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# Rotary Buzzer

## Meeting Recap

August 30  
DG Mike Ruby's Club  
Visit!

September 6  
Steve Dakin, Program  
Chair

September 13  
Andrew Schroeder,  
Program Chair

**Highway Litter Pick Up  
at 5:15**

September 20  
Club Centennial Update  
Lisa (Hitsman!) Mount

September 27  
Pulled Pork Work Day

October 4  
Brad Manard, Program  
Chair

October 10  
**Pulled Pork Dinner**

October 11  
Tim Trudeau, Program  
Chair

October 18  
Masai Special School in  
Tanzania, Del  
Christensen  
Chris Jacobsen,  
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 to order and passed around a thank you note from Mary Kate Swanson who was one of our scholarship recipients and from the coordinators of the Freedom Flight that our club donated towards. Andrew shared that our club contributed three bikes for the World Bike Relief project and all told there were 4994 bikes donated in just July alone! Andrew also announced that the meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup> will be dedicated to an update on plans for our Club Centennial Celebration coming up in 2019. Centennial chair Lisa Hitsman...I mean, Mount..will be leading the discussion.

Sergeant Cody collected happy dollars from many members who were happy about the great weather and our program. Jeff paid a dollar in honor of Herman Kopitzke who was the "Paul Hellwege" of the Boone Lions Club and Kurt paid to encourage people to come out next Wednesday when RVTV will be passing through Boone in preparation for the ISU-Iowa game. He also put out a call for

### Sacred Heart Playground Bench

Dave reported that we will be installing a new bench at the playground at Sacred Heart School on Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup> (similar to the benches installed a few years ago at the Canine Corral). Dave will provide the exact time closer to the date.

### Ride to End Polio

Susan shared about a fundraiser that began in California. The goal is to raise \$500 for the District's polio eradication effort by having members ride stationary bikes for whatever length of time they choose, trying to get "per minute" donations from contributors. Vicki Greco will be coordinating the

effort and is tentatively looking to have the stationary bikes at the YMCA available for a "group ride".

### Pulled Pork Dinner

Pete provided an update on ticket sales, noting that 78 tickets have been sold so far (and Craig and Jeff have sold 62 of them). It is still a ways off but it is never too soon to sell tickets!

### DG Mike Ruby's Visit is Next Week!

Please plan to be at next week's meeting when District Governor Mike Ruby will be making his visit to our club. The visit by the District Governor is one of the highlights of the Rotary year so let's have a great turnout to welcome Gov. Mike to Boone!

## SERGEANT AT ARMS

volunteers for Pufferbilly Days. Amy had a great trip to Hawaii and she too put out a call for volunteers to help her in the concession stand at the Boone football game this Friday or the Freshman game on Sept. 22 at 4:00 (she needs six helpers). Dave and Jim were rooting for a Boone win against Creston on Friday (got their wish!) and Brian took his daughter to college in Ohio last week and and Brad was glad that

school was back in session...and Sara was REALLY glad that school is back in session! Mara was happy to have her new name badge and Vicki showed up "just a bit" early for the meeting and witnessed all the work that Bob does each week getting the room set up. Thank you, Bob!



## Ledges State Park

**Quote of the Week**

Study nature, love nature, stay close to nature. It will never fail you.

**Frank Lloyd Wright**  
Architect, 1867-1959



Mara introduced Andy Bartlett who is the head ranger at Ledges State Park and Sandy Weldon who is the president of the Friends of the Ledges. Andy began by thanking he club for the donation of the bench at Sacred Heart, noting that he was the one who made the proposal request for a bench to the club. With respect to the park, Andy shared that the Canyon Road is currently closed due to a series of landslides this past spring but they are in the process of getting bids to “repair, reroute, or find other solutions” to this problem is getting underway . He also shared that the campgrounds at the Ledges are going to be renovated during the coming year as well with improved electrical services and widening of the road. He noted that the Ledges has approximately 15,000 campers per year which is the most of any state park in Iowa despite the fact that they have only about 1/3 the camping locations of other state parks—which highlights just how popular Ledges State Park is! They generally have campers from all 99 counties, about 45+ states, and around 15-17 foreign countries each year! Sandy talked about the Friends of the Ledges which is non-profit organization that

helps support the Ledges with financial donations and volunteers. She invited members to visit and “like” their Facebook page. She thanked our club for helping to fund a documentary about the Ledges that features Vern Condon reminiscing about his experiences at the park back when his grandfather Carl “Fritz” Henning was the first Park Superintendent. Should be a very interesting production!



**Andy Bartlett of Ledges State Park and Sandy Weldon of The Friends of the Ledges**

**SEE YOU NEXT WEEK  
WHEN WE WELCOME  
DISTRICT GOVENOR  
MIKE RUBY TO  
BOONE!**