

Rotary Buzzer

Meeting Recap

December 11
Board Meeting-BV
Brewing at 5:15

December 13
Work Day

Centennial Meeting at
5:15 at Thompson
Financial office

December 20
Christmas Party

December 27
No Meeting

January 3
Kurt Phillips, Program
Chair

January 10
Brian Mehlhaus,
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

President Andrew called the meeting to order and welcomed Mary Maybee who was visiting with George. He passed around some thank you notes from 4H members who were recipients of the awards our club helped sponsor again this year. Andrew reminded everyone that the next board meeting will take place Monday at Boone Valley Brewing starting around 5:15. There will also be a meeting of the Centennial Committee at the office of Thompson Financial at 5:15 next Wednesday. Amy reported that our basket fetched over \$300 at the Festival of Hope (and they raised over \$30,000 in all!)

Andrew shared that Cody has been a member for 13 years (he guessed it had been 10) and Randy has been a member for 9 (but he guessed it had been 11!). Megan has been a member for 9 years as well but she was gone on Wednesday so no telling how long she would have guessed! Happy dollars were contributed by Matt who was pleased his wife has taken a job at Iowa State and Mary was looking forward to

AUCTION UPDATE

Abby shared that planning is already well underway for next year's auction. She reported that she has already received donations for tickets to the St. Louis Cardinals, Green Bay Packers, and Hamilton the Musical as well as a diamond necklace!

Ride to End Polio

Susan shared that District 6000 raised \$8000 during the Ride to End Polio which was one of the highest amounts of any Rotary District—and we raised nearly \$3000 in Boone (so it follows that our club was one of the largest fundraisers for this initiative). Way to go Boone Rotary.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Susan reported our club took in \$1473 for the Salvation Army last Saturday. Nice job on a nice day! She did say that next year we will probably go back to ringing on weekday as it seems that there are a lot of conflicts on weekends in December.



Mary and Vern were two of our volunteer ringers at HyVee!

Sergeant at Arms

an auction on Wednesday night. Amy was looking for help working the concession stand on Friday night and Dave chipped in \$3 for some missed meetings—noting that Kansas State had a big, last second win one of the weeks he was gone ☺ Susan was pleased to report that Jim has joined the Des Moines AM Rotary Club making three generations of Rotarians in

her family (her dad was longtime Boone Rotary "Ted" Howard. Jeff was looking forward to traveling to Texas for his daughter's graduation and renting a "Y'all Haul" truck to get her stuff back to Iowa. Andrew was unhappy because he got no deer while out hunting last weekend and George was happy Mary was his chauffeur on Wednesday!



Steve Cunningham: S&S Taxidermy

Quote of the Week

Happiness makes up in height for what it lacks in length.

Robert Frost



Bob Herrick introduced Steve Cunningham of S&S Taxidermy. Bob noted that Steve provided some of the “big game” props for Boone Community Theater’s Teddy Roosevelt play, “Bully” last year and that was how he became familiar with Steve and his business. Steve shared that he was in the military for over 30 years and got involved in taxidermy as a pastime after her retired (with the help of vocational rehab training grant from the military). He started out taking a one week class in Wisconsin but he later became involved in the Iowa Taxidermy Association which provided other opportunities to learn more and interact with others in the field. Steve’s wife, who is an art instructor in Jefferson, is also a partner in the business and she does all the painting and “artistic” stuff involved in the process. Steve primarily works with deer but he also does fish and other game. He shared that to “clean” the meat, etc. off of fish they are place in a solution of Borax—which I am pretty sure is also the recipe for lutefisk!

In addition to his taxidermy business, Steve also serves as the Veterans’ Affairs Director for Boone County where he works to help veterans access benefits, vocational grants, and health care services.



Steve Cunningham of S&S Taxidermy along with a very lifelike Bob Herrick!

