

# Rotary Buzzer

## MEETING RECAP

May 15  
Sarah Hanson, Dir. of  
Development for  
Blessman International

May 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Doug Thompson,  
Program Chair

May 29  
Erich Kretzinger,  
Habitat for Humanity  
Jane Hitsman, chair

June 5  
Final Auction Work Day

June 12  
Randy Purdy, Program  
Chair

June 19  
Abby Howie, Program  
Chair

June 26  
Rotary Year in Review

Pres. Lisa Mount

DG Tom Narak

RI Pres. Barry Rassin

Carla Gomez Tello  
Tellez—RYE Student

Jeff Anderson, Editor

Birthday girl Lisa called the meeting to order! Thanks to Jane (Lisa's mom) for having the club treated to cake to mark the occasion. Happy birthday, Lisa! It was great to see Sara Schrupp back with us as she finished the spring semester in Minnesota last week!

Sara was presenting scholarships to Boone and Ogden students on Wednesday (the Madrid students will receive their awards at graduation so we'll keep their names under wraps for now). The Boone students who are receiving academic scholarships are Casey

Matt collected happy dollars from Tim who was happy to be back with us after several weeks in Latvia and many members were happy about Lisa's birthday and Hans was particularly happy about the cake! Lisa noted that she had "36" reasons to be happy! Sara was looking forward to the program

Wilmes, Shayna Weldon, Jake Lewis, and Hunter Sherry. The Ogden students are McKayla Dozier and Ben Heeren. Congratulations to these students on receiving \$1000 scholarships for the coming academic year!

### RYLA APPLICANTS

We are still seeking students from Boone County to participate in this year's RYLA Camp. If you know of students who will be juniors or seniors next year who would benefit from participation in this great leadership development experience please let Lisa know as soon as possible.

### SERGEANT AT ARMS

and she also had a great Mother's Day. Randy was happy that all his kids were able to call his wife on Mother's Day—including a Facetime call from Iceland! He also enjoyed being with his 90 year old mother on her big day! His wife had also been appointed as a senior lecturer at Iowa

### SUMMER READING KICKOFF

Lisa shared that our club will be helping kids make bookmarks at Ericson Public Library's Summer Reading Kickoff event starting at 4:00 on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. All members are welcome to participate for all or part of this fun event.

### AUCTION UPDATE

Items for the auction are due as soon as possible so that the packages can be put together. Lisa passed around the signup sheet to duties at the auction. Flyers for the event as tickets are now available!

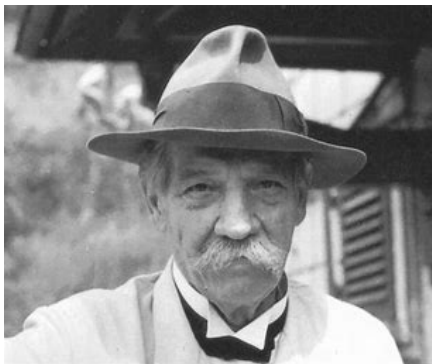
State! Congratulations! Vern paid a dollar in memory of his brother, Ted, who passed away in Arizona last week. Vern noted that Ted was a "good boy" and great father.



## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Sometimes our light goes out but is blown into flame by another human being. Each of us owes deepest thanks to those who have rekindled this light.

Albert Schweitzer,  
Physician and theologian  
1875-1964



## Barb Halvorson, Blessman International

Lisa introduced Barb Halvorson who is a board member for Blessman International. Barb is a members of the Coon Rapids Rotary Club! Blessman International (originally Blessman Ministries) was founded and continues to be led by Dr. Jim and Beth Blessman. They have sent two teams a year to provide aid and support in the areas of food, water, and sanitation in South Africa since 2001—including some teams that have partnered with Rotarians in District 6000. They put together health kits for girls and women and they are responsible for providing over 3 million meals (12000 kids per day) to those in need. IN addition to providing meals (packaged by Meals from the Heartland) they also provide support to help those living in the areas they serve to raise their own chickens (and eggs) and produce to help lessen the food insecurity in the area.

They also have helped provide medical care and vision/eye care (30000 pairs of glasses)during their mission trips and developed over 20 wells which provide clean drinking water to over 12000 children. You can access more information at [Blessmaninternational.org](http://Blessmaninternational.org) including a blog and a number of YouTube videos.



Barb Halvorson of Blessman International with Birthday Girl Pres. Lisa

**KEEP MAKING THOSE DONOR CONTACTS FOR OUR AUCTION!**