

Rotary Buzzer

Meeting Recap

February 7
Feleecia Watkins, YSS
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
River Valley Festival-
Jennifer Hansen/Janet
Krengel
Pete Frangos, Program
Chair

Jeff Anderson, Editor

Pres. Andrew
Schroeder

RY Student Matej Vukic

Dist. Gov. Mike Ruby

RI Pres. Ian Riseley

President Andrew was back with us after a few weeks' absence and he thanked those who filled in for him during that time. There were several guests and visitors including Leslie Dakin (member of the evening club) and DGE Tom Narak and his wife, Carol.

There are several district level training events coming up including the District Grant Seminar in West Des Moines on February 24th or in Newton on March 24th. There is also a District

Training Assembly in Newton on Friday March 23rd in the evening. You can register for either of these events on the District 6000 website.

Andrew also shared that our next Rotary Auction Planning day will on February 28th during our regular meeting. He also reminded everyone to keep track of the hours we spend on Rotary related activities (Mary has a sheet to keep track when you want to report the number). This is something that

DG Mike Ruby has asked club members to do this year to help highlight the volunteer hours that Rotarians and clubs provide over the course of the year.

Third 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.

Sergeant at Arms

Sergeant Cody collect A LOT of happy dollars from members who we looking forward to hearing from our RYE Student Matej Vukic later in the meeting. Sara and Matt chipped in a few dollars for some missed meetings (nice to see them back!) and Susan put in another plug for Boone Community Theater's production of the

musical "Nunsense". Jeff was glad there was a hockey game on a the same time as the State of the Union address so there was something "peaceful" to watch and Steve paid a dollar for the ten point run the ISU women's basketball team went on just after Brian left the game. If he'd left five minutes earlier they

might have pulled it out perhaps! Amy thanked those who helped out in the concession stand last Friday.

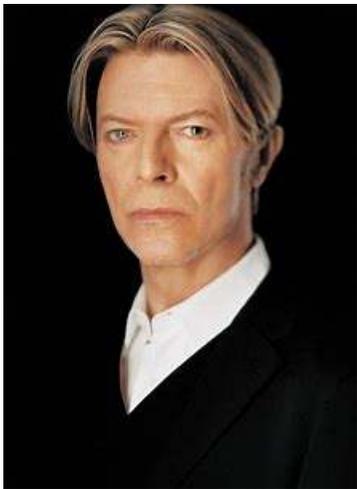


Matej Vukic, RYE Student

Quote of the Week

Tomorrow belongs to those who can hear it coming.

David Bowie



Susan “introduced” our RYE student, Matej Vukic from Croatia. Mat presented President Andrew with flags from his sponsoring club as well as a medal featuring a Neanderthal! He shared that Neanderthals lived in and around Croatia in that portion of central of and southeastern Europe.



Mat lives near Zagreb which is the capital and largest city. He noted that Croatia is about 1/3 the size of Iowa with a slightly larger population of about 4.2 million. About 99% of the population is Roman Catholic. Mat shared that Zagreb is only about three hours away from Germany and France and it shares a border in the west with Italy (Venice is the closest city of note). In addition to border some of the other former countries that made up Yugoslavia Croatia also has a long, beautiful coastline along the Adriatic Sea. Mat’s parents are

both doctors and he has a younger sister who is 11 and a brother who is 8. He said they don’t “bother” him much because they are tend to bother each other because they are closer in age to one another. Mat’s “life” centers around his love of basketball and he plays for a club in Croatia that travels as far as five hours for games and he also plays for Boone High. He showed many great pictures and some videos of the country include the resort cities of Split and Dubrovnik along the Adriatic that are very popular with visitors and tourists. Mat expressed that he is grateful for his wonderful host families and for the opportunity to be a RYE student. He would like to come back to the US for college after he completes high school in Croatia (he will have two years left when he goes back). Thank you to Mat for a great representative of his country and RYE exchange



Matej with host family members Becky Dose and Steve and Leslie Dakin and RYE Coordinator Susan

See you next week!