

Rotary Buzzer

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
Open—Let Andrew
know if you have a
speaker

March 21
Daniel Scott, City
Engineer
Mary Youngblood,
Program Chair

March 28
Mary Dufelmeier,
Program Chair

Jeff Anderson, Editor

Pres. Andrew
Schroeder

RY Student Matej Vukic

Dist. Gov. Mike Ruby

RI Pres. Ian Riseley

Meeting Recap

President Andrew called the meeting to order and welcomed Past District Governor Jacque Andrew of Jefferson. Andrew provided a report of the proceedings of Monday's board meeting which included approving Jamie Williams for membership, donating \$500 to the YMCA's Partner with Youth drive, and sponsoring the Pufferbilly Days Spelling Bee again this year. We are also planning to be involved in Ericson Public Library's Summer Reading Kickoff on June 4th.

Jacque was on hand to promote the Carroll stop of the **"Toast of Rotary"**

that she helping to coordinate for District Governor Mike Ruby. The Taste of Rotary events across the district are taking the place the usual District Conference format. ON Saturday April 14 the Toast of Rotary events will be held in Carroll from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Santa Maria Winery. Troy announced last week that he is arranging for bus transportation to and from the event in C Carroll. The ride is free and the cost of registration is only \$49 per person (until March 31 when the price goes up to \$49). Jacque shared about some of the great speakers that have

been lined up and displayed some of the wine holders that will available at the winery event! Sounds like it will be a fun Rotary event! You can turn in your registration forms to Troy or sign up online at the District website.



**Jacque Andrew
promoting Toast of
Rotary!**

Other Club News

President Andrew shared the following Rotary February Membership Anniversaries:

Eldon Hutcheson 25 years, Kurt Phillips 6 years, Lisa Mount 4 years, Mary Youngblood 10 years, and Susan 25 years. Steve handed out roses to the female members of the club in recognition of the Supreme Court decision

40 years ago that ended Rotary's "boys' only" policy! The first female member of the Boone Rotary Club was Rev. Linda Hutton who joined in October 1987. Linda was the director of the Episcopal Camp in Boone. She was also the first female president of our club! Brian shared that Jim and Heidi

McPartland will be Matej's third host family. He also shared that we need to identify at least the first host family for next year's RYE student before we can even start the selection process—so if you or a family you know would like to get involved in this great Rotary program please let Brian or Susan know!



Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

Quote of the Week

The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others.

Albert Schweitzer
1875-1965



Andrew welcomed Courtney Clement who is the coordinator for the Retired and Senior Volunteer (RSVP) Program's volunteer, respite, and in-home visitation programs. Courtney shared that RSVP is a federally funded program but they also receive some support from the United Way, private donors, and Boone County (in kind donation of space in the Courthouse). Courtney coordinates the respite care program that provides support to caregivers so they can have a respite from caring for their loved ones to get out and go the grocery store, doctor's appointments, or other necessary things. They also have volunteers who visit people who are shut in to help keep them connected to the community, making them feel less isolated and lonely. They also have a medical equipment loan program with wheel chairs, crutches, and other mobility aids that people can borrow when needed. RSVP also provides volunteer manpower for other organizations including the Salvation Army, Boone Schools, Head Start Preschool, Boone and

Scenic Valley Railroad, Ericson Library, the Chamber, and IMPACT. RSVP members provided nearly 16000 hours of volunteer service last year which is a huge asset to our community—allow the budgets of many organizations to stretch further than would otherwise be possible. You need to be 55 years of age or older to be an RSVP volunteer—but she did say you could become a volunteer at a younger age if you are nominated by a current RSVP volunteer!



Courtney Clement of RSVP

