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Rotary Buzzer

June 16
Rotary Auction—Seven
Oaks 5:30

June 21
Diane Hinderaker,
Boone County
Community Services
Abby Howie, Program
chair

June 28
Rotary Year in Review!

Jeff Anderson, Editor
Pres. Troy Thompson
Dist. Gov. Chris Knapp
ADG Steve Dakin
RI Pres. John Germ

Isidro Gonzalez
(outbound)
www.liveloveitaly.blogspot.com

Meeting Recap

Pres. Troy called the meeting to order and welcomed back Sarah Schrupp. Troy shared that Sarah will be gone next week as she is getting ready to travel to Haiti for a mission trip to volunteer at an orphanage. Good luck and safe travels, Sarah!

Inaugural Satellite Meeting is a Big Success

Troy reported that the initial Satellite Meeting at Colorado Grill was a big success. We had six or seven guests and THREE turned in applications for membership that evening. Troy did a great job sharing with those present about the great things that the Boone Rotary Club is involved in in our community and around the world! At that meeting (which was also a board meeting) the board approved the purchase and installation of new metal

bench that will serve as a “buddy bench” at the renovated Sacred Heart playground. Dave reported that the bench has already been ordered and when it arrives he hopes to have both Rotarians and members of the Sacred Heart playground group participating in its installation.

IT’S AUCTION TIME!!!

It seemed like a long ways off when planning got underway for this year’s auction...but now it’s almost here! Abby passed around the work list again and she shared that tomorrow around 3:30 we will be packing up the items that have been donated and transporting them from USBANK to the Seven Oaks. If you are free,

please stop by the bank or Seven Oaks to lend a hand. Abby and Megan and Troy (the cook) and his crew will be at Seven Oaks starting around 9:00 on Friday (the day of the Auction) and will continue with preparations for the big event. Members are invited to stop out any time during the day at Seven Oaks to help out with the preparations. Troy did say that if you are helping out around noon he will be grilling hamburgers. Lisa did say they will still take more bottles for the wine grab through tomorrow (Thursday). Thank again (and again, and again) to Abby and Megan for all their work chair this major project!

SERGEANT AT ARMS

The happy dollars that Cody collected on Wednesday were to provide the funds for the “Heads or Tails” game that takes place at the acution. If you haven’t “played” the game before you’ll find out it’s pretty easy to learn! Many members chipped in “just” to help out with the funding for the game. George paid three dollars in recognition of his string of three straight meals that have involved eating pork tenderloin sandwiches. Evidently he hasn’t grown tired

of them yet, noting that they were all “very good”! Dave was “sad and happy”: Sad that Raquel left to Boone to begin her journey home yesterday but happy that he and Lisa had the opportunity to host her. Dave noted that to Davenport in preparation for her return to Spain (leaving from Chicago) but happy that he and Lisa had the opportunity to experience being a host family. Jeff was happy that an exchange student that he hosted in 2006-07 is

returning for a visit but sad that he was going to miss the auction because he was he was meeting her in Chicago this weekend. Amy was happy that her daughter was going on dance trip to Chicago this weekend as well. Evidently Chicago’s the place to be this week!



Travis Stevenson, Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad

Quote of the Week

Summer is a promissory note signed in June, its long days spent and gone before you know it, and due to be repaid next January.

Hal Borland,
American Author
1900-1978



Randy introduced Travis Stevenson who is the general manager of the Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad. Travis's father, Fenner, was the longtime manager prior to passing away about two years ago. Travis began by answering the question: How did the railroad do last year? Travis shared that the B&SVRR had 52,140 riders last year and record numbers of riders on the Pumpkin Express and Santa Express and they had visitors from all 50 states and 20 foreign countries. The railroad also pulled 113 tanker cars to PDM from the switching area behind HyVee. Travis said they received a new Electric Locomotive that they are in the process of refurbishing and restoring (from 1913) that they hope to use on the electrified line that runs from the east end of their rail yard to Story Street in downtown Boone. The railroad was used for a Von Maur photo shoot (Travis noted that while he couldn't say if the models were photoshopped but he is pretty sure their trains were "enhanced". He also shared that they are spending about

\$750,000 to refurbish the tracks on the east end of their line near the freight yard which has been a major undertaking. The B&SVRR has ten paid staff and almost 200 volunteers (no previous railroad experience is needed he said!) and he encourage anyone with free time to consider becoming a volunteer!



Randy Purdy with B&SVRR General Manager Travis Stevenson

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