

# Rotary Buzzer

## SPRING!

March 27  
Mary Dufelmeier,  
Program Chair

March 30  
District Assembly in  
Newton

April 3  
Committee Work Day

April 10  
Sara Morton, Program  
Chair

April 17  
Auction Work Day

April 24  
President elect Vicki's  
club assembly

May 1  
Centennial Celebration!  
Party, party, party!

May 2-4  
District Conference—  
West Des Moines

May 8 (the first meeting  
of our second 100  
years!)  
Jane Hitsman, Program  
Chair

Pres. Lisa Mount

RI Pres. Barry Rassin

Jeff Anderson, Editor

Carla Gomez Tello  
Tellez—RYE Student

Pres. Lisa welcomed everyone to the meeting including Kaley Davis who was visiting as Vicki's guest. Kaley is the new program director at the YMCA. Lisa reminded the club of several upcoming events including the In Plain Sight room educational event at Boone County Hospital on Thursday March 28 from 4-7 pm. Lisa passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers who want to assist with the project. She also reminded everyone of the Kids Run for Kids on April 27 at Brookside Park in Ames. We are looking for the sponsors and runners for this

event. Our club is going to be a Gold level sponsor again this year. Lisa hopes to have 30 runners participate!

### Guest Challenge Ends Next Week

Lisa mentioned that our Rotary Guest Challenge ends next Wednesday. Remember, 500 Paul Harris points are on the line for the member who ends up bringing the most guests!

### GRANTS TEAM COMES THROUGH AGAIN!

Lisa was very happy to report that the Centennial Project Grants team requested \$15,000 for our train project from the Boone County Foundation

and we were awarded...\$15,000! Thank you to the Grants Team for all their hard work and to the Boone County Foundation for their support.

Susan shared that Jennifer Jones is looking forward to speaking at our Centennial Celebration on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Mary has invitations if you have someone you'd like to invite. The cost of the event will be \$25 per person and the meal is going to be catered by Lidderdale Catering.

### SERGEANT AT ARMS

Matt collected (or will!) a check from Steve in recognition of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his 60th birthday. Vicki paid a happy dollar to encourage everyone to start contacting their auction donors. It's the first week of spring and so it's only a few months until our auction! Randy was happy that the ISU, Drake, and Iowa

women and ISU and Iowa Men qualified for the NCAA Tournament. Hutch paid a dollar in sympathy for all the victims of flooding in Nebraska and SW Iowa. Doug paid a dollar for some missed meetings and for getting to wear a Big 12 Tournament Championship hat to the office this week. Kurt was very happy that

Boone has a state certified site ready for business and industrial prospects to consider. Having a state certified site is BIG DEAL when industries are evaluating communities in which to local their facilities.

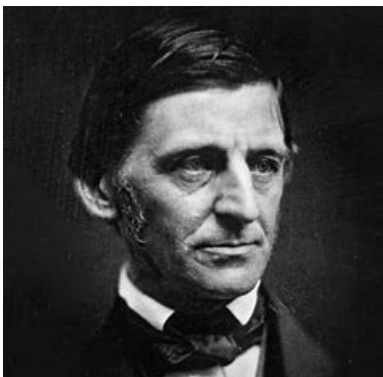


BE THE INSPIRATION

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

It is one of the beautiful compensations in this life that no one can sincerely try to help another without helping himself.

Ralph Waldo Emerson  
1803-1882



## Rita Foster--RSVP

Mary Youngblood introduced Rita Foster who is the director of Boone County RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program). Rita noted that to participate in the program you need to be 55 years of age or older—so she thought “some” of us might be eligible to get involved! She noted that when talking to Rotarians about how to get involved volunteering it is sort of like talking to fish about how to swim! The RSVP Program was started in Boone in 1987 and is largely funded through a federal grant through a Senior Corps grant. They also receive funding from the city and United Way and their office space located on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Courthouse is an in kind donation by Boone County. Volunteers in Boone County get involved in many different ways included serving as a manpower resource for many non-profit organizations and the schools. They also staff the Visitor Center located in the Caboose near Dairy Queen in the summer months and a number of their volunteers are involved with the Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad. They also work with the food pantries and with the “Friday Food Friends”

program that distributes food on Friday afternoons in the backpacks of students in need of meal/food assistance over the weekends and they also provide disaster preparedness training to students in grades 4-6. RSVP volunteers also provide respite relief to caregivers as well as making phone calls to caregivers to make sure they have an opportunity to share and concerns or frustrations they may be experiencing. Statewide 4994 RSVP volunteers provided almost 300,000 volunteer hours with an estimated cost savings to various non-profit entities for over \$6 million dollars!



Rita Foster of Boone County RSVP  
with Mary Youngblood

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