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# Rotary Buzzer

## Meeting Recap

May 8  
Board Meeting—Boone  
Valley Brewing at 5:10

May 10  
James Gideon, Boone  
Livery  
Jane Hitsman, Program  
Chair

May 17  
Steve Dakin, ADG  
Rotary Update

May 24  
Auction Work Day

May 31  
Doug Thompson,  
Program Chair

June 7  
Cody Bowers, Program  
Chair

June 14  
Randy Purdy, Program  
Chair

June 16  
Rotary Auction—Seven  
Oaks

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. “Grizzly” Thompson called the meeting to order, sporting some springtime stubble. He welcomed Tony Prouty who was visiting with Eldon. Tony is a Boone High grad and is the office equipment business—selling copiers and “adding machines” if needed! Also visiting was Tara Connolly who is the Executive Director of the DMACC Foundation and Mary Maybee who was accompanying George for his “birthday lunch”!

Susan collected “Dear Senior” letters from a number of members on Wednesday. She indicated that if anyone else had some ready they could drop them off at the YSS Office which is located in the old medical office building across the street from the Hospital.

Sergeant Cody collected a happy dollar from Vicki who apologized for having to leave early last week, but who was happy to report that her husband received a great report from the doctor! Matt is enjoying the nice weather and several members expressing happiness over Mara’s induction as a new member! George paid 88 smackers in honor of his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday—and Mary paid a dollar as well—noting that she couldn’t match George’s

### ROTARY ACADEMIC AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Sara will be presenting the Rotary Scholarships to the Boone High seniors receiving awards this year on May 17<sup>th</sup> and Dave Cook will be presenting the Rotary Academic Awards on Class Day prior to graduation. Thanks to Sara and Dave for representing our club at these recognition events.

### MARA MACKAY IS THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE BOONE ROTARY CLUB

Pres. Troy called forward Mara MacKay to welcome her as the newest member of the Boone Rotary Club. Mara is the executive director of the Boone County Historical Society/Boone County Museums. Mara shared that she is very excited to be a

member and appreciates all the support our club has provided the Historical Center. She encouraged everyone to come and see the next exhibit on the American Bison that has been installed upstairs! Congratulations, Mara!



**Our newest member, Mara Mackay, with Pres. Troy**

### Sergeant at Arms

donation but she appreciated getting to have lunch with him. Randy was happy to learn there are still adding machines around and Dave was looking forward to taking Raquel to Coralville for the District Conference this weekend. Tim was proud that his middle daughter has completed her program and boards for the dental hygienist program and Megan was happy about the auction items that are starting to come. Lisa and

Megan shared that they are looking for “fun ideas” for things for kids to do as part of our club’s participating in Ericson Library’s Literacy promotion event in early June. Let them know if you have any thoughts on what we could do. Bob was glad to be back—noting that the last two weeks were “not a vacation”!

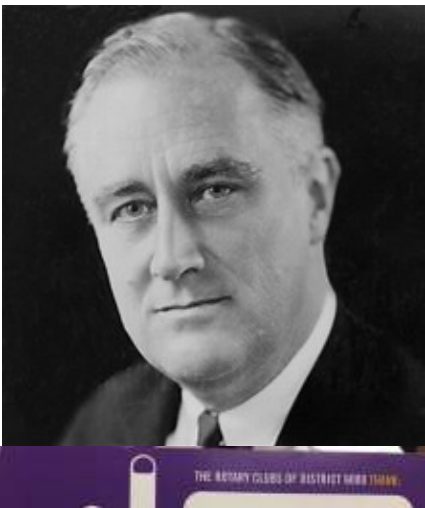


# Rob Denson, DMACC President

## Quote of the Week

Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely. The real safeguard of democracy, therefore, is education.

Franklin D. Roosevelt



Troy introduced DMACC President Rob Denson. He noted that he is proud of the Boone Campus and the great work that Drew is doing here as provost. Pres. Denson shared that he is trying to speak to every Rotary club in DMACC's community college district to update them on what is going on within the DMACC system. He share that DMACC is the largest community college in Iowa and, with over 37,000 students, actually has the largest enrollment of any college in the state (even bigger than those "little" schools in Ames and Iowa City!) and the student/teacher ratio at DMACC is 18:1. Pres. Denson noted that DMACC's goal is to make sure that students get the "right skills for the right jobs" by working to align their programs with demands of employers in the state. DMACC has six "full" centers (including Boone) along with four career academies, including the Hunziker Center in Ames which provides seven different vocational programs. In all, DMACC offers over 250 different degree and certification programs. One of the niches that DMACC filled is providing training for Transportation Safety Agency workers. Since beginning the program they have become the provider of

training for 36 states and the District of Columbia. Pres. Denson also shared that DMACC provided high school students in Iowa with over 120,000 college credits last year which provides students and families with significant savings on their overall college costs. Thanks to Pres. Denson for a very interesting update on what is going on in the DMACC system.



Boone Campus Provost Drew Nelson with DMACC President Rob Denson

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!

