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# Rotary Buzzer

## Happy New Year!

January 24  
Auction Kick Off

Centennial Committee  
Meeting at 5:00 at  
Thompson Financial

January 31  
RYE Student Matej  
Vukic  
Susan Herrick, Program  
Chair

February 7  
Troy Thompson,  
Program Chair

February 14  
Courtney Clement,  
RSVP Program  
Megan Houston,  
Program Chair

February 21  
Iowa State Treasurer  
Michael Fitzgerald,  
College Savings Iowa  
and Financial Literacy  
Jeff Anderson, Program  
Chair

February 28  
Auction Work Day

March 7  
Jim Riordan, Program  
Chair

Jeff Anderson, Editor

Pres. Andrew  
Schroeder

RY Student Matej Vukic

Dist. Gov. Mike Ruby

RI Pres. Ian Riseley

I'm not sure how many "past pasts" would be in front of his name but Cody stepped in run the show on Wednesday in Andrew and Lisa's absence. There were no guests on Wednesday. Cody shared that the board approved sponsoring the Boone Little League Pirates again for the coming year (which we have done for somewhere north of 50 years now!). The board also approved providing scholarships for up to six students to attend the RYLA

(Rotary Youth Leadership Award) camp next summer. Cody also shared that past president Troy is working to complete the slate of candidates for officer and board positions for the next Rotary year (which starts in July 2018). Dave Cook reported that the Centennial Committee is going to meet next Wednesday January 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm at Thompson Financial. Cody also shared that the board has decided to have another RYE student next year. He

said we are "trying for a boy" (since apart from Matej we have had a mostly young ladies in recent years) but we'd be happy with a girl too!

**Mark Your Calendars**  
Speaking of RYE, our RYE student, Matej, will be giving a program on his country and his experiences as a RYE student on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Let's have a great turnout to support Mat!

## Sergeant at Arms

Sergeant Cody collected happy dollars from Isidro who appreciated being able to keep up with the goings on in the club via the Buzzer when he is gone AND because he will be serving as RYLA counselor again this year! Congratulations, Isidro! Dave was happy to be back after a few missed meetings and several

members were very happy about the improvement in the weather. Jeff and Kurt were happy (but surprised) by the Vikings' win last Sunday. Susan paid a dollar to encourage members to consider attending the Boone Community Theater's dinner theater productions of the

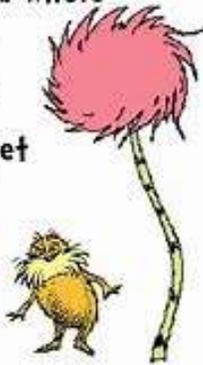
musical comedy "Nunsens" on Feb. 9, 10, 15, 16, or 17. Amy is looking for help in the concession stand on January 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to around 8:30 (9:00 at the latest). Mary was happy to have been able to visit her mother in Springfield last week.



ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE

## Quote of the Week

Unless someone like  
you cares a whole  
awful lot,  
nothing is  
going to get  
better.  
It's not.



From the Lorax by  
Dr. Seuss

## John Roosa, Boone County Environmental Services Director

Cody “the old triple threat” not only ran the meeting and served as sergeant at arms but he also lined up a speaker for our meeting at the last minute/ Cody heard John Roosa, the Environmental Services Director for the Boone County Landfill on KWBG earlier on Wednesday so he waited by the elevator until he finished and asked him if he’d like to “come to lunch” and give a program—and John was game! John spoke about how the recycling program in Boone is now working. John shared that recyclables no longer need to be sorted at the curbside as they handle that part of the process at the recycling center at the landfill. They then ship the materials to Mid-American Recycling in Des Moines who process and bail the materials for sale to entities that reuse them. The new process is saving the landfill about \$125,000 a year he reported. He did say that the amount that is recycled is growing but it is still just a fraction of the amount of “stuff” the landfill receives. He noted that the landfill takes in almost 50 tons of waste per day which would fill a room the size of our meeting area about three to four times! He did share that once waste is “entombed” in the landfill it really doesn’t break down very fast if at all—so what goes in as garbage remains as garbage (it is just buried). He did say that recycling helps divert materials that would

otherwise end up in the landfill which helps slow down the rate that each new “cell” in the landfill fills up. The last cell that was opened up cost \$2.4 million to create and it will be sufficient for a few more years. He discussed which items are recyclable and why some are not and he really encouraged everyone to get reusable bags for taking groceries home. He said the plastic bags associated with all sorts of shopping are a pain to deal with. Thanks to John for providing a very interesting update on very short notice!



**Cody Bowers with Boone County  
Landfill Environmental Services  
Director John Roosa**

### First Notice of Proposal for Membership

Jamie Williams who is the director of Ericson Public Library has been proposed for membership. Please direct and feedback regarding Jamie’s membership to Pres. Andrew or a board member.