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Rotary Buzzer

Meeting Recap

November 30
Boone High School
Visit
Eldon Hutcheson,
Program Chair

December 5
Board meeting at
Boone Valley Brewing
at 5:10

December 7
Shari Bender, Former
RYE Student—Mission
trip to South Africa
Bob Herrick, Chair

December 10
Salvation Army Bell
Ringing Day

December 14
Ken Curell, Program
Chair

December 21
Holiday Party

December 28
No Meeting

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 Gonzalez
www.liveoveitaly.blogspot.com

Pres. Troy called the meeting to order for our Thanksgiving Eve meeting and welcomed Katelyn Mehlhaus who was visiting with us once again. Troy regaled the club with all sorts of Thanksgiving trivia, including the story about how the Swanson Company turned 26 tons of excess turkey meat into the first frozen TV dinners back in 1953. No word on whether any of them are still taking up space in anyone's freezer. He also shared that Ben Franklin lobbied unsuccessfully to have the clever, resourceful turkey designated as our national bird instead of the carrion-eating bald eagle! Sara Hale is responsible for getting Abraham Lincoln to

make Thanksgiving a holiday—and for composing Mary had a Little Lamb! Who knew!! He also shared that Thanksgiving is one of THE busiest days of the year for emergency call s to plumbers! Thanks to Pres. Troy for expanding our base of Thanksgiving knowledge!

Dave Cook passed around a mockup of what our new Rotary name badges will look like. He did share that they will be fastened with a clip instead of a magnet.

Field Trip Next Week

Normally field trips involving leaving school and going somewhere else, but next week we will be taking a field trip to school: Boone

High School to be exact. Members should meet at our regular time near the main entrance located near the flagpole at the west end of the buildings. Hutch indicated that he has garnered permission for members to park on the north side (only) of 7th Street (normally a no parking zone) during our visit.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

The sign-up sheet was not passed around (Cody said he forgot it at the office) but we will be bell ringing on Saturday December 10th which has been designated as Rotary Bell Ringing day throughout District 6000.

Sergeant at Arms

Cody started things off by paying a dollar to express his appreciation for all that we have to be thankful for, and several other members did likewise. Amy paid a dollar for her phone ringing last week and because she was looking forwarding to spending the Thanksgiving holiday in Missouri. Hutch was looking forward to catching up with some high school classmates in a few weeks, but noted that they will be arriving when he is

supposed to be ringing bells at noon—so if someone wanted to fill in for him (at HyVee) he would appreciate it. Jeff paid a dollar to share that he experienced a Thanksgiving plumbing “emergency” a number of years ago after being led to believe by renowned garbage disposal expert Craig Downs that just about everything could be put in the down the garbage disposal. Evidently “everything” does not include starchy potato peelings!

Rees was happy to be back with us again and Dave Cook was looking hopeful that Bill Snyder will win his 200th game at Kansas State this Saturday. I believe when coupled with Coach Snyder's 199 wins KSU has amassed about 210 wins “all time”! Jim was looking forward to playing “Father Christmas” in Boone Community Theater's production of Naria; the Musical running Dec. 2-10.



Amber Dahlman, IMPACT Community Action Partnership

Quote of the Week

I am grateful for what I am and have. My thanksgiving is perpetual.

Henry David Thoreau



Lisa introduced Amber Dahlman who is the director of the Boone County Center of IMPACT Community Action Partnership, formerly known as Red Rock. Amber shared that Red Rock was comprised of organizations in five counties, including the rural areas of Polk County, for approximately 40 years. When Des Moines joined the group the name was changed to IMPACT Community Action Partnership. IMPACT works to elimination poverty through empowering vulnerable populations, building collaborations and advocating for social change. One of the primary services the organization provides is the food pantry. Amber shared that families in need used to be able to use the pantry only four times a year, but now they are able to use it once every calendar month and they are able to pick the items they wish instead of being provided with an assortment of pre-selected food items. Amber shared that there is a tremendous need for services in our area, with 18% of families designated as being “food insecure” and almost 11% of households falling at or below the poverty line (which is determined based on the size of the household and the income level). She provided a handout that illustrated what the poverty level would be for various-sized households, noting that a single person working full-time falls below the poverty line at an hourly wage rate of just over \$11 an hour. Amber shared that 277 households have accessed food at the pantry in the last year, with most of the food coming from donated food items or

cash donations. She shared that the also have received over 800 applications for energy bill assistance. In all they served 2688 individuals in some capacity including 1262 who received food assistance. Amber also noted that she picks up two cart loads of bread during the week from HyVee as well as upwards of 90 of the brown bag packaged meals that shoppers purchase to donate to the food pantry every month. It was noted that our club just approved a donation of \$300 to IMPACT to provide food only gift cards to those in need this holiday season. It was certainly sobering to learn how great the need for the food assistance is in our community.



Lisa with Amber Dahlman of IMPACT Community Action Partnership

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!