

Rotary Buzzer

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

April 25
Vicki Greco, Program
Chair

May 2
Dave Cook, Program
Chair

May 9
Jane Hitsman, Program
Chair

May 16
Drew Nelson, Program
Chair

Jeff Anderson, Editor

Pres. Andrew
Schroeder

RY Student Matej Vukic

Dist. Gov. Mike Ruby

RI Pres. Ian Riseley

Meeting Recap

The order of the meeting was altered a bit in order to accommodate our speaker's schedule, but we'll pretend we did things in the usual order for purposes of reporting in the Buzzer. Cody (our club's all-purpose utility fill-in!) said that Pres. Andrew had contacted him earlier and indicated he would be unable to make the meeting so he asked him to fill in. We had one guest (albeit such a regular guest that he has his own club name badge), Ken Janssen of the Ames Rotary Club who was making up with us to keep his consecutive perfect attendance streak

intact (Way to go, Ken, and welcome back!). Cody did remind everyone of the approaching "early bird" deadline for registering for the Taste of Rotary in Carroll and Steve mentioned there is still space available on the bus for members who would like a ride that morning. Steve mentioned that riders will be given purple leis to help increase awareness of Rotary's polio eradication efforts and to promote our luau-themed auction in June! Susan reported that we currently have three students from Madrid and one from Boone who have applied

to participate in this year's RYLA Camp. Cody also noted that as of Wednesday we had "zero" applicants for our Rotary Scholarships. The deadline is April 13th so there is still plenty of time to apply but any help members could provide in getting the word out would be greatly appreciated! We are once again offering both traditional academic and vocational scholarships. Dave also mentioned that the Centennial Committee was meeting again later on Wednesday.

Sergeant at Arms

Mr. Do-it-all Cody also served as our Sergeant at Arms—levying a \$5 "fine" for members whose phones ring and are answered during the meeting (Jim said he'd bring another \$3 m next week ☺). Several members were happy about the program we had (earlier) in the meeting regarding the Safe T Homes and Steve reported that Matej's

wonderful family has returned to Croatia after spending the week with him in America! Kurt had a great trip to Grand Cayman last week and he also mentioned that if anyone needs a program someone from the RAGBRAI steering committee would be willing to speak to the club. Brian had a good time in New York City

last week and Tim spent time in San Francisco—but noted it is a pricey place to visit! Dave was happy that Steve promised to keep his purple beard until Kansas State loses in the tournament—and as of Wednesday it was still purple!



Quote of the Week

People do not decide to become extraordinary. They decide to accomplish extraordinary things.

Edmund Hillary,
first person, along with
Tenzing Norgay, to
summit Mt. Everest



SUKUP Safe T Homes

Steve introduced Emily Schmidt who is the general counsel for SUKUP Manufacturing (her grandfather is the founder of the business) who shared a bit about Sukup Manufacturing and their involvement with the development, manufacture, and distribution of Safe T Homes for areas impacted by various natural disasters. Emily shared that her grandfather started Sukup Manufacturing in 1963 when he developed a “grain stirring” system for grain bins (which were themselves relatively uncommon on farms at the time). The problem was that the grain would develop a “crust” at the top of the bin that made it hard to get the grain to flow and there were challenges in achieving uniform levels of moisture for grain throughout the bin. Over the years their grain stirring systems became more sophisticated and they began manufacturing bins themselves (which Steve’s company erected!). She said they are currently installing the largest grain bin in the state in Atlantic, Iowa that will be over 150 feet in diameter and almost that high—holding 1.9 million bushels of corn! SUKUP has a division in Europe as well and their bins and products are used in 83 countries! After the earthquake that devastated Haiti in 2010 the company came up with the concept of designing a weather, earthquake, and machete proof (actually they learned it was machete proof after the fact) structure based

on the design of their grain bins which they call SAFE T HOME. They have distributed over 280 of the homes to Haiti, 20 to Peru, 10 to Kenya, and are currently sending 50 to Uganda. The homes are actually cooler than the outside temperature due to the unique structure and louvers that they have developed and are capable of being equipped with rainwater collection systems and solar panels! It is a very ingenious design that is providing safe, comfortable shelter to families (and an orphanage) that have lost their homes as a result of natural disasters or displacement (refugees). Thanks to Emily and SUKUP for supporting such a great cause!



Emily Schmidt of SUKUP
Manufacturing with Steve Dakin

