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Meeting Recap

July 14

Iowa Games Cycling
Race Road Marshals
7:30-10:00 AM

July 15

Evening Club
Meeting—Tic Toc
5:30

July 17

Wade Hiner, Destiny
Homes
Becky Dose, Program
Chair

July 24

Networking Day: Pete
Frangos, Randy Purdy
Joe Smith

July 31

DG Erna Morain's
Annual Club Visit
Board meeting at 11:00
prior to the meeting

August 7

Terry Moorman,
Downtown Greenspace
Project
Hans Pollard, Program
Chair

August 14

Joe Smith, Program
Chair

August 21

Networking Day
Steve Dakin, Jane
Hitsman, Andrew
Schroeder

Pres. Vicki Greco

DG Erna Morain

RI Pres. Mark Maloney

Jeff Anderson, Editor

Pres. Vicki called the meeting to order and welcomed our speaker, Ron Bittle of Hilltop Greenhouse, as our only guest. Ron was Vern's speaker but Tim reported that Vern had spent the previous evening in the hospital but he was now home and doing better which was good to hear. Vicki circulated the sign-up sheets for the upcoming Iowa Games cycling event and Fly Iowa. She also passed around a thank you letter from McKayla Dozier who is one of this year's Rotary Scholarship recipients. McKayla will be attending Iowa State this fall and will be majoring in Animal Science. Her long range goal is operate a own "cow/calf" operation.

IOWA GAME CYCLING EVENT

Craig shared that he could use more volunteers for

Sergeant Matt contributed a happy dollar "just because" and Craig contributed for the support members continue to provide for helping out with the Iowa Games Cycling race. Phil chipped in for a few missed meetings and Tim contributed for Vern being home and feeling

Sunday's Iowa Games Cycling Road Volunteers should meet at Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad by 7:30 that morning and the event is usually wrapped up by 10:00. We could use upwards of 20 volunteers and any friends and family members who would like to help out are certainly welcome! If you have a push broom (or gas leaf blower) those can be helpful in removing gravel from intersections. It will be hot it appears so plan accordingly.

Centennial Project Update

Dave reported that it appears the passenger car is "under cover" in the shop for the painting process to be underway. Vicki also asked whether we were interested in participating in the Pufferbilly Parade against this year (we are the defending champs in the novelty division after all!) and it sounds as if we are. Our

Sergeant at Arms

better. Mary was looking forward to an auction with McCoy pottery and Jeff noted he was suspicious of any plants (including those that Ron brought) after getting a pretty back case of poison ivy. Dave and Lisa Cook were celebrating their 37th Wedding

float in last year's parade helped promote community awareness of Centennial Project. It's amazing to think that since that time our club has raised or donated over \$170,000 in total pledges.

DG Erna Morain's Club Visit is Approaching

Vicki reminded everyone that District Governor Erna Morain will be making her annual club visit to Boone on Wednesday July 3. We really want to have a great turnout to welcome Governor Erna to Boone. Vicki also noted that the board will meet with Erna at 11:00 AM at Cedar Pointe prior to our regular meeting.

Anniversary (it seems like just last year they were celebrating their 36th!) and Jane was also glad to hear that Vern was feeling better!



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

If you think in terms of a year, plant a seed; if in terms of ten years, plant trees; if in terms of 100 years, teach the people.

Confucius, 551-479 BC



Ron Bittle, Hilltop Greenhouse

Ron Bittle, the owner of Hilltop Greenhouse, was introduced as our speaker. Ron has been in plant business for over 40 years and his greenhouse facilities are located north of Highway 30 just west of Ogden. Ron's noted that when it comes to taking care of most plants is that most people tend not to water them enough—but this year that has been less of a problem due to the abundance (record) of rainfall. Some plants are looking "yellow" due to too much water. Ron primarily sells (wholesale with some retail) annual plants, noting that annuals tend to flower for most of the season providing color and beauty. Perennial plants tend to have rather short periods where they bloom (peonies, tulips, and those danged yucca plants). Most of the plants he sells have been bred to be easy to care for, requiring little more than regular watering and occasional fertilization. Some plants, like geraniums, still have "weedlike" hardiness but others, like mums have had that weedlike hardiness

bred out of them in the pursuit of more colors, etc. (So the "hardy" mums you buy are not as likely to overwinter if you plant them anymore). Ron noted the hanging baskets and planters featuring primarily pink petunias in downtown Boone all came from his greenhouse—and they are looking really good this year. At the end of his presentation Ron awarded several petunia plants, a geranium, a mixed coleus planter, and mum. Thanks to Ron for another very interesting presentation!



One of the lovely planters from Ron that the city has located in downtown!



The lucky winners in the plant drawing along with Ron Bittle (on the right). Congratulations!