

# Rotary Buzzer

## Meeting Recap

August 21  
Satellite Club  
meeting—5:15 at Boone  
Valley Brewing (Please  
note location change!)

August 23  
Andy Bartlett, Ledges  
State Park  
Mara MacKay, Program  
Chair

August 30  
DG Mike Ruby's Club  
Visit!

September 6  
Steve Dakin, Program  
Chair

September 13  
Andrew Schroeder,  
Program Chair

September 20  
Bill Curran, Program  
Chair

September 27  
Pulled Pork Work Day

October 4  
Brad Manard, Program  
Chair

October 11  
Tim Trudeau, Program  
Chair

Jeff Anderson, Editor

Pres. Andrew  
Schroeder

RY Student Matej Vukic

Dist. Gov. Mike Ruby

RI Pres. Ian Riseley

Pres. Andrew called the meeting or order and reversed the order of our agenda to accommodate the babysitting schedule of one of our speakers who needed to leave early! When they were introduced a bit later, our guests on Wednesday included Katelyn Mehlhaus and Jim Dose (husband of Becky) and Lesley Dakin (wife of Steve). The Dakin's and he Dose's will be our inbound Rotary Youth Exchange student Matej Vukic's first two host families!

### Welcome, Mat!

Susan introduced this year's Rotary Youth Exchange Student Matej "Mat" Vukic from Croatia. Mat arrived in Des Moines at 5:45 last night after his first flight EVER! Susan shared that

Mat just turned 16 last month and his father is a physician and his mother is a radiologist. Mat has a younger brother (8) and sister (11) who he says already want to be exchange students someday! Mat enjoys playing basketball and tennis and he has already been to the High School earlier in the day to get registered for classes! Welcome to Boone, Mat!

### Pulled Pork Dinner

Tickets are available for the Pulled Pork Dinner which will be held on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Pete and Mary would appreciate any suggestions and help that members could provide with marketing and advertising for the Pulled Pork Dinner.

### SERGEANT AT ARMS

Sereant Cody collected a LOT of happy dollars for the program presented by our wonderful RYLA students and for the arrival of our ew inbound Rotary Youth Exchange student, Mat! Drew was happy that he has one child at Boone High and one at DMACC and his wife is interviewing for an academic counseling job

at ISU. Jeff was happy his "work/real" wife remembered it was Rotary day at 12:05 today (yeah, I forgot), and Susan was happy that "our future" appears to be in very good hands if the conversation among the RYLA students (current and former) and our new RYE student is any indication! Craig was

There was an admonishment to everyone to get out and sell tickets!

### Highway Litter Pick Up

Our Adopt a Highway Litter Pick Up will take place on Wednesday September 13<sup>th</sup> on our stretch of Highway 30 (the east bound side—across the highway from MOFFITT's!).

### DG Mike Ruby's Visit is Coming Up

Please mark your calendars and plan to be on hand to welcome DG Mike Ruby to Boone on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Gov. Mike will meet with the board at 11:00 and then will address the club during our regular meeting!

looking forward to the eclipse and Tony and Matt were happy about the rain (hopefully there won't be rain on Monday to spoil "our" eclipse!

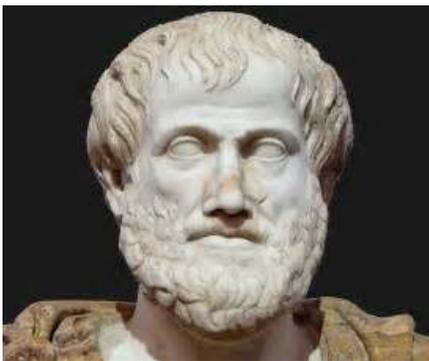


## Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

### Quote of the Week

Good habits formed at youth make all the difference.

Aristotle



Tom Monroe introduced three of our four RYLA students (Kyra Troendle, the fourth student, lives in Madrid and will be with us in a few weeks). Kaine Simmonds, Samantha Crouse, and Kenzie Parrish shared about their recent experiences at the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) Camp in Grinnell. Kaine shared that he really enjoyed getting to know so many people he had never met before and developing new friendships. Kenzie and Samantha both shared that they “had no idea” what to expect when they arrive at RYLA and it was very different because participants were not allowed to have their phones or watches so they could be “fully in the moment”. They all indicated that they became very close with the 13 other teammates and have remained in regular contact with each other and their counselors since they returned home. Kaine and Samantha both indicated that they would be interested in applying to counselors at RYLA next year (Isidro went to RYLA as a participant first and then as a counselor—so it can happen!). Bob told the group that the District Youth Exchange Committee is so

encouraged by the great experience and preparation that RYLA provides participants that they are trying to get All our district outbound exchange students to participate in RYLA before their exchange takes place (Well, Isidro can check that box too!). The students thanked the club for sponsoring their participation in what they all agreed was a life changing week at RYLA!



**RYLA Participants Kaine Simmonds and Samantha Crouse (Kenzie Parrish had to leave early)**



**Jim and Becky Dose and Lesley and Steve Dakin with RYE Student Matej “Mat” Vukic**