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Rotary Buzzer

Happy New Rotary Year!

July 10

Vern Condon, Program
Chair

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

August 7

Hans Pollard, Program
Chair

August 14

Joe Smith, Program
Chair

Pres. Vicki Greco

DG Erna Morain

RI Pres. Mark Maloney

Jeff Anderson, Editor

Pres. Vicki called the first meeting of the new Rotary year to order and welcomed all in attendance. She noted that we are waiting on final figures from the auction but by all reports things seemed to run very smoothly. Vicki noted her appreciation for all the work that Abby did for a number of years chairing the auction only continues to grow as she recognized just how much work it is to pull off. Thanks to everyone who helped out with procuring auction donations, setting up, cleaning up, wine grab, mystery books, cooking, and helping with the actual auctioning and booking itself! There were a handful of books remaining (with mystery gift cards inside) available for \$20 for members looking to kick back with a book over the upcoming 4th of July

Sergeant Matt collected happy dollars from a number of members for the recently concluded auction and many members were also thrilled with the news about the Prairie Meadows grant. Hans wished everyone a safe and happy 4th of July and Vern was happy that he was "wrong" about there not being a Rotary meeting today and

holiday! Vicki asked that if anyone has any particular ideas or feedback relating to the auction to feel free to contact her. Pres. Vicki's email address is vicki_greco@yahoo.com if you need to get ahold of her by that means

IOWA GAME CYCLING EVENT

The Iowa Games Cycling Road Race will take place on Sunday July 14th. We have volunteered for years (approaching a couple of decades actually) as road marshals to control traffic to make sure participants remain safe during the race. 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!

FLY IOWA

Vicki also passed around a

Sergeant at Arms

that Tim set him straight! Steve and Lesley had a great, extended trip to the Rotary International Convention in Hamburg and he drove over 3000 miles while he was there including traveling to Croatia to visit Matej and his family. Pete paid a dollar in appreciation of all

signup sheet for volunteers for the Fly Iowa event coming up on Saturday August 3rd.

BIG CENTENNIAL PROJECT GRANT!

Dave Cook announced that the grant team received a letter from the Prairie Meadows Foundation that our project has been awarded a \$20,000 grant! This is amazing news and brings our total pledges to just over \$174,000! Dave also shared that the site plan is slated to be approved by the city council, perhaps as soon as July 10 so things really moving ahead. Dave noted that one suggestion was that it may be best to mover the rain to the site in the winter when the ground is frozen instead of other times of year when ground is a bit more squishy (like now!).

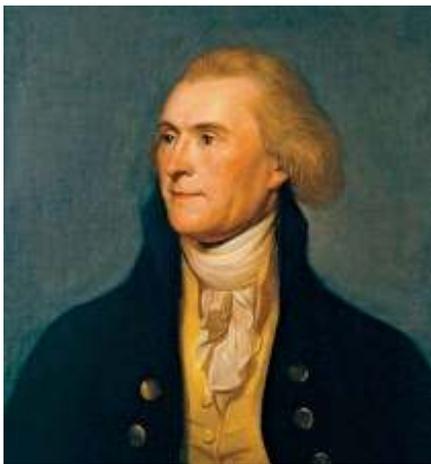
the great work that Lisa did during her year as president and another dollar for all the great work that he is sure Vicki will do this year...and a number of other members echoed those same sentiments.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Thomas Jefferson



Pres. Vicki's Club Journey

Pres. Vicki began by noting that the past few months have been challenging with the elimination of her position and the YMCA and her husband, Lou's, health issues but she is taking the summer to relax, spend more time together, and to settle in as our president. Vicki had sent out a survey monkey a few months ago seeking input from members to six questions. The first was "why are you in Rotary?" The words that most frequently came up in the responses were service, community, and to be of help. The second question related to challenges in our community and the most often cited needs related to food insecurity and literacy. She also asked whether members would prefer to continue to meet weekly or perhaps bimonthly, or if we wanted to forgo one meeting a month in lieu of a service project. There was some interest in meeting bimonthly and Vicki led a discussion among those present about some of the pros and cons. Continuing to look at meal options and the impact they

have on the cost of membership was discussed as well. In response to asking what member's hidden talents are members evidently chose to keep them hidden! For fun members like to read, drink, golf, and be with friends. Vicki shared that once a month we will have a meeting dedicated to a networking session where three or four members will share about themselves to allow other members to get to know them better. She is also having new member orientation packets prepared and would like to see Rotary mentors paired with new members to help them feel more strongly attached to the club. She will also be approaching some members about becoming part of a membership committee. She did share that we will continue to participate in many of the service projects we have been doing that make such a difference in our community and we will also look at ways to engage in some type of international service project as well. If you would still like to respond to the survey contact Vicki and she'd be happy to forward it to you. Here's to the start of another great year for the Boone Rotary Club!

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

