

Rotary Buzzer

March 12
Board Meeting at 5:15
at Boone Valley
Brewing

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

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

March 28
Reiman Gardens,
Mary Dufelmeier,
Program Chair

April 4
Pres. elect Lisa's Club
Assembly

April 11
Auction Work Day
April 14
Toast of Rotary in
Carroll and West Des
Moines

April 18
Sara Morton, 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 apologized for "jinxing" it when he announced the arrival of spring last week! Andrew reminded everyone again about the Toast of Rotary coming up on April 14th. Lisa said she is collecting the registration forms for the event so you can bring them to her at her office or at an upcoming meeting.

Rotary Anniversaries

President Andrew shared that this month marks the 20th year that Brian has been a member, the second that Sara, has been a member and one

year anniversary for Drew Nelson! Congratulations!

Jamie Williams is our Newest Member!

Andrew welcomed Jamie Williams, the director of Ericson Public Library, as the newest member of the Boone Rotary Club. Congratulations and welcome, Jamie!



Sergeant at Arms

Sergeant Cody collected a number of happy dollars in recognition of our new member and for being able to meet Matej's family! Steve talked about an opportunity for members to support a Sukup Safety House in Haiti. Each dollar donated will generate more than double matching grants if received by the end of March. See Steve for the details! Matt

was looking forward to having "no kids" for spring break and Andrew was looking forward to a trip to a warm weather destination (with kids). Lisa was happy about the Brews for Books fundraiser that Boone Valley Brewing is doing along with several sponsors the weekend of April 5-9. For each beer or root beer purchased,

Andrew also called upon Matej to introduce his family who are visiting from Croatia. His mother, Marijana, is a radiologist and his father, Tomislav, is a surgeon. His brother, Josip, is 9 and his sister, Marta, is 11 and they both plan to be Rotary Exchange students someday! They were heading to Des Moines to see the sites there and will be traveling elsewhere during Spring Break. Welcome to the Vukics. Brian reminded everyone that we are looking for host families for next year's RYE student if you or a family you know are interested!

sponsors will donate \$1 to Ericson Public Library. See Lisa for details on how to get involved. Hutch was happy to have "supervised" several members in De Moines last week and Brad was very impressed with KWBG's new facilities on Keeler Street.

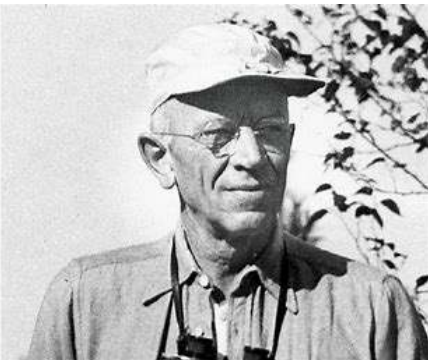


River Valley Festival—Janet Kregel

Quote of the Week

One swallow does not make a summer, but one skein of geese, cleaving the murk of March thaw, is the spring.

Aldo Leopold,
Iowa-born author and conservationist
(1887-1948)



Pete introduced Janet Kregel who shared about the 2018 River Valley Festival that will take place May 25-May 27. The inaugural festival was held last year this year and went very well and the steering committee hopes to build on that success. The goal of the festival is to help connect festival goers with the outdoor, recreational, and artistic treasures that the Boone area has to offer. Some of this year's activities include Iowa's only catfish tournament, a fun walk/run in conjunction with YMCA, and "block party" on 8th Street outside Boone Valley Brewing. There are also guided hikes in the Ledges, outdoor crafts at Ericson Library, and canoe races at Don Williams. Last year's festival was highlighted by a concert with Three Dog Night and Janet shared that this year's featured artistic will be country music star John Michael Montgomery. The festival

concludes on Sunday with Art in the Park which will highlight the work of area artisans, entertainment and live music. If you like to volunteer to help with the festival you can contact Janet at kregeljanet1@gmail.com or you can visit their website at www.boonrivervalleyfestival.com



Pete Frangos with Janet Kregel of the Boone River Valley Festival



Marta, Marijana, Josip, and Tomislav Vukic along with our RYE student, Matej!