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# Rotary Buzzer

## Meeting Recap

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 Mehlihaus,  
Program Chair

January 17  
To Be Announced

January 24  
Auction Kick Off

January 31  
Susan Herrick, Program  
Chair

February 7  
Troy Thompson,  
Program Chair

Jeff Anderson, Editor

Pres. Andrew  
Schroeder

RY Student Matej Vukic

Dist. Gov. Mike Ruby

RI Pres. Ian Riseley

President Andrew welcomed a full house on Wednesday including John Brunow of the Jefferson Rotary Club who was visiting with his buddy, Jim Riordan, and Boone County Hospital Administrator Joe Smith who has rejoined the club! Welcome back, Joe!

Andrew reminded everyone about the board meeting that is coming up on December 11<sup>th</sup> at Boone Valley Brewing and the signup sheet for this Saturday's (yes, it is THIS Saturday) Salvation Army Bell Ringing. Our club has historically been the top fundraiser for the Salvation Army's kettle

drive primarily due to our members' expert, well-tuned bell ringing prowess—and perhaps a bit due to their “good aim” in dropping their own donations into the kettle that day!

Speaking of the holiday season, Andrew mentioned that December 20<sup>th</sup> will be our club Christmas party—and he asked anyone who has any “fun” (but PG13 rated!) ideas for how we might celebrate the occasion to please let him know!

### Puerto Rico Relief Effort

Troy indicated that the Evening Rotary Club will be sending a check to Pepito (our contact with the San Juan Puerto Rico Rotary Club) next week. If you would like to contribute monetarily to this cause, please let Troy know as soon as possible!

### ATTENTION PROGRAM CHAIRS

Program chairs—please be sure to let Jeff know who your speaker will be as soon as possible so he can publicize it in the Buzzer. Thank you!

## Sergeant at Arms

Cody collected happy dollars from Sara who had missed a few meetings and from Mary who had also missed a few meetings and from Joe Smith who said he's missed “about ten years' worth” of meetings! Mary's husband's truck was rear ended earlier that morning. No one was hurt but the person who hit him was seen on their phone :( Abby and Lisa were happy to have their former teacher (Ann) on

hand as our speaker and Ann was proud to see how well one of her former speech students (Andrew) was managing as our president! Randy noted that he dropped his napkin in the serving line...but fortunately there was a Big 12 official there to “pick it up” ☺ Steve paid \$10 for several things-including getting passed like he was

backing up by Amy on the way to Ames the other day (and he was driving his Corvette, no less!). Brian and several other members were looking forward to the Festival of Hope on Saturday and George was happy about the continued lovely weather!



## Quote of the Week

We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.

Martin Luther King, Jr.



## Ann Haugland—Boone Hope Foundation

Lisa introduced former Boone Rotarian Ann Haugland to talk about the Boone Hope Foundation and the Festival of Hope. Ann shared the impetus for establishing the Hope Foundation was a staff development presentation relating to poverty 13 years ago. During the presentation staff learned that a number of Boone High students were homeless. IN the days that followed Ann and several other teachers came up with the idea of holding a fundraiser to help support students and families in need of assistance. The first Festival of Hope had a goal of raising \$1000—and they achieved that goal and then some so Ann and three other teachers decided to establish the Hope Foundation (the only teacher organized and led foundation of its type in the US!) as a 501C3 charitable organization. Since the inception of the Foundation they have raised almost half a million dollars (they will go past the \$500,000 mark this Saturday) which has enabled them to assist many students and families with financial assistance for housing, utilities, food, medical

expenses, clothing and household needs, and transportation costs. So far this year the Hope Foundation has assisted 194 children in 104 families with assistance in the amount of \$53,721! Ann shared that while they do get some other donations throughout the year, the Festival is far and away their primary fundraiser—so she encouraged everyone to come out on Saturday to support this great cause!



Ann Haugland of the Boone Hope Foundation with Lisa Mount



Here is the coffee-themed basket Amy put together for our club for the Festival of Hope!