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# Rotary Buzzer

November 19 (MONDAY NIGHT)

Board Meeting at 4:10  
Social Time 5:20  
DG Tom Narak's Visit—  
joint meeting with the  
Evening Club

November 21  
No Wednesday Meeting

November 28  
Bill Skare, City  
Administrator  
Craig Downs, Program  
Chair

December 5  
Bob Herrick, Program  
Chair

December 6  
Salvation Army Bell  
Ringing

December 12  
Andrew Schroeder,  
Program Chair

December 19  
Pete Frangos, Program  
Chair

December 26  
No Meeting—  
HappyHolidiays

Pres. Lisa Mount

RI Pres. Barry Rassin

Jeff Anderson, Editor

Carla Gomez Tello  
Tellez—RYE Student

## Meeting Recap

President Lisa called the meeting to order and called upon Dave Cook and Steve Dakin to give an update on our Centennial project.

### Centennial Project

They were very happy to report that Fox Engineering in Ames has agreed to provide the necessary site plan for the project—at NO CHARGE. A number of the engineers in their firm are Rotarians and they were happy to assist us in our effort which will save thousands of dollars on the project. Many thanks to Fox Engineering! Dave shared plans for raising funds and

recognizing donors for the project. There will be sidewalk running from the city parking lot adjacent to the Midwest Dental office and Dave is proposing that we recognize Welcome Train "Founders" (10-20) who contribute \$5000 or more with commemorative 24'X24" stones placed in the sidewalk. They will also be recognized with permanent signage along with donors who contribute between \$250-\$2500 levels. Donor recognition levels will be named after various train "jobs" including Engineer (\$1000-2500), Conductor (\$500-999), Porter (\$250-499), Steward (\$100-249), and Attendant (\$50-99).

Dave and Steve indicated that are committing to the Founder level for our project! Thanks Dave and Steve for your leadership in our fundraising effort!

Lisa shared that our Salvation Army Bell Ringing Day will be Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. She also shared that Aaron Putze (the author) and Chuck Long (the subject) will be at Ericson Library on Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> to share about the book that Aaron has written about Chuck's life. There is also a Lego League volunteer opportunity on Dec. 2 if anyone is interested.

### SERGEANT AT ARMS

Sergeant Matt paid happy dollars for missing a few meetings and for the great news that Dave and Steve shared about our Centennial Project. Craig was happy about the Cyclones and Steve was happy about the ALL the Cyclone sports teams currently in

action. Susan shared that Carla's school in Mexico was "closed" on Wednesday because the temperatures had dropped to 30! Susan also reminded everyone about this weekend's Ride to End Polio fundraiser. Lisa paid a dollar for

wearing jeans to the meeting. She and Troy are in the process of relocating to their new office this week so they were looking a bit more "casual" than usual. Quite a number of members paid happy dollars in anticipation of our program/speaker.



## Tomas Gonzales-Torres, NASA Program

Steve introduced Tomas Gonzales-Torres who currently teaches in the Aerospace Engineering department at ISU and previously worked in a variety of roles with NASA—including serving as Flight Director. Tomas was born in Puerto Rico and raised in Knoxville. He indicated that growing up his ONLY goal was to work for NASA, and he chose Iowa State because the program there offered the opportunity to apply for a variety of internships with NASA. He would attend ISU for a semester or two and then go to NASA for a semester and apply what he learned which he indicate was a great experience and opportunity. After graduation he began working at the Johnson Space Center training astronauts for “spacewalks”. He passed around one of the gloves that astronauts use with the spacesuits. Astronauts train in huge pool (neutral buoyancy lab) to learn how to move in a zero gravity environment. After working for NASA for a number of years (and

continuing his training and education and passing a LOT of tests) he was named as a Flight Director in 2011. He noted that he was 82<sup>nd</sup> flight director “ever” at NASA (there have been less than 100 since the program started). Tomas moved back to Boone 1.5 years ago and is now teaching students at ISU—focusing on teaching them how to go about solving what can be very complex problems.



Lisa with Tomas Gonzales-Torres

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The Universe is under no obligation to make sense to you.

Neil deGrasse Tyson,  
astrophysicist



Ride to End Polio participants. Thanks to Amy for teaching the class at the YMCA on Saturday!