

Rotary Buzzer

Meeting Recap

August 17
DG Chris Knapp's
Annual Club Visit

August 19
Meeting Des Moines
AM Club. Will leave
Boone at 6:00 AM for
those going

August 24
Pufferbilly Work Day

August 31
Brad Manard, Program
Chair

September 7
Steve Dakin, Program
Chair

September 14
Andrew Schroeder,
Program Chair

September 21

Jeff Anderson, Editor
Pres. Troy Thompson
Dist. Gov. Chris Knapp
ADG Steve Dakin
RI Pres. John Germ

Pres. Troy was back on Wednesday and welcomed Jordan Wineinger who was visiting with Nan Sloan. Jordan is the new executive director at Westhaven. Nan wasn't making "any promises" (about whether Jordan will become a member) but many thanks to Nan for inviting him and getting our foot in the door! Laura Mehlhaus was also on hand to hear her daughter, Katelyn, speak about her experience at RYLA. Troy shared the upcoming program schedule, making particular note of District Governor Chris Knapp's visit next week. Gov. Chris will meet with the board prior to the meeting and will then speak to the club during our regular meeting. Let's have a great turnout to welcome Gov. Chris to Boone!

PUFFERBILLY DAYS

Troy mentioned that so far there are only about three individuals signed up to walk/ride in the Pufferbilly Days Parade on September 10th. Troy indicated the unless we get at least six (or so) members signed up he may opt out of the parade so please let him know by tomorrow if you can participate.

Dictionary Project

Mary has volunteers lined up to coordinate the delivery of dictionaries to each of the schools in Boone County and she had a great response to her request for help placing labels in the dictionaries after the meeting!



Members staying around after the meeting to help place Rotary stickers in front of the dictionaries!

SERGEANT AT ARMS

Sergeant Cody collected happy dollars from Steve Dakin who reported that he has heard Gov. Chris speak to several clubs and that we will be "very impressed" next week. He also had a great trip to Alaska where he had great success fishing. Brian was happy for the his guests (wife and daughter) and Randy was happy that his father turned 91 this week. Troy was celebrating his 30th

wedding anniversary AND he was happy that Megan will be joining Thompson Financial in the coming weeks! Megan was happy about that too and she was also looking forward to traveling twith her daughters to visit her 92 year old aunt who is a nun in Lacrosse, WI. Craig was happy for Vern (who is going to be a grandpa again) but noted that he is still tired three days after attending a

concert! Lisa is enjoying watching the Olympics Ken was happy to be celebrating his 62nd birthday and Mary was happy about the great response of members to helping out with the dictionary project!



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

Quote of the Week

We, the improvisers of our lives, go on a voyage to broaden our perspective, understand the boxes in front of us, experience the world's vivid colors, like those of a lotus, practice resilience and unity in challenging situations, give back, accept our perfect imperfections, find our home, and kick ass, because we always strive to be our best self, yet."

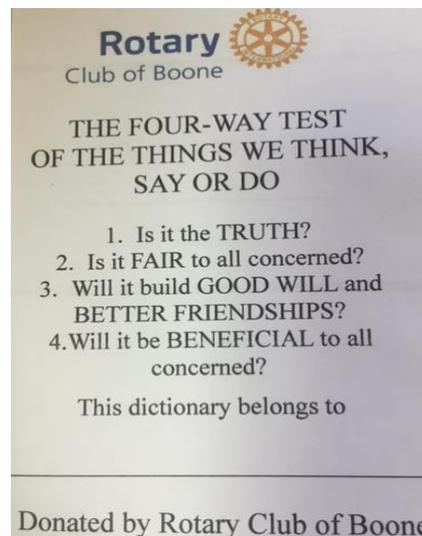
A statement that the head counselors put together with help from the RYLA counselors this past week

We had several Boone students who attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards camp in Grinnell last week on hand to share about their experiences. First up was Katelyn Mehlhaus who will be a junior this year. Katelyn shared that as soon as she arrived in the parking lot a Grinnell College someone came up and gave her a big hug and then whisked her off to the dorm that would be her home for the week. She noted that she didn't know ANYONE there so it was all a bit much to take in a first but she had a great experience with Team "K" which was nicknamed team K-O because several team members were on crutches! Katelyn shared that following her experience at RYLA she would like to work on establishing an Interact Club (a HS version of Rotary) in Boone. Next up was Sarah Schrupp. Sarah shared that she learned a lot about effective leadership and communication and that RYLA was nothing like she imagined it would be. She indicated that she would like to take what she learned at RYLA and apply it in her role as the president of the Thespian Club to help advocate for the arts!

Finishing up was Isidro Gonzales who was a counselor at RYLA. He humbly shared that HIS team was best and that he learned something from each of the 12 team members he was responsible for. He thanked the club for providing him with the opportunity to get involved in both RYLA and Rotary Youth Exchange. Congratulations to all the students on their great presentations!



RYLA participants Katelyn Mehlhaus, Isidro Gonzales, and Sarah Schrupp



The stickers placed inside the dictionaries that every Boone County third grader will receive!