

Rotary Buzzer

December 6
Salvation Army Bell
Ringing

December 10
Board Meeting at BVB
at 5:10

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

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

December 26
No Meeting—Happy
Holidays

January 2
Committee Work Day

January 9
YSS Program
Brian Mehlhaus,
Program Chair

January 16
One Rotary Summit
Video

January 23
Susan Herrick, Program
Chair

Pres. Lisa Mount

RI Pres. Barry Rassin

Jeff Anderson, Editor

Carla Gomez Tello
Tellez—RYE Student

Past past...president Cody called the meeting to order on Wednesday as he filled in for Pres. Lisa who was gone for Dave Reed's funeral. Cody reported that we had enough members sign up to fully cover only two of the three locations for the Salvation Army on Thursday so we are shifting those who were signed up at Fareway to Walmart as that location typically garners roughly three times more in donations.

Cody also shared that the next board meeting will take place at Boone

Valley Brewing at 5:10 on Monday December 10th. All members are welcome to attend if they wish!

IMPACT

Cody indicated that donations for IMPACT (the food pantry) will be collected until our meeting on December 19th (our last of the year by the way!). Lisa had indicated last week that items of particular need are soups, pasta dinners, skillet meals, peanut butter, and sauces.

Susan shared that the final donation total for District 600 for the Ride to End Polio was \$14,950

SERGEANT AT ARMS

Steve Dakin filled in as our Sergeant at Arms on Wednesday. He shared that he is going to be traveling down to Decatur county to Leon for a SUKUP Safe T Home presentation. Craig was hoping we have a lot of success ringing for the Salvation Army and Brian was happy about the success of the ISU women's basketball team

and about ISU going to San Antonio for their bowl game this year. Jeff and Jane contributed in memory of Dave Reed and Phil had a nice time riding the Christmas Train with his kids and grandchildren this past weekend even if "papa" ended up picking up the tab! Sara had missed a few meetings but she was looking forward to

which she thinks may be once again the largest contribution of any Rotary District in the world. I would go so far as to suggest it may be the biggest in the universe!

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Brian shared that we are still in need of additional host families for Carla. If you know of a family that would enjoy being a host family please let Brian know and he will be happy to contact them.

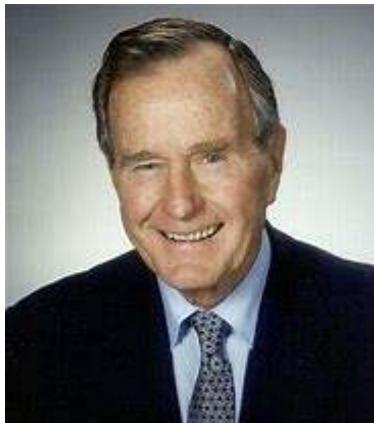
hearing from our speakers later on in the meeting. Cody and Pete shared about contributing to the Angel Trees for kids in need—one of which is located at USBANK. Pete shared that there is a greater need this year because Toys for Tots will not be delivering gifts to the Boone area this year.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

We are a nation of communities... a brilliant diversity spread like stars, like a thousand points of light in a broad and peaceful sky.

George H. W. Bush



Liz Cox, Prevent Child Abuse Iowa

Bob Herrick introduced Liz Cox of Prevent Child Abuse Iowa. IN addition to her role with that organization she is also a member of the Des Moines AM Rotary Club and serves as the District 6000 Public Image coordinator and a member of the West Des Moines School Board. She noted that in that capacity she "stalks" our social media posts from time to time! One of DG Tom Narak areas of emphasis this year is working to reduce child abuse in Iowa so Liz's presentation was very timely. She was also accompanied by Boone County Cares board members Ann Gengler and JoAnn Hansen. Liz shared that preventing child abuse depends on developing strong social supports through caring connections with families. The impact of abuse on children has long lasting effects including impacting brain development. Living in an environment of fear and stress causes children's brains to develop differently which can have long term impacts on their ability to learn and to develop trusting relationships. Prevent Child Abuse Iowa works with local partners to develop "concrete supports" to address risk factors that

contribute to statistically higher likelihoods of abuse such as poverty, food insecurity, lack of housing, and lack of parenting skills. She encouraged our club to connect (with local partners like IMPACT, the Salvation Army, and Boone County Cares), to donate (you can contribute directly or through a "check off" on your state income tax return) and to advocate (with legislators and policymakers).



Liz Cox of Prevent Child Abuse Iowa with Ann Gengler and Joann Hansen of Boone County Cares

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!