

# Rotary Buzzer

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

June 15  
Rotary Auction

Jeff Anderson, Editor

Pres. Andrew  
Schroeder

RY Student Matej Vukic

Dist. Gov. Mike Ruby

RI Pres. Ian Riseley

## Meeting Recap

President Andrew was back after being gone the past two weeks, noting that it was hard to believe there are only about 12 more weeks left in his term—which was further highlighted by the fact that next week's meeting will be President elect Lisa's club planning assembly! One item that will be discussed next week is the centennial project involving the installation of a locomotive entry feature at South Story and Highway 30. Dave, Lisa, and the other members of the Centennial Committee will report on the estimated costs associated with this

project and they will be looking for the club's support to proceed.

Andrew reminded everyone to keep track of the hours they spend involved in Rotary service. It's a great way to "quantify" just how much work our club/members do on behalf of Rotary and our community. Mary has a sheet that members can use to record their hours.

### Toast of Rotary

Troy reported that the bus to Carroll for the Toast of Rotary will leave the DMACC parking lot at 9:15 on Saturday April 14. There is still room "on

the bus" if members would like a lift!

### Ames AM ROTARY Run for Kids

Steve reported that the Ames AM Rotary is sponsoring a run for kids on April 28. He bought a sponsorship for our club for the event which supports various "kid related" causes including literacy and public safety.

### First Notice of Proposal for Membership

Ann Nelson (spouse of Drew) has been proposed for membership in the Evening Rotary Club!

## Sergeant at Arms

Cody collected a "fine" from Amy for her phone "going off" last week and Craig paid a dollar for the entertaining and enlightening talk at his table. Troy paid a dollar to wish everyone a Happy Easter and Steve was happy to report that it was shared at the District Assembly last weekend that Boone has had one of

the largest percentage increases in membership in the district so far this year—largely due to the success of the Evening Club! Jeff was hoping that his experience as a furniture mover back in the "old days" would come in handy moving his daughter to Wisconsin. Many members were looking

forward to hearing from our speaker and several members hoped that we were finally nearing the end of winter (which turns out to have been misplaced hope unfortunately!)



## Quote of the Week

No occupation is so delightful to me as the culture of the earth, and no culture comparable to that of the garden.

Thomas Jefferson



## Linda Sharpnack, Reiman Gardens

Mary Dufelmeier introduced Linda Sharpnack who is a volunteer for Reiman Gardens. Linda is a retired elementary school (4<sup>th</sup> grade) teacher from Ames. She shared that when she was teaching she would bring her students to Boone to the Historical Center to experience the Kate Shelley story! Linda began by offering a “disclaimer” that she was not an official spokesperson for Reiman Gardens and that she was “just” a volunteer (as anyone who was here can attest, Linda was an excellent spokesperson and much more than “just” a volunteer!). The mission of Reiman Gardens is to educate, enchant, and inspire an appreciation of plants, butterflies, and the beauty of the natural world. She shared that last year there was 81289 visitors to Reiman Garden which are located immediately adjacent to Jack Trice Stadium on 17 acres of land. They offered 241 different classes with 4391 participants learning about gardening, flower arranging, and photography. There are three active vegetable gardens including a children’s garden, a town and country garden, and a trial garden that is used as a test plot for Proven Winner seeds. They have a host of special events including several “after hours”

events involving live music, a huge plant sale on Mother’s Day weekend, and Spirits in the Garden around Halloween where they have over 600 carved pumpkins scattered throughout the gardens (which is a supercool event!). In addition the extensive outdoor gardens they have an indoor space with orchids and other “hot house” plants and a butterfly garden! Linda encouraged everyone to come and visit or to consider buying a membership (\$44 a year) which provides unlimited access to the gardens!



Linda Sharpnack with Mary Dufelmeier

See you next week!