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Rotary Buzzer

December 5
Bob Herrick, Program
Chair

December 6
Salvation Army Bell
Ringing

December 12
Boone Fire Chief Justin
Adams
Andrew Schroeder,
Program Chair

December 19
Ed Arnold, Iowa
Wolves—PolioPlus
Event program
Pete Frangos, Program
Chair

December 26
No Meeting—Happy
Holidays

January 2
Committee Work Day

January 9
Brian Mehlhaus,
Program Chair

January 16
One Rotary Summit
Video

January 23
Susan Herrick, Program
Chair

January 30
Troy Thompson,
Program Chair

Pres. Lisa Mount

RI Pres. Barry Rassin

Jeff Anderson, Editor

Carla Gomez Tello
Tellez—RYE Student

Meeting Recap

Pres. Lisa called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone back after our Thanksgiving break. She mentioned that we are still in need of volunteers to help with ringing for the Salvation Army on Dec. 6th. We have some spots available at both HyVee and Fareway but almost no spots filled at Walmart. Lisa asked that members consider signing up first at HyVee and Fareway to at least try and fill out those locations. Lisa emailed the spreadsheet with slots and times to members under a separate email. Lisa reported that Ride to End Polio generated \$13,000 in funds throughout District 6000 which is GREAT! Thanks

to everyone who helped out with this effort. If you still have donations that have not been turned in please get them to Lisa as soon as possible.

IMPACT

Lisa noted that IMPACT (the food pantry) is also in need of items to donate to those in need this holiday season. We will be collecting items for a club donation in coming weeks. Items of particular need are soups, pasta dinners, skillet meals, peanut butter, and sauces.

SUKUP SAFE T HOME

Lisa was happy to report that we received \$1500 in donations from members towards the purchase of A SKUP Safe T Home. The club will match this with an

additional \$2000 that will be matched yet again by a donor which will cover the cost of one home that will likely be erected in Haiti. Our club will have a plaque affixed to the home denoting our donation. Thanks to everyone who supported this great project.

BIG DONATION FOR OUR CENTENNIAL PROJECT

Dave and Lisa reported that the Leonard Good Trust has agreed to contribute \$16500 towards our Centennial Project which is GREAT NEWS! Thanks to the Grants Committee for the work in helping to procure this donation! We are well on our way!

SERGEANT AT ARMS

Sergeant at Arms Matt collected happy dollars from a number of members (including him) for the great news about the donation from the Leonard Good Trust. Andrew paid a dollars for the Cyclones and another in hopes that he will be successfully in reducing the deer population this weekend. Brad noted that Futures Alternative High School is also developing a food pantry location. Jeff

noted that we shouldn't owe Notre Dame a "royalty" for the use of the tune this year since our rendition on Wednesday "wasn't close". Dave blamed it on the tricky acoustics in the room....yeah. Kurt had a nice trip to Arizona and Mary had seven "growing: (and hungry) boys at her home for Thanksgiving. Troy noted he will be out of town for our Bell Ringing Day but he pledged \$100 if

any member would fill a spot for him! Craig was looking forward to the ISU-Drake game and Hutch paid \$2—noting that he would ask for it back if Drake won! Evidently Drake "missed the memo" about how things were supposed to shake out. The 'dogs were pretty ferocious on Saturday! Dave paid a dollar for Bill Snyder and Vern paid a dollar for Tim Trudeau!



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.

Aristotle



City Administrator Bill Skare

Craig introduced Boone City Administrator Bill Skare. Bill shared that he first came to Boone in 1984 as member of the police force—working as an officer until 1999. He worked for the county until 2004 when he returned as the police chief, serving in that capacity until 2015 when he became the city administrator. Bill noted that it has been an exciting year in Boone with a lot of activity in the areas of housing and economic development. He shared that new housing developments have been established at the former trailer parks by the Little League park that will accommodate 17 homes and another development is being planned at he site of the former Garfield Elementary building which will be demolished in the coming year. The city is also contemplating paving S. Marion and West Park Avenue which would “pave the way” for further housing development in that area. There also over fifty apartments in the new development south of Fareway that are now being rented. Bill also reported that new construction is underway for a number of commercial projects including the new Nerem/Thompson building in the former Fareway Training Center, a new dental office, Verizon, Ogden Telephone, a new bank, Bomgaars, and remodeled former Redekers

building that will house six or seven businesses. He also shared that the Boulders Motel and Conference Center is off to a very successful start. In 2018 there has been \$1.5 million in new valuation from new home construction and \$27 million in new commercial projects which is very exciting. Plans are also in place for a new overpass that will extend Highway 17 across the railroad tracks that will connect with a road into the Industrial Park. This project is currently slated to get underway in 2023 but Bill hopes that the IA DOT may move it up a year or more. It will cost \$13 million which is a comparatively small project for the DOT. He also shared that there is a “certified” site near where the overpass will be that is being considered by a business that could bring upwards of 200 jobs to the area if it comes to fruition (the site allowed Boone to make it to the “second round” of consideration.

Bill also mentioned that the city council is looking at some options to try and bolster downtown Boone as well. He “polled:” the group to get a feeling for what members thought about the city possibly “spending money” to demolish the old Fareway parking ramp. Thanks to Bill for a very interesting and informative update!

I totally forgot to get a picture of Bill for the Buzzer. Sorry 😊

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!