

# Rotary Buzzer

## MEETING RECAP

April 1-2  
District Convention

April 6  
Matt Campbell, ISU  
Football Coach

April 13  
President Elect Troy's  
Club Assembly

April 20  
Genesis Development  
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

May 18  
Abby Howie, Program  
Chair

May 25  
Troy Thompson,  
Program Chair

Jeff Anderson, Editor

Pres. Pete Frangos

District Gov. Loring  
Miller

RI Pres. Ravi Ravindran

President Pete called the meeting to order and welcomed Inga and Isidro who were visiting with us once again. Always great to see these young people with us on Wednesday! The signup sheet for greeters in April was sent around and came back to Everett completely full. If you haven't had the chance to serve as our greeter, let Everett know and he will be sure to reserve a spot for you in May (or June...).

Pete shared that the District Convention is this weekend in Des Moines and several members will be representing our club

at the conference. Pete also mentioned there may be an opportunity for our club to work parking cars (possibly admissions) at the Farm Progress Show on August 30-September 1. Kurt indicated that the details of exactly what this might entail will be known in the coming weeks but it sounded like organizations could earn upwards of \$1400 if they provide 10 workers for a shift during each of the days of the show. Pete will keep up posted in the weeks to come.

### **WE NEED A HEAD COUNT**

Dave passed around the cards with the information for the upcoming prospective member meetings next week (when ISU Football Coach Matt Campbell will be our speaker) and on April 27 when Chuck Long will be speaking. In order to make sure we have sufficient food we do need a head count if you are inviting either a prospective member or guest to either of these meetings. The deadline for next week is Monday so email any reservations to boonerotary@gmail.com

### **Sergeant at Arms**

Sergeant Cody collected a number of happy dollars from members who were happy for no particular reason! Kurt paid \$10 to "renew" his acquaintance with the club (even though he really hasn't been gone that much!). Kurt was especially happy that Tom Lockhart is now onboard as the Director of Member Services for the Chamber and that the other position

that is open is going to be filled very soon. Hutch was happy his granddaughter who is graduating from ISU has landed a teaching job and Steve was happy to be celebrating another birthday—noting that even though he is eligible he is not taking Social Security just yet! Troy was happy that he isn't having to support Steve's retirement

just yet AND he plugged his upcoming President Elect Club Assembly on April 13<sup>th</sup>! It is not to be missed!!



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## Quote of the Week

Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it.

Dwight D. Eisenhower



## Dirk Ringgenberg, Mayor of Madrid

Mary Dufelmeier introduced Dirk Ringgenberg who began serving as Madrid's new mayor this past January. Dirk grew up in Madrid, graduating from Madrid High in 1987. He served 24 years in the Army in the Rangers and paratroopers, retiring with the rank of major. He noted that he related to "about half" the people in Madrid including the most recent mayor (who was a cousin) and his mother served as the city administrator at one time. He shared that his last command in Iraq involved being responsible for 1100 soldiers in a war zone, so the challenge of serving as mayor of a community of 3000 is "different" but not daunting. He indicated that leadership in the military or in elected office is about developing a shared vision, establishing priorities, setting goals, and putting strategies and plans in plan to execute those goals to realize the vision. When he retired from the military there was no question that he wanted to return home to Madrid and he opened a bicycle shop along the trail right

next to the Flat Tire, even though he had little experience in that area. His business has boomed and he hopes to help other business in Madrid (current and future) succeed as well. He discussed the importance of working with the other communities, organizations, and governmental bodies (like the supervisors) in the county to help our county prosper and grow.



Mary Dufelmeier with Madrid Mayor Dirk Ringgenberg

**SEE YOU NEXT WEEK. I AM SURE THAT COACH CAMPBELL WON'T MIND IF MEMBERS SPORT THEIR ISU ATTIRE!**