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Meeting Recap

February 4
Club Visioning-8:30-
12:30 at the Historical
Center

February 8
Raquel Palomero's RYE
Presentation

February 13
Board Meeting 5:10 at
Boone Valley Brewing

February 15
John Wiebold, Chief of
Police
Megan Houston,
Program Chair

February 22
Jeff Anderson, Program
Chair

March 1
Auction Work Day

March 8
Jim Riordan, Program
Chair

March 15
Rees Hakanson,
Program Chair

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
(outbound)

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Pres. Troy called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting, noting that "every moment is a fresh beginning" (according to T.S. Eliot). Troy noted that we are still looking for a club treasurer for the new Rotary year (starting July 1, 2017) as well as someone to step up to serve as our president elect nominee (which would mean becoming president in about two and a half years after presidents Andrew and Lisa). Troy also reminded everyone that the next club board meeting will be held at

Sergeant Cody collected a dollar from Andrew "for the good of the order" and numerous members were paid dollars in anticipation of hearing from our speaker (Jamie Williams). Lee was looking forward to Groundhog Day. Sounds like Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow which means six more weeks of winter...but that's it! Rees was happy to have met

Boone Valley Brewing at 5:10 on Monday February 13. All members are welcome to attend the business meeting of our club in this social setting!

CLUB VISIONING ON THIS SATURDAY!

Our Club Visioning work session will take place on this Saturday morning starting at 8:30 and will conclude by 12:30. Among the topics that will be considered will be fundraisers, service projects, our upcoming club centennial celebration in 2019 and the possibility of a

Sergeant at Arms

his new great granddaughter and Susan paid a dollar to promote BCT's upcoming production of Neil Simon's Plaza Suite (and Jim will also be trodding the boards in this production!). Susan shared that if you want to attend the dinner theater productions on Feb. 10 and 11 you need to make reservations by calling 515-303-0393. Amy was

satellite club. Troy shared that Lisa has arranged for to have rolls and coffee available (Thanks, Lisa)

Next Week is Raquel's Program

Raquel has been a great RYE exchange student and has been a frequent visitor at our weekly meetings. Next week we will the opportunity to hear from Raquel about her home country and experiences as a RYE Student. Let's have a GREAT turnout to support Raquel next week!

please that Lisa and Jane have both attend her yoga class—making them look even more healthy, flexible and relaxed than they already were and Sara shared that evidently she is not the only one who thought the Pledge of Allegiance was "for Richard Stands" when she was young.



Jamie Williams, Director of Ericson Public Library

Quote of the Week

Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest.

Lady Bird Johnson

Libraries allow children to ask questions about the world and find the answers. And the wonderful thing is that once a child learns to use a library, the doors to learning are always open.

Laura Bush

Troy introduced Iowa native and director of the Ericson Public Library, Jamie Williams. Jamie began by sharing a study that looked at the return on investment that communities derive from public libraries and the impact they can have on the quality of life in a community. Libraries help promote and support literacy which in turn can result in higher learning and higher employability. Jamie noted that sometimes when people think of libraries they think dry, "classic" books—but she noted her ten year old son is much more enthusiastic about reading about Odell Beckham, Jr. Having the opportunity to read what they enjoy when they are young can foster a lifelong love of reading.

Jamie shared that an assessment of Ericson Public Library concluded that the library had a benefit of close to \$3 million to patrons and the community in the form of resource utilized and services provided (and they even loan out cake pans!). Not all residents (or students) in Boone have access to the internet and Wi Fi in their homes, so they come to the library in order to gain access to this valuable information gathering tool. With the loss of the Boone's Workforce Development office a few years ago, the library has also become the conduit for individuals who are trying to access workforce related services and information. She did not that the reduction in support in the city's

budget for the coming year will create challenges that will unfortunately result in reducing hours and some services and purchases for their collection. She did share that donations to the Friends of EPL are a big help, and needed now more than ever. She did mention that they do accept donations of books in good condition for possible addition to their collection and people have volunteered to pay for the library to buy books (they get a 40% discount) that they in turn donate to the library.



Pres. Troy with Jamie William,
Director of Ericson Public Library

See you Saturday morning
for our Club Visioning!