

Rotary Buzzer

Meeting Recap

February 22
Matt Ott, MidAmerican
Energy Windfarm
Project
Jeff Anderson, Program
Chair

March 1
Auction Work Day

March 4
District Grant Seminar,
West Des Moines

March 8
Jim Riordan, Program
Chair

March 15
Rees Hakanson,
Program Chair

March 20
Board meeting 5:10—
Boone Valley Brewing

March 22
Shelly Grabau—
Stephen's Ministry
Mary Youngblood,
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 back Matt Elthon of Fareway who was visiting once again as well as Sarah Schrupp and Raquel. Troy congratulated Sarah on the news that she had been awarded a scholarship that she had applied for for next year. Congratulations, Sarah. Troy reminded members of the **RAG4 Clubfoot Opportunity** that he had announced last week. A donor has indicated they are willing to match donations given to Rotary Action Group for Clubfoot initiative up to \$125,000. If you would like to help support this cause, please let Troy know.

Troy also reminded everyone of the upcoming **DISTRICT GRANT SEMINAR** that will take place on March 4th from 9-2 at Shive-Hattery's offices in West Des Moines. Jim had indicated he might be able to go (but he was gone on Wednesday) but clubs may send more than one representative if they wish.

BOARD MEETING UPDATE

President Troy updated the club on the actions taken by the board the meeting on Monday night. He reported that the club

is donating \$300 to the Historical Society for "video archiving" of Boone County History—one aspect of which will involve Vern sharing about his grandfather, Carl Henning, who was Park Supt. at the Ledges for many years. The board also approved \$8000 for scholarships (Steve, Cody and Vicki will make up the committee this year) and \$500 will go to sponsor the Pufferbilly Spelling Bee and \$250 to sponsor the Boone Minor League Pirates again this year

Sergeant at Arms

Sergeant Cody collected a happy dollar from Ken who hoped the weather would be as nice in May as it has been in February and several other members contributed dollars to express their appreciation of the unseasonably nice weather we are experiencing. George noted his daughter in New Hampshire was not so

happy about the weather there, having received 36 inches of snow this past weekend. Amy's kinds were not so happy that Wednesday was probably going to be the last day they could snowboard this year. Hutch was glad Matt was visiting again, noting they are still trying to clean up the mess that Bill left behind at Fareway (kidding!). Brian was

happy that his daughter, Katelyn, was selected to participate in Girls' State. Susan reminded everyone that Plaza Suite will be performed again this coming Friday and Saturday (two shows on Sat) and she was glad Raquel was feel better after having contracted the flu.



Boone Police Chief John Wiebold

Quote of the Week

All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt.

Charles M. Schulz, creator of Peanuts



Megan, who has served on Boone's Civil Service Commission for several years, introduced new Boone Police Chief John Wiebold. Chief Wiebold grew up in Cedar Rapids and joined the Boone Police force in 2002, noting that Mayor George Maybee swore him in. For the past 13 years he has worked primarily on the "night shift", so he suspected he had not needed to have professional interactions with many members of club! Chief Wiebold shared that the BDP is at full strength (18 officers), with three officers currently completing training at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. He did note that the city currently has a relatively "young" force with seven officers under the age of 27.

the Academy in the past. They have also initiated "coffee with a cop" which involves free coffee and donuts (of course!) for visitors to the police station from 7-8 am on the third Saturday of each month (this Saturday!). Chief Wiebold noted that the department's canine (Shocker) is "semi-retired" and he is not certain if they will get another dog when he is fully retired. The upfront cost is about \$20,000 for a trained dog and then food, housing, and daily ongoing training can be somewhat costly and time consuming (and there are liability issues involved as well). He also shared that all officers in the department have had body cameras for the past 8 years, so having cameras available seems a normal part of how they do business at this point.

Chief Wiebold highlighted some of the community engagement initiative the BPD is involved in including Shop with a Cop (providing 84 kids with \$125 in funding for Christmas gifts this past year), the Youth Police Academy for area juniors and seniors who are interested in learning more about careers in law enforcement, and the Citizen's Police Academy. He indicated that the Academy will be starting again in a few weeks and there are still a few slots open if anyone is interested in participating (it is held on Thursday evenings from 6:00-9:30). The Academy runs for nine weeks and includes sessions meeting with the County Attorney, mock traffic stops, using firearms at the shooting range, and a nighttime "ride along" with an officer. Several members of the club have completed



Chief John Wiebold with Megan Houston

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