

Rotary Buzzer

Meeting Recap

September 27
Sara Behn, Boone
County Hospital
Foundation—Harvest
Festival

October 4
Diana Byriel, STEM
Program
Tim Trudeau, Program
Chair

October 10
Pulled Pork Dinner

October 11
Boone EDGE Program,
Kris Byam, Boone High
Principal

October 18
Masai Special School in
Tanzania, Del
Christensen
Chris Jacobsen, chair

October 25
Phil Hauser, 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 welcomed visitors Mary Maybee and Michelle Casabaum who is our current assistant district governor. One of the bikes our club helped purchase for delivery to those in need of transportation in developing countries was available for viewing on Wednesday. We are working on getting it back for the Pulled Pork Dinner so that we can “show” this great Rotary project that our club is supporting to the public!

Abbie, Amy and Cody have volunteered to be co-chairs for the auction. Thank you for stepping up to serve in this capacity. It goes without saying (but we’ll say it anyway) that EVERYONE in the club is responsible for helping our committee chairs wherever needed!

Isidro will be doing his Italy presentation for the Evening Rotary Club. (Evening Rotary Club is their new name) and it was reported that Shellie Grabau has been proposed for membership for the Evening Rotary Club!

Pulled Pork Dinner Update

Mary announced that 340 tickets had been sold. Please keep selling. Abbie announced that the Iowa Pork Producers Association has agreed to pay for our pulled pork in return for providing recognition of their support! Many thanks to the Pork Producers for this tremendous donation to our event! The Pulled Pork Dinner has a Facebook page--so if you are on Facebook, please forward it on to your friends!

Another suggestion that that District Governor Mike made when he was in Boone recently

was recognizing members’ “Rotary anniversaries”. Since July 1st George reached his 38th year as a Rotarian and Jeff has been a member of the Boone Club for 28 years. Others mentioned were Jim Riordan, Becky Dose, Tim Trudeau, Vicki Greco and Phil Hauser.

Sergeant at Arms Report

Happy dollars were given by Brian for his re-election to the school board and Hutch gave Cody a “wad” of bills for his birthday, indicating that it would only take about 15 minutes to count it all out! George gave 8 + 8 in \$1.00 bills for Mary’s birthday last Monday. Mary, who said since George was a Rotarian the longest that probably makes her the

“longest” guest. She has been attending about once a month and at one time was the only lady in the room. She appreciates us making her feel so welcome.

Troy, borrowing from George, gave 5 + 2 \$1.00 bills for his birthday and was glad that Shellie Grabau was becoming an Evening Rotary member. Steve had his 50th high

school reunion and was surprised there were so many old people there. Several dollars were given to express appreciation for our auction chairs and guests. Michelle (ADG) gave a dollar because the District has been able to purchase 563 bikes so far and another for her 15yrs in Rotary.



Club Centennial Update

Quote of the Week

Old age is like everything else. To make a success of it, you've got to start young.

Theodore Roosevelt



Lisa introduced Dave Cook for a run down on the two Centennial Projects that are being considered.

The Centennial Committee started planning in February for the 100th Anniversary of our club on May 1, 2019. At our Visioning meeting in February, members were asked what Centennial project we would you like to see our club do for the 100th Anniversary. The two ideas that had the most votes were establishing a Rotary College Savings Program and Rotary Centennial Railroad Entrance project. For each idea, the committee had to come up with implementation ideas and target and met with key stakeholders in accomplishing each project to decide if they were feasible to continue.

Rotary College Savings Program – In trying to find a way to help more kids achieve the goal of a secondary education in the future it was proposed that we could start an Iowa 529 program for every kindergarten student in Boone County, which is around 240 kids. To sustain this, they decided that the scholarship money we give out now could be used for this along with donations from local businesses and private individuals. They calculated that to do this in 2019 we would have to raise 1 million dollars, which was not feasible. Instead the possibility of providing 100 students \$100-\$250 matches, emphasizing students in elementary and middle school who would then have time to build this up with their own money. We Rotarians would learn about Iowa 529 accounts and would advertise and seek out families who are interested in doing this, trying to attract the students who are in the middle-class families who often get left out of scholarships or government help for the low-income students. We would also work to get corporate donors, Alumni Association donors,

etc. Parents would become the owners of the accounts and could set up payroll deductions for their part in keeping these going. They have also gotten DMACC on board to work with us to sweeten the pot if the student attends DMACC. This would help 10 times the number of students we help now annually.

Rotary Centennial Railroad Entrance project - This idea is for a new entrance sign for Boone to be located adjacent to the NW corner of Highway 30. It would consist of a vintage locomotive, passenger car, and Caboose with the words "Welcome to Boone" on the passenger car.

The Rotary emblem would be visible on the train and the outside of the cars would be illuminated along with the interior of the passenger car. To begin they met with the BSVRR, because without their support, this would not be possible. They quickly recognized that this was a good idea for them and offered to donate the train cars and some equipment to move them. They also met with Ed Higgins to inform him about our plan, and the Chamber, whose sign would be replaced at Highway 30. Everyone was on board. The next step was to contact the Iowa DOT officials to see if this was possible on their land. This land was originally saved for entrance and exit ramps for an overpass at this location. They indicated that this was not in their future plans and they were very happy to have us do this. The committee is still developing ideas to brand both projects. Unfortunately, because of the costs we will not be able to do both projects at once so some time in the near future, this will be brought before the membership for a vote on which project we want to do. There is always the chance that the remaining idea could be done in the future if the Club decides to do so. They also have plans for a big city wide party to celebrate. Thanks to Dave, Lisa, and the committee for all their work on our Centennial!



Thanks to Vern for handing out dictionaries to the kids at Trinity!