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Rotary Buzzer

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January 9
John Rochford, YSS
Brian Mehlhaus,
Program Chair

January 16
Fly Iowa 2019
Kris Blocker

January 21
Evening Rotary Club
Meeting

January 23
Karla's Club
Presentation
Susan Herrick, Program
Chair

January 30
Troy Thompson,
Program Chair

February 6th
Auction/Centennial
Work Day Kickoff

February 13
Brad Manard, Program
Chair

February 20
Jeff Anderson, Program
Chair

February 27
Mary Dufelmeier, Chair

Pres. Lisa Mount

RI Pres. Barry Rassin

Jeff Anderson, Editor

Carla Gomez Tello
Tellez—RYE Student

Pres. Lisa called the first meeting of the New Year to order. Evidently some members were still recovering from the holidays as our attendance was a bit...thin on Wednesday. I am sure it will pick back up again as members get back in the groove for 2019. Lisa passed the signup sheet for greeter for the rest of January around along with a thank you note from the Boone Police Department thanking the club for our \$500 donation to Shop with a Cop. All told they were able to help out 94 kids with gifts for \$130 each! Lisa also shared information about tickets

Eldon filled in as our Sergeant at Arms on Wednesday and he paid a dollar in memory of Lisa's grandmother and Jane's mother in law, Ruth Hitsman who passed away this week. Please keep Lisa and Jane in your thoughts and prayers. Mary D. paid a dollar to wish everyone a Happy New Year and several other members did likewise. Phil had a great

for the Iowa Wolves Polio Plus night on February 2nd (only a month away). Tickets are \$20 each and the Wolves will donate \$10 from each ticket towards our district's Polio Plus fund!

BRING A GUEST TO ROTARY CHALLENGE

Lisa reminded everyone again of the "bring a guest to Rotary" challenge which is running from now through the end of March. We will keep track of every guest each member brings and whoever brings the most guests during that time will receive 500 Paul Harris points (halfway to a Paul Harris Fellow Award!)

Sergeant at Arms

Christmas holiday and Dave is looking forward to getting to know Carla even better as they host her in the coming months and Steve expressed his appreciation for having the opportunity to host Carla since she arrived. Jeff had a nice trip to Chicago last weekend and George was happy that he is starting the year in which he will turn 90! Pete was glad he was

HOST FAMILIES FOR CARLA ANNOUNCED

Dave and Lisa Cook will be serving as Carla's next host family (starting on Wednesday) and Isidro Gonzales' family will be her third host family in the spring. Thanks to the Cook's and Gonzales' for volunteering and to the Dakin's for hosting Carla since she arrived. Susan mentioned that the process of identifying host families for next year is beginning. It's not entirely certain but tentatively it sounds like our student will likely be a boy next year.

feeling better. He was unable to introduce his speaker on the 19th as he was "pretty sick". Glad you are feeling better, Pete! Vern was pretty pleased with the great weather we have had so far in January! Let's hope it keeps up!



Centennial Project Update and Planning

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Celebrate what you want to see more of.

Tom Peters, business writer—author of *In Search of Excellence*



Dave shared that planning for our Centennial Project is chugging ahead. You may recall that Fox Engineering had agreed to perform the site survey work (thanks to Steve for facilitating that!) and Dave noted that they have already been our doing some of the work, noting that there are little “flags” out marking the areas they have surveyed. Dave did not that they estimate it could take upwards of 300 tons of crushed rock/concrete to build the bed needed to get the train and cars in place—so if anyone knows where we can lay our hands on some concrete, please let Dave know! Fox is also arranging for boring studies of the soil to determine how much soil preparation will be needed before the train is put in place. Dave hopes the DOT will sign off on the final project specs by late February to early March and we are tentatively planning on dedicating the site at our Centennial

Celebration on May 1st. Dave noted that we are trying to arrange for our celebration meeting to be held at the Boulders Conference Center and that because our event falls the day before the District Conference he thinks we will have a number of Rotary reps from around the District at our celebration. There are plan to pour a sidewalk extending from the city parking lot (adjacent to the Dentist office) that will extend to the train and there will be opportunities for major donors to be recognized with special plaques/pavers in the sidewalk. Dave is also working the rest of the project committee to develop a working group consisting our city officials (streets, public works, city admin, the UP, and Alliant) to make sure we are coordinating with all the entities that will impacted by this project! Thanks to Dave and the Centennial Project committee for all their hard work!

See you next week!