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# Rotary Buzzer

September 17  
Chris Knapp—District  
Foundation Chair

September 19  
The Rotary Foundation  
Bill Curran, Program  
Chair

September 26  
Jamie Williams,  
Program Chair

Board Meeting 5:10 at  
Cedar Pointe (note date  
and location change)

October 3  
Work Day—Pulled Pork  
Dinner

October 8  
Pulled Pork Dinner

October 10  
No Meeting Following  
Pulled Pork Dinner

October 17  
Salvation Army,  
Tim Trudeau, Program  
Chair

October 24  
Phil Hauser, Program  
Chair

October 31  
Tony Prouty, Program  
Chair

Pres. Lisa Mount

RI Pres. Barry Rassin

Jeff Anderson, Editor

Carla Gomez Tello  
Tellez—RYE Student

## Meeting Recap

President Lisa welcomed everyone to our second meeting at Cedar Pointe— noting that we now had the Four Way Test Banner there—so it really is starting to feel like “home”! Lisa was happy to report that our entry with the Steam Engine received first place in the Novelty Category of the parade—and the gentleman who own the engine is donating the prize money towards our Centennial project!! Lisa did remind everyone that past district governor and current District Foundation Chair Chris Knapp will be speaking to the Evening Rotary Club on Monday at 5:30 at the Tic Toc. If you'd like to attend, please let Lisa know so they have an accurate head county. Our

regular meeting next Wednesday will also focus on the Rotary Foundation! Lisa did also remind everyone about the opportunity to support the Sukup SAFE T HOME project. Again, checks should be made out to the Boone Rotary Community Service Fund!

### OTHER MEETING NOTICES

Lisa shared that the board meeting this month will be Wednesday September 26<sup>th</sup> at Cedar Pointe and there will be a meeting of the Centennial Committee next Wednesday at 5:00 at Thompson Financial.

### Adopt a Highway Litter Pick Up

We performed our Adopt a Highway Litter pick up on Highway 30 next Wednesday evening. Our RYE student, Carla, came out to help despite suffering from a pretty miserable cold. We did learn that when someone sneezes, the proper response is Spanish is “Salud”! Other participants were Kurt, Matt, Lesley, and Jeff. Considering all the activity that had taken place along that stretch of the highway it was actually not as “trashy” as it had been on other occasions—but it's even less so after our efforts!

## Sergeant at Arms and Other News

Cody filled in as sergeant at arms and collected several happy dollars from members who were pleased that our entry in the Pufferbilly Parade was recognized. Brad was happy about the Toreadors coming back from being down 16-0 to win 31-22 last Friday night. Kurt was happy (relieved) to have his 8<sup>th</sup> Pufferbilly Days in the rear view mirror and he also

shared that he had the opportunity to preview a new documentary about Ledges State Park that is very good (and features Rotarian Vern Condon!). Brian mentioned that Ray Center recognized the Boone Hope Foundation and a video that feature Rotarian Eldon Hutcheson! Mary was looking forward to an auction that evening

and Andrew was happy to be back after spending last week in Wisconsin— sounds like he had a great time! Lisa was happy about our Highway Litter Project coming up that evening!



## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Farming looks mighty easy when your plow is a pencil and you're a thousand miles from the corn field.

Dwight D. Eisenhower



## Aaron Putze, Iowa Soybean Association

Lisa introduced Aaron Putze who is the Director of Communications for the Iowa Soybean Association. Aaron is originally from West Bend, Iowa (Home of the Grotto and Butter Braid Breads!) and he is a member of the Waukee Rotary Club. He also has written a book about Iowa Hawkeye legend Chuck Long (who has spoken to our club about the Iowa Sports Foundation in the past!). Aaron shared that there is often a debate in agriculture about using crops for “food versus fuel”. He noted that an even larger portion of crops went towards “fuel” in the past when grain (oats, hay, and corn) was used as “fuel” for oxen and horses (and yields were far less on top of that). Aaron noted that there are 42,000 members of the Iowa Soybean Association and that they produced 562 million bushels of soybeans in 2017—and that figure could rise to over 600 million this year. He did share that 98% of the “customer base” for Iowa soybeans is outside of the USA—so Iowa is VERY dependent on trade with other countries, which is why the current situation with China (which imports more soybeans than all other countries together) is so concerning. China uses a lot of soybeans for

animal feed. As a result of some of the trade concerns, soybean prices are down almost \$3 per bushel since March and crop prices as a whole are down almost 40% over the past five years. This impacts the income of farms which in turn impacts their decisions relating to the purchase of new equipment, pickups, etc. which affects other segments of the economy.



**Aaron Putze of the Iowa Soybean Association with President Lisa**



**Carla, Jeff, Lesley, Matt, and Kirk spiffed up our Adopted stretch of Highway 30 on Wednesday Night**