

# Rotary Buzzer

February 28  
Auction Work Day

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

March 14  
Tom Polking, Iowa  
Food Bank  
Lisa Mount, Program  
Chair

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

March 28  
Mary Dufelmeier,  
Program Chair

April 4  
Pres. elect Lisa's Club  
Assembly

April 11  
Auction Work Day

Jeff Anderson, Editor

Pres. Andrew  
Schroeder

RY Student Matej Vukic

Dist. Gov. Mike Ruby

RI Pres. Ian Riseley

## Meeting Recap

Pres. elect Lisa called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Fortunately our meeting fell in "gap" between ice storms but Cody and Abby did find they had risked life and limb by walking to the meeting! Lisa did share that the board meeting will be on March 12<sup>th</sup> after all, even though some members may be gone for spring break. She also reminded everyone about the "Toast of Rotary" that will take place in Carroll on Saturday April 14 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Santa Maria Winery. Troy has arranged for bus

transportation for anyone who would like to "road trip" together to this district event.

### UPDATE ON DONATING TO THE BOONE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Dave Cook shared that going forward members should make checks out to the Boone Rotary Foundation rather than give a "fistful of dollars". Dave said that when he receives cash he must then deposit the money in his personal account and then write a check to the foundation and then write a letter indicating who should receive the paperwork needed to apply for the Endow Iowa

state tax credit. Dave attached the procedure from making donations to the foundation to the side of the podium for members to access when needed.

### RYLA UPDATE

Susan reported that we have our first applicant for this year's (July 2018) RYLA Conference, noting that our club has committee to sponsoring up to six attendees! Students who sophomores or juniors in the current (2017-18) school year are eligible to apply according to the district website. Registration ends on April 30.

## Sergeant at Arms

Sergeant Cody and Abby paid dollars in appreciation of Craig's offer to drive them back to work they didn't have to traverse the "ice shelf" on the sidewalk again. Kurt paid a dollar to promote several upcoming Chamber events including the Omlet Breakfast and Annual Meeting that will take place on March 6<sup>th</sup> and Business After Five next Tuesday at Boone Valley Brewing. Amy was happy that her husband hit the two "jackpots" in the same day (and that all applicable

federal, state, and local taxes have been paid) and Jeff appreciated that State Treasurer Fitzgerald's system for handling money was a bit more streamlined than that which Dave had described for our foundation. George paid \$2 for the two members who helped him across the ice getting to our meeting...noting that there was \$2 more where that came from if they wanted to help him back! Joe paid \$3

for the Boone girls' win to go to state and the great dinner at the Tic Toc he had when speaking to the evening club..and another dollars for Dave! Isidro was appreciative of the great "life lessons" he has learned from those in his life and Steve was glad that Lesley is back to his life is getting back to normal again and Dave noted that he was happy about KSU's win last week since no one else brought it up!



## Quote of the Week

Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.

William Butler Yeats

Irish Playwright and poet—1865-1939



## State Treasure Mike Fitzgerald

Jeff introduced State Treasurer Mike Fitzgerald. Mr. Fitzgerald is a native of Colo and has served as State Treasurer since 1982. He was accompanied by deputy treasurer Karen Austin. Mr. Fitzgerald noted that treasurers don't tend to be "household names"—not even Voltaire P; Twombly who served as treasurer in the late 1800's! He described his role as being like that of the "state banker"; keeping the state's money safe and invested. He shared that one of the programs he oversees is the "Great Iowa Treasure Hunt" that is designed to return "lost" money that has been turned over to the state to those it actually belongs to. He noted that the state currently has \$300 million in this fund and he brought along the list of those in Boone County that have money in the account (totaling over \$1.2 million!). He shared several entities (including Boone Community Theater, the Boone County Fair, and Boone Hospital that had money coming—which perked up the ears of several members in the room, You really should go to the [greatiowatreasurehunt.gov](http://greatiowatreasurehunt.gov) website and see if you or other family members are on the list! He also shared about the College Savings Iowa 529 plan that he oversees. Iowa's plan was initiated in 1998 provides parents, grandparents and

others with a vehicle to invest on behalf of their children, etc. for future college/higher education expenses. Investors can choose from among 14 different Vanguard funds and plans can be started with as little as a \$25 initial investment. The first \$3319 put into a plan each year (per investor, per student) is eligible for a state tax deduction and the money grows tax free while it is invested and there are not taxes paid when the money is used for eligible expense like tuition, room and board, books, or computers! Karen shared that in Boone County there are currently just over 1000 active College Savings Iowa accounts with total assets of just over \$12 million.



State Treasurer Mike Fitzgerald with Jeff Anderson

## See you next week!