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# Rotary Buzzer

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  
Karla's Club  
Presentation  
Susan Herrick, Program  
Chair

January 30  
Troy Thompson,  
Program Chair

February 6<sup>th</sup>  
Auction 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

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Pres. Lisa called the final meeting of the (calendar) year to order. Lisa shared that our club purchased gifts for five pre-teen and teenaged “angels” to help brighten their Christmas. Lisa will also be turning in the donation of food items collected for IMPACT later this week. Thanks to everyone who contributed! She also passed around a thank you note from the ISU Extension for our support of the 4H Leadership and Outstanding 4Her Awards!

### Speaking of Leadership...

Lisa announced that we do have a full slate of directors for the coming (Rotary) year (that starts in July 2019). We are still in need of a president elect elect (meaning you would become club president in July 2021 if I am keeping all my “elects” straight. We will also need a someone to step up to serve as club secretary beginning in July when Mary Youngblood retires from that position—which she has served more many a year!

**BRING A GUEST TO ROTARY CHALLENGE**  
Lisa mentioned again that

we are taking up DG Tom Narak on his challenge for every Rotarian to bring a guest to a meeting in the coming year—and turning it into a competition. From January 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!) and “maybe a trophy”. There are many people in our community who would make GREAT Rotarians—they just need to be asked!

## IOWA WOLVES POLIO PLUS EVENT

Ed Arnold of the NW Des Moines Rotary Club, who had chaired the Iowa Energy/Wolves/Polio Night at Wells Fargo since its inception over 10 years ago was on hand to encourage our club to get involved in the is event again this year. He noted that this year's game will be on February 2 when the Wolves play the Memphis Hustle. Tickets for the game will be \$24-30 dollars and the Wolves then donate \$20 per

ticket towards District 6000's polio eradication efforts. Since this fundraiser started the District has raised enough money to immunize 150,000 children against polio—and our club's contributions would have paid for 3500 of those doses of polio vaccine! If you would like to purchase tickets for yourself (or to donate), please let Lisa know!



Pres. Lisa with Ed Arnold



## XICOTEPEC PROJECT

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

I would rather be ashes than dust! I would rather be a superb meteor, every atom of me in magnificent glow, than a sleepy and permanent planet.

Jack London, American writer and journalist, 1876-1916



Lisa introduced David Hansen of the Ames Rotary Club who presented an update on the Xicotepec (Karla's home town!) project. David was responsible for the initial contacts with Rotarians in Xicotepec that led to the formation of the partnership many years ago when he was Executive Director of a non-profit affiliated with the land grant universities in Iowa ((ISU) and four other neighboring states focused on rural development. When he returned to Iowa he shared his story with Ray Munson (who was then DG of District 6000) and shortly thereafter the Xicotepec relationship was established. David said that relationship has resulted in a number of very successful, smaller initiatives-which he noted is not the direction that the Rotary Foundation is going currently which is focused on larger (\$35,000 would be considered "small") projects that become locally sustainable. Among the projects Rotarians from District 6000 have been involved in in Xicotepec are the construction of

an orphanage, a bilingual (Spanish/indigenous) school, a pharmacy, school construction, dental care, and several other water quality and public health initiatives. Our current RYE student, Carla, is from Xicotepec!



**RYE Carla with David Hansen**

## SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!