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# Rotary Buzzer

## Meeting Recap

August 31  
Kris Byam, Boone HS  
Principal  
Brad Manard, Program  
Chair

September 7  
Steve Dakin, Program  
Chair

September 14  
Andrew Schroeder,  
Program Chair

September 21  
Bill Curran, Program  
Chair

September 28  
Pulled Pork Work Day

October 5  
DG Jose (Pepito)  
Rivero of Puerto Rico

October 10  
Pulled Pork Dinner

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

2016-17 RYE Students:  
Raquel Palomero  
(inbound)  
Isidro Gonzales  
(outbound)

Pres. Elect Andrew was filling info Troy on Wednesday. There were no guests or visitors to be introduced but we were saying “arrivederci” to Isidro who leaves next Wednesday for his adventure as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student in Italy. Andrew presented a gift of \$200 from the club to Isidro to help with any expenses during the coming year. In bocca al lupo, Isidro (which is evidently a common way Italians wish someone good luck—even though it literally translates as “into the mouth of the wolf”. Some of our idioms in English probably don’t seem to make a lot of sense either as Raquel can probably attest. Isidro is going to write a blog while he is in

Italy that you can follow at [liveloveitaly.blogspot.com](http://liveloveitaly.blogspot.com) I will put another reminder in the Buzzer when he has the blog posted.



**Outbound RYE Student  
Isidro Gonzales**

### PUFFERBILLY PARADE

Andrew reminded everyone that there will be an opportunity to help construct our “float” for the Pufferbilly Parade on Thursday September 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at

Troy’s house. I am sure there would still be room for anyone who would like to participate as walker on the day of the parade.

### Pulled Pork Dinner

Pete had the tickets for the pulled Pork Dinner which will take place on October 10 (Columbus Day) available on Wednesday and he cajoled, encouraged, and admonished members to “Sell tickets. Sell tickets. SELL TICKETS!” He also reminded everyone of the need to bring two pies to sell the night of the event. He did say that Mary Youngblood will be handling the ticket distribution in the coming weeks, but he was helping to get things kicked off on Wednesday!

## SERGEANT AT ARMS

Sergeant Cody paid a dollar for being “enlightened” at his table and Lisa shared that she and Dave and Troy had a fun time with Des Moines AM club last week. Dave noted that “if you’ve visited one Rotary club...you’ve visited one Rotary club” as they are each unique! Amy had a nice vacation in Chicago and noted that one of the

Museums had a walkthrough exhibit of what a street might have looked like shortly after the turn of the last century, complete with a Rotary emblem in one of the store windows. Brad was happy that everything is going smoothly after 1.5 days of schools and Andrew was happy that Stan Moffitt’s lawn mowing efforts were

recognized online! Susan had the opportunity to visit the Ankeny Rotary club for a presentation by one of her RYLA student’s and she shared that Raquel got to visit the Iowa State Fair and the Ledges. Steve noted that Raquel had a good first day of school but was “very tired” by the time she got home!



## Greg Elsberry, Boone County Sheriff

Quote of the  
Week

Sell  
tickets.  
Sell  
tickets.  
Sell  
Ticket!

Pete Frangos

Steve Dakin introduced Boone County Sheriff Gregg Elsberry who was first elected as sheriff in 2012 (he is running unopposed for election this year) who has been involved in law enforcement in Boone since 1990 (as a police officer, deputy, and now as sheriff). He did (jokingly...I think) tell everyone to "sell (pulled pork) tickets" or there could be legal consequences! Sheriff Elsberry noted that times have changed. In 1990 he experienced barroom brawls involving gangs where people were throwing pool balls at one another but this past year his officers were called to wedding reception where someone was threatening people with a knife. He shared that recruiting candidates for deputies has become very challenging, noting that at one time they might have had 50 applicants but now they often get only 5-6 people to apply. Partly this is due to the stress and time constraints of the job (nights, weekends, and holidays) and also due to competition from other counties and the city which can pay more for officers. He did inform the club the jail/law enforcement center will be paid off in 2018 and that the jail is generally

about half full, averaging 24 detainees in a 44 bed facility. He did share that gang activity is still an issue, but the gangs have changed. In the 1980's and early 1990's it was the Sons of Silence but once they were broken up in a big crackdown, some other gangs moved in. He indicated that marijuana and methamphetamine are still the "drugs of choice" but they are seeing more heroin with the influx of gangs from other parts of the country (especially Chicago). At present the department consists of 12 officers including the sheriff along with dispatchers and jailers.



Sheriff Gregg Elsberry with Steve Dakin

SEE YOU  
NEXT WEEK!