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Meeting Recap

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

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 (in phases!) welcomed a number of guests and visitors. Sara Schupp was on hand to hear Raquel's program as were Lesli Dakin and Kathy Hakanson who were visiting with the respective spouses. Also visiting on Wednesday was Matt Elthon who works for Fareway Stores, Inc. as buyer. Troy did remind everyone that we are still in need of a club treasurer (this July) and president elect for 2019-2020 Rotary year. Troy also noted that our Club Visioning session went well and a report will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead.

Sergeant Cody collected a lot of happy dollars from members who were looking forward to hearing Raquel's presentation. Dave noted that he has worked with about 1/3 of all the clubs in District 6000 on Club Visioning and he indicated that he felt ours was one of the best he has had the opportunity to be part of and he is very excited

RAG4 Clubfoot Opportunity

President Troy shared that he had received an email earlier in the day that indicated a donor has pledged to match up to \$125,000 towards the Rotary Action Group for Clubfoot initiative. This is the group that has been working to make the Ponsetti method for remediating clubfoot more accessible to children in developing countries. If you would like to contribute to this cause let Troy know.

Sergeant at Arms

about future of our club. Ken was happy that was February 8th and he was able to lounge about drinking coffee until 10:00 in the morning instead of doing taxes! Megan was happy about ISU's big win over Kansas and Abby was happy that her "middle daughter" turned five this week. Jeff enjoyed the Sound of Music, even though he

DISTRICT GRANT SEMINAR

Troy reported that the District Grant Seminar for our area will take place on March 4th from 9-2 at Shive-Hattery's offices in West Des Moines. In order to be eligible to apply for a district grant (like the one that enabled us to purchase the defibrillators earlier) we must have a representative our club attend the grant seminar. Jim indicated he may be able to go (he's checking his schedule) but clubs may send more than one representative if they wish.

wished Simon Estes (who was sitting two seats away from him) had joined in with the singing! Rees was really (not) looking forward to dental work each of the next two Wednesdays and Lee enjoyed the snow—which is beautiful to look at. Steve was glad Matt from Fareway was with us on Wednesday!



RYE STUDENT RAQUEL PALOMERO

Quote of the Week

Too much sanity may be madness and the maddest of all, to see life as it is and not as it should be.

Miguel de Cervantes, *Don Quixote*



Susan began by sharing a bit about the process that leads up to a RYE Student coming to our club/community and then turned it over to Raquel. Unfortunately a technical glitch did not allow Raquel's slides to project but we will forward her presentation so that everyone will be able to see the pictures. Raquel shared that she is from northern Spain, near the border with France. She noted at the outset that although Spain is known for bullfighting, she does approve of this activity (but we did learn later that she does enjoy watching "Toreadors" play football and basketball!) She shared that Spain is a parliamentary democracy with a constitutional monarchy. She noted that people are not particularly fond of their current president (she didn't say who they felt about the job that King Felipe VI is doing!). Some of the foods that Spain is known for include Spanish omelets and paella.

Raquel shared some of the contrasts she has noted between her home country and US. In Spain the schools have stricter dress codes than here, no sports, and no DANCES—things that she really likes about school in the US. Students in Spain almost never have jobs while they are in school, partly because they might take jobs that adults need (unemployment is higher there). She shared that while people of Spain are very proud of their country, displaying their flag is far less common than it is here and people in Iowa are more openly religious than in Spain.

Topping Raquel's the list of things she misses about home was her cat—although she did say she also missed her sisters and parents! In addition to becoming very familiar with life in the Midwest (including snow), Raquel also had the opportunity to travel to North Carolina, Texas, Arizona, and California while she was staying with the Dakins. She is now living Isidro Gonzales' family and shared that it the first time she has had to live (and share a bathroom) with "brothers", which has been a new experience! Club members had many questions for Raquel so she did not have to "endure" Pres. Troy's (dare I say, Spanish) "Inquisition"! Great job, Raquel!



Pres. Troy with Raquel and one her host moms--Lesli Dakin!

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!