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Meeting Recap

December 19
Ed Arnold Iowa
Wolves—PolioPlus
Dave Hansen,
Xicotepec Project
Pete Frangos, Program
Chair

December 26
No Meeting—Happy
Holidays

January 2
Committee Work Day

January 9
John Rochford, YSS
Brian Mehlhaus,
Program Chair

January 16
One Rotary Summit
Video

January 23
Susan Herrick, Program
Chair

January 30
Troy Thompson,
Program Chair

February 6th
Auction Work Day
Kickoff

February 13
Brad Manard, Program
Chair

Pres. Lisa Mount

RI Pres. Barry Rassin

Jeff Anderson, Editor

Carla Gomez Tello
Tellez—RYE Student

Pres. Lisa called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone—especially Jim Riordan who was back with us after several months absence. Great to see Jim again! Lisa thanked Cody for presiding over last week's meeting in her absence and she also thanked everyone who helped out with ringing bells for the Salvation Army. Lisa reported that we took in \$1219.51! Lisa also shared that the Salvation Army has invited us (up to two members) to attend their appreciation dinner on January 22nd. Let Lisa know if you'd like to attend.

Troy filled in as our Sergeant at Arms and collected a LOT of happy dollars from members who were very happy to see back with us—and Jim paid a happy dollar because he was happy to see us. George was happy that the 22 inches of snow that fell in Boone fell in Boone, NC (where his son lives). Cody was happy that his dad's

BOARD MEETING REPORT

The board met Monday evening and decided to reserve a meeting room at Boulder's Conference Center for our Centennial Celebration on May 1st (a Wednesday night). She also shared that the board decided to sponsor five "angels" from the Salvation Army's Angel Tree. The club will provide gifts to several of the older kids on the tree. Cody also had five remaining angels with him that were still available for adoption and several members adopted them! Lisa also reported that the Ames Morning Club's Run 4 Kids will take place in

late April and Matt has agreed to help out with the planning for that event (a family fun run). Lisa noted that 10-12 members and their kids participated in last year's event and it was a LOT of fun! Lisa also shared the board is setting up a challenge for members to bring guests (potential members) to meetings starting in January. Whichever member brings the most guest before March 31 will receive 500 Paul Harris points (and maybe a trophy!). Lisa reminded everyone that meals for guests are covered by the club!

SERGEANT AT ARMS

prostate cancer appears to have been completely cured and Andrew was happy that "a member" purchased a new pickup and Craig was enlightened by the stimulating conversation at his table! Steve likes Cody well enough he was glad to see Lisa back running the show again on Wednesday. Susan was glad that

Carla was feeling better after experiencing a scratched cornea and Brian noted that we are still in need of additional host families for Carla—so please let him know if you or someone you know would be interested in hosting.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

My heroes are those who risk their lives every day to protect our world and make it a better place - police, firefighters and members of our armed forces.

Sidney Sheldon,
author and novelist



Justin Adams, Boone Fire Chief

Andrew introduced Boone Fire Chief Justin Adams as our speaker. Justin shared that the department consists of mix of full-time, part-time, and volunteer firefighters. Usually there are at least three members of the department on duty at any time. Services provided by the department include firefighting, emergency services, technical rescue services such as extracting people from car accidents, rope rescues (like when someone falls off the lookout rock at Ledges—yikes!), and grain bin extractions, hazardous material management, and fire prevention and inspection services. The service area for firefighting is 170 miles (all of Boone and about 1/3 of the county) and they cover the entire county with EMS services. This past year they have over 1500 calls. Justin shared that back in 2003 the total number of calls was under 900—and the number seems to grow a bit more every year (so they stay very busy). He did share that many of the fire

hydrants in town (3000 in all) are looking faded and discolored, so this spring they will be challenging groups and organizations to take on scraping and repainting hydrants as a project (they will provide the paint). He hinted that whichever group paints the most could receive (another!) trophy! The total budget for the department is \$1.2 million of which 94% is for salaries and benefits. Justin also shared that the department will be looking to purchase a new firetruck soon which could cost upwards of \$650,000 (but they last for 40 years) so they “aren’t cheap”!



Fire Chief Justin Adams with Andrew Schroeder

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!