

Rotary Buzzer

Meeting Recap

August 2
Bill Skare, City
Administrator
George Maybee,
Program Chair

August 9
Matt Ethlon, Program
Chair

August 14
Board Meeting 5:15 at
Boone Valley
Brewing—everyone is
welcome

August 16
Tom Monroe, Program
Chair

August 23
Mara MacKay, Program
Chair

August 30
DG Mike Ruby

September 6
Steve Dakin, Program
Chair

September 13
Andrew Schroeder,
Program Chair

September 20
Bill Curran, Program
Chair

Jeff Anderson, Editor

Pres. Andrew
Schroeder

Dist. Gov. Mike Ruby

RI Pres. Ian Riseley

Pres. Andrew called the meeting and welcomed several guests and visitors including Jamie Williams of Ericson Public Library and Jordan Wineinger who is the director at Westhaven who has been proposed for membership. Also visiting were members of Isidro's family including his father, David, his mother Olga, his brother Mario and his wife, Anna, his grandmother Amanda, and his sister, Nayeli who were on hand to hear Isidro's presentation about his experiences as a RYE exchange student in Italy. Also visiting was District Governor Nominee Elect Erna Morain. She will be the DG two years from now.

Andrew reminded everyone of the World Bike Relief fundraiser and he also mentioned that Ed Arnold of

the NW Des Moines club is looking for one member of each club to serve as the ticket liaison for next year's year's Polio Plus-Wolves (they are no longer the Energy) fundraiser. He is hoping that the chairs can touch base about once a month leading up to the event.

Paul Harris Recognitions

Pres. Andrew called past pres. Troy to present Paul Harris Awards from the club to Megan Houston and Abby Howie in recognition of their tremendous, ongoing service to our club. Also recognized by Pres. Andrew was Becky Dose who received her Paul Harris Plus One pin for her ongoing support of the Rotary Foundation. Congratulations to Megan, Abby, and Becky!



Paul Harris recipients
Megan, Becky, and Abby!

Ericson Public Library Donation



Abby and Megan
presented Jamie Williams
with a check for \$3825 in
support of Ericson Library!

SERGEANT AT ARMS

Sergeant Cody collected a happy dollar from Troy for our Paul Harris recipients and from Amy who was helping with a "Yoga in the Park" fundraiser for Sam Davidson (a four year old who is recovering from a brain tumor). George paid a dollar to promote his program speaker—City administrator Bill Skare. Steve was happy that Erna was visiting our club and Phil

was "just happy". Drew was happy about the Astros and many members were looking forward to hearing about Isidro's experiences in Italy. Mary had a fun, but tiring, week with her grandson's fishing in Minnesota and she was looking forward to an auction that evening that included some "duplicate" items that the Boone County Historical Center was auctioning off as a fundraiser. Pete was looking

forward to the Pulled Pork Dinner and mentioned an opportunity for a member to sponsor the tickets for the low, low price of \$100. Matt had an enjoyable "kid free" weekend in Kansas City. Several members were also happy about the club's BIG donation to Ericson Library!



Isidro Gonzales, Rotary Youth Exchange

Quote of the Week

I think risk-taking is a great adventure. And life should be full of adventures.

Herbie Hancock,
musician



Before Isidro gave his presentation, his mother, Olga, read a heartfelt thank you note, expressing her gratitude to our club for supporting Isidro. She shared that he is a “different person” and grew tremendously over the past year. Isidro began by dropping some pretty serious Italian on us (he spoke no Italian before he left). When he resumed his talk in English he shared that he had said his experience was “the best year of his life” and that he too appreciated our club “believed in him” enough to provide him with this wonderful experience. He lived with four different host families—noting that the first one “didn’t really want him” but the other three were fantastic. He attended a school that emphasized the arts and he shared that Italian students must pick a school with a particular emphasis like the arts, languages, classics, or science at a fairly young age. Isidro chronicled his experiences in a blog he kept throughout the year and many of the episodes and experiences he was only able to touch no briefly during his talk were

discussed in much greater detail in his blog. He did say that his understanding of Spanish did enable him to start understanding Italian more quickly than otherwise might have been the case. All in all it sounds like Isidro had a great experience and he was a wonderful ambassador for our club, Rotary, and our country. Well done, Isidro!



Isidro along with his family (L-R): David (father), Amanda (Grandmother), Isidro, Nayeli (sister), Olga (Mother), Mario (brother) and Anna (sister in law)

NOTICES OF PROPOSAL FOR MEMBERSHIP

- Elijah Stines (first notice)
- Leticia Germer (second notice)
- Ruth Thompson (second notice)
- Jordan Wineinger (first notice)

Please direct any comments to Pres. Andrew or a board member