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# Rotary Buzzer

February 11  
Board Meeting at BVB  
at 5:10

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 24  
District Grant Seminar  
West Des Moines

February 28  
Auction Work Day

March 7  
River Valley Festival-  
Jennifer Hansen/Janet  
Krengel  
Pete Frangos, Program  
Chair

March 14  
TBA

March 21  
Mary Youngblood,  
Program Chair

Jeff Anderson, Editor

Pres. Andrew  
Schroeder

RY Student Matej Vukic

Dist. Gov. Mike Ruby

RI Pres. Ian Riseley

## Meeting Recap

President Andrew was gone on Wednesday so President elect Lisa stepped in to take his place. Lisa reminded everyone that everyone is welcome to attend the next board meeting at Boone Valley Brewing at 5:10 on Monday February 11.

### Toast of Rotary

District Governor Mike Ruby is trying something different this year in place of the usual District Conference format. Instead of having the

conference at one location over several days he is taking the show on the road with a series of "Toast of Rotary" events throughout the district. Troy passed out the forms to sign up for the events which will take place on Thursday April 12 (in Davenport), Friday April 13 in Coralville and Ottumwa and Saturday April 14 in Carroll and West Des Moines. Troy is arranging for bus transportation to and from the event in

Carroll which runs from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Santa Maria Winery (which is very nice according to several reliable sources!). The bus ride is free and the cost of registration is only \$49 per person (until March 31 when the price goes up to \$49). Please turn in your forms to Troy if you would like to be part of the "road trip" to Carroll!

## Sergeant at Arms

Sergeant Cody was also gone on Wednesday so Pete stepped in to assess the level of happiness in the room. Several members were looking forward to hearing from our speakers and Vicki chipped in several dollars to promote Heart Month and to let everyone know the YMCA is in the midst of its annual campaign to

raise funds to provide scholarships for youth to participate in Y programs and camps. Susan put in another plug for Boone Community Theater's production of the musical "Nunsense", noting that this weekend's performance are all sold out—so if you want to get next weekend you better act soon! Dave

got a postcard from last year's RYE student Raquel who is studying English in Spain. She is looking forward to taking a trip to England or Sweden in the coming weeks! Randy was happy that ISU signed a top recruit from Arizona named Brock Purdy. He'll decide just "how happy" in a few years!

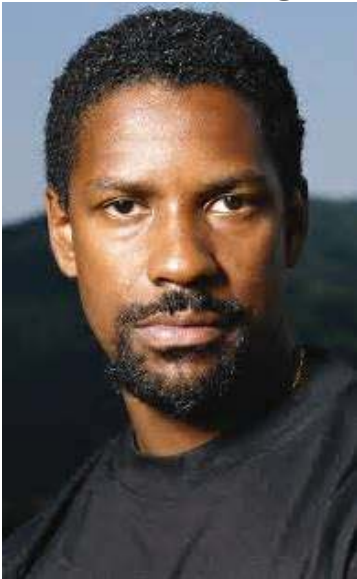


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## Quote of the Week

**Show me a successful individual and I'll show you someone who had real positive influences in his or her life. I don't care what you do for a living—if you do it well I'm sure there was someone cheering you on or showing the way. A mentor."**

— *Denzel Washington*



## YSS Mentoring Program

Troy introduced Feleecia Watkins and Danisha Renovales from YSS who shared about the Mentoring program they facilitate in area schools. Feleecia has been involved in the program since last October and Danisha started last month. YSS began providing a mentoring program in Boone in 1999. Feleecia shared that 1:3 kids grow up without a mentor or adult role model and kids without such supports are more likely to perform poorly in school, less likely to be engaged in their schools and communities, and more likely to abuse drugs and alcohol. Their goal is to make sure that every student who is in need of a mentor is matched with one. At present over 60 students in Boone and Ogden in grades K-8 have been matched with mentors but there are still 28 on a waiting list. They did say that Boone is one of just three schools in Boone and Story county that actually provides financial support for the mentoring program. The noted that adult mentors are required to undergo background checks and training before being

matched with a mentee and that most of the time spent together occurs at school (usually of the lunch period). Mentors meet with their mentees at least once a week and can play games, talk and do other activities. YSS also has several sponsored events for mentors and mentees to participate in including attending an ISU women's basketball game, BINGO night, and a pizza and game night. Feleecia and Danisha provided materials and contact information if anyone would like to become involved in the mentoring program.



Danisha Renovales and Feleecia Watkins from the YSS Mentoring Program along with Troy Thompson

# See you next week!