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Rotary Buzzer

MEETING RECAP

November 22
Sue Gradoville, Middle
School Counselor
Eldon Hutcheson,
Program Chair

November 29
Lisa Mount, Program
Chair

December 6
Bob Herrick, Program
Chair

December 13
Ken Curell, Program
Chair

December 20
Christmas Party

December 27
No Meeting

January 3
Kurt Phillips, Program
Chair

January 10
Brian Mehlhaus,
Program Chair

Jeff Anderson, Editor

Pres. Andrew
Schroeder

RY Student Matej Vukic

Dist. Gov. Mike Ruby

RI Pres. Ian Riseley

Thanks to Mary Youngblood for taking notes for the Buzzer in my absence last Wednesday. Andrew reported that the board met on Monday evening and approved donating \$500 to Boone County Impact for their food assistance program which will benefit 20-25 families. They also approved ordering 30 winter coats for Project Warm which will be given to Salvation Army. Grace Church is paying \$240 and we are paying \$240. Ann Haugland sent a thank you email to tell us how excited her grandson was when he got his dictionary. He informed her that it had everything he would ever want to look up! Amy noted that the Hope Foundation festival will be December 2. She will prepare a basket from the Club. Thanks, Amy! Andrew also noted that our club Christmas

party will be December 20th and there will be no meeting on December 27th.

Centennial Project Update

The results of the club vote last week for our Centennial Project were in favor of proceeding with the Railroad Entrance to Boone. The Centennial Committee was meeting again on Wednesday evening and they will be meeting soon with the BSVRR to formally request the engine and cars. A signup sheet for the committees for our club centennial was also sent around during the meeting.

Ride to End Polio

Vicki reminded us about all the "Pie" we would be eating during the next week or so. It was the perfect time to burn some calories and raise money for the "Ride to End Polio".

Sergeant at Arms

Many members were happy about the sunny weather and for our guests. Dave was appreciative of the members who helped install the bench at Sacred Heart school – Tim, Steve, Isidro, Bob, Jane, Kurt and himself along with two from Sacred Heart School.

Susan was looking forward to the ride to end polio, noting that there was one new case

reported this week. Let's end this horrible disease! Matt stated that at 4:01 (approximately) this Friday they will be kid free until Sunday. He seemed to really be looking forward to this! Troy wife purchased a new car at MOFFITT's—so Andrew "dug deep" and came up with one more dollar. Amy apologized for having to change the time

Donations should be collected for \$1.00/minute. Please turn your donation sheets in by next Wednesday. Anyone can join Amy during her ride Sunday Nov 19 at 4:00 pm at the YMCA (PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE FROM EARLIER NOTICES).

Notices of Proposal for Membership

Joe Smith has been proposed for membership in our club. Joe is the administrator at Boone County Hospital. Leslie Dakin has also been proposed for membership in the Evening Rotary Club.

of her "Ride to End Polio" spin class. Her husband informed her that his company Christmas party involved an overnight stay in Des Moines on Friday night at 801 Grand and she didn't think she would want to ride a bike at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday!



ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

Quote of the Week

Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening the axe.

Abraham Lincoln



Blessman Ministries

Jim introduced Dr. Jim Blessman from Blessman International ministries and Sarah Hanson, Director of US Development and fund raising for the ministry. Jim met Jim as a member of the Waukee Club where they worked together to write a global grant application for "Teach a Child to Fish". Jim and his wife live and work their ministry 7 months a year on a 170 acre farm in the northern province of South Africa near Zimbabwe. He didn't join Rotary until 12 years ago when he joined a South African Club. He described the weekly meetings in South Africa as social events for the members with lots of drink, conversation and laughing (and only men are allowed in the South Africa clubs). He once suggested inviting the wives to join them which was met with loud protests

Jim partnered with the Waukee Club and HyVee on a water well global grant project. With the grant they were able to drill 14 wells in 10 villages in South Africa, all in schools of very poor. Past experience had previously shown that within 6 months most wells would no longer be functional as a result of vandalism or lack of maintenance. To address this problem they developed a program to work with locals to decide exactly where wells needed to be located and to establish local water committees to maintain the wells. The water committee is in charge of raising money to sustain the wells going forward. Jim and other Rotarians visit the wells periodically to make sure they are kept up. Jim extended an invitation to join him on one of his trips to South Africa next year. The next trip leaves on January 28, 2018 and they still have openings. He told us there is very little preparation needed for a trip to South

Africa. As an example he said Sarah was told on her 3rd day of work that she would be traveling to South Africa in a week. She told us that it was a "Life Changing" experience. She expected to love getting to see the African animals but did not expect how she would feel working with all the children. During the two week trip you would be taken on a photo safari, golf and hunt if you wish, and travel to the Tribal Villages to see the wells and other work that was being done. The cost is \$4-5,000 per person. It is very safe and no shots are required. You can check it out his websiteblessmanInternational.org. HyVee was so impressed with the work they had done with the first 14 wells that they have pledged \$75,000 more for 10 new wells and he is currently trying to get the matching donations for this.



Sarah Hanson and Jim Blessman for Blessman Ministries along with Jim Riordan

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!