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# Rotary Buzzer

July 26  
Board Meeting—BVB at  
5:10

August 1  
Kio Dettman, Boone  
Area Humane Society  
George Maybee,  
Program Chair

August 6  
Evening Club Meeting-  
Tic Toc

August 8  
Boulders Inn and Suite,  
Matt Elthon, Program  
Chair

August 15  
Committee Work Day

August 20  
Evening Rotary Club-  
Tic Toc

August 22  
Joe Smith, Program  
Chair

August 29  
Pulled Pork Kick Off

September 5  
Steve Dakin, Program  
Chair

September 12  
Chris Knapp—District  
Foundation Chair

Pres. Lisa Mount

RI Pres. Barry Rassin

Jeff Anderson, Editor

## Meeting Recap

Pres. Lisa called the meeting to order after a busy week for our club. Lisa thanked everyone who helped out for with the Iowa Games Cycling Road Race on Sunday and during yesterday's RAGBRAI event. Lisa shared that the watermelon was definitely a hit—going through 40 watermelons in no time—resulting in a dash to Fareway for another 20! We raised just over \$900, enough money to purchase six World Bike Relief bikes. The bikes (they are about \$150 each)!



Lisa also shared a note from Ed Arnold who is the chair of the Iowa Wolves/Polio Plus event that takes place next February. He is looking for members in each club to serve as local chairs to coordinate ticket sales for

the event. If you'd like to help out with the effort please let Lisa know.

Lisa also passed around a thank you note from the Ogden High Class of 2019 thanking our club for our \$250 contribution towards their Ogden Fun Days fundraiser for their senior trip.

### Board Meeting Tomorrow Night

Lisa reminded everyone that this month's board meeting will take place tomorrow night (Thursday) at Boone Valley Brewing at 5:10.

### Sergeant at Arms

Sergeant Matt collected a happy dollar from Phil who had a great time at the RAGBRAI event—noting that he met Rotarians from all over the country during the day. Craig thanked everyone for their help during the Iowa Games Road Race on Sunday keeping all the riders safe. Steve indicated that he enjoyed riding behind the riders, noting that it was the first time in years he'd driven a Ford! Andrew thanked

multiple members for a variety of professional services—helping shake some “advertising” dollars from someone else for a change! Isidro paid \$5 in anticipation of his upcoming trip back to Italy to visit his host families and for the successful RYLA Conference last week. Brad noted that the Toreadors played well in the state tournament but lost a heartbreaker by one

run. Troy also appreciated the great exposure Rotary in general and our club in particular gained from our participation in the RAGBRAI event yesterday. He did share that no one used the card reader with everyone choosing to donate cash instead. Susan shared that former Rotarian Ben Nesselhuf said “hi” as he passed through on RAGBRAI yesterday!



## Alex Merk, Iowa State Extension—Master Gardener Program

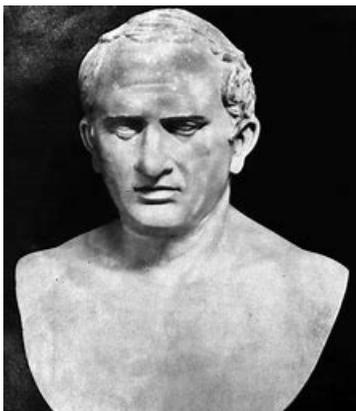
Lisa introduced Alex Merk who is the coordinator for the Boone County ISU Extension. Alex is originally from Boone (her parents are Mark and Nancy Edelman) and she returned to Boone from southeast Iowa two years ago. She shared that ISU Extension is a “local government entity” so she actually is an employee of Boone County. There are 100 Extension offices across the state (at least one in each county) and the mission is to provide educational opportunities to citizens that increase their knowledge in areas such as agriculture and natural resources, human sciences and nutrition, and family life and finance. They are also involved in youth outreach, primarily through 4H as well as community and economic development. Alex highlighted the Extension’s Master Gardener program, noting that there are currently 25 active master gardeners in Boone County. Master gardeners must complete 40 hours of classroom education in horticulture and gardening and then provide 40 hours of volunteer service in the community. To remain “active” status they must continue to get 10 hours of training and provide 20 hours of service every year! She shared that the 25 Master Gardeners provided 1394 volunteer hours last year! Alex shared that they received a federal “Growing Together” grant that is designed to

encourage the development of gardens to provide access to fresh fruits and vegetables to families experiencing food insecurity. The garden that they have developed is located near the Boone Courthouse and is providing fresh produce to the food pantries at IMPACT and the Salvation Army. Lisa shared that she has committed to having our club help with harvesting vegetables at the garden Thursday evening August 16<sup>th</sup>. Vegetables that will be picked include tomatoes, zucchini, summer squash, peppers, and cucumbers! Alex indicated that some of the master gardeners will be on hand to help coordinate the “harvest”!

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.**

**Marcus Tullius Cicero,  
Roman Statesman 106  
B.C.-43 B.C.**



Pres. Lisa with Alex Merk of the ISU Extension

# SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!