave free fertilizer and engage people because they are just so cute and fun to watch. They are Iowa's only Targeted Grazing Company and have branches in Iowa City and Cedar Rapids. They will go anywhere in Iowa and even occasionally outside the state. Historically herds were used to keep vegetation down on the prairie. They are doing the same thing with specific livestock, grazing in tight herds to accomplish specific goals in a targeted area. They work well on difficult and even dangerous land. Goats are browsers that start at the top and move down. They can clear vegetation 6-7' tall. Some of their favorite food is Honeysuckle, Poison Ivy, Blackthorn, Multi-flora Rose, eastern Red cedar and Autumn Olive. They won't eat Night Shade or Creeping Charley. Applications they promote are Wildfire fuel prevention, pasture improvement, general

vegetation reduction and invasive species control. They can actually increase cattle quantity with a few goats because they will eat the invasive species of vegetation which allows more grass to grow for the cattle. They can clear one acre of dense brush every 3-5 days. They will de-bark unwanted trees and remove the leaves and soft branch tips, which eventually eliminates the vegetation. The cost for them is \$900-\$1,200/acre if you are close to Ames. They will charge more travel time if you are farther away. He tells his customers his goats are not union members – they show up on time, never complain and they take breaks but get right back to work. Right now they have 70 goats about to give birth. They will have about 100-140 goats ready to work this summer. They are already accepting reservations. Check out his website at GoatsOnTheGo.com.



Nan Sloan with Aaron and Nicole Steele of Goats on the Go!

Happy Easter!