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Rotary Buzzer

June 20
Board Meeting at 5:10
at Boone Valley
Brewing

June 26
Rotary Year in Review

June 27
Set up for the Auction
at Seven Oaks

June 28
Rotary Auction—Seven
Oaks

July 3
Pres. Vicki's first
meeting

July 10
Vern Condon, Program
Chair

July 17
Wade Hiner, Destiny
Homes
Becky Dose, Program
Chair

July 24
Networking Day

July 31
DG Erna Morain's
Annual Club Visit

Pres. Lisa Mount

DG Tom Narak

RI Pres. Barry Rassin

Jeff Anderson, Editor

Pres. Lisa called the penultimate meeting of Rotary year to order and welcomed past District Governor Don Goering of the Ames Noon Rotary Club to Boone. Lisa noted that we will have members of the Ames Morning Club back with us next Wednesday to share how things went this year with the Kids Run for Kids that we helped sponsor.

Lisa shared that there have been 30 new cases of polio year to date (there were 33 all of last year) but it does appear that it is still confined to just two countries (Pakistan and Afghanistan I believe). If they go just a few more months without a new case, Nigeria (and with it the African continent) will be declared "polio free".

FLY IOWA

Kurt Phillips made a pitch

Matt collected happy/prime the pump dollars for our heads or tails activity at the auction. If you've been to the auction before you know what this event is all about and if not you'll figure it out very quickly that night! Randy chipped in for his guest speaker (Joe Smith) and Joe chipped in because he "talked his wife into" having her gall bladder surgery at Boone County Hospital instead of Mary

for Fly Iowa which is coming up on August 3rd. He had "slick" (in more ways than one!) posters promoting the event for members to take to their places of business and he noted that are also looking for volunteers as well. They expect there could be upwards of 100 planes flying in for the event along with a lot of folks arriving by car. Pete Frangos is also on the steering committee so if you'd like to help out, let Pete or Kurt know.

AUCTION UPDATE

Jamie has put a number of posts promoting the auction on our club Facebook page. You can help get the word out by "liking and sharing" those post with your friends. Jamie also needs a "lot more wine to be brought to the library" –for the Wine Grab, not her own personal enjoyment! She will be

Sergeant at Arms

Greeley! Sara paid a dollar in appreciation for increased awareness about mental health crisis support services that are available in Boone. Dave Cook was happy to report that former Boone Rotarian Nan Sloan has donated \$500 for our Centennial project. Thanks, Nan (and we love to have you join us some Wednesday!) to say "thanks" and "hi" in

wrapping up the bottles this week so the sooner you can drop off your donated bottles the better. Cody has both tickets for the event itself and the 50/50 raffle. He also provided a list of the great donations that have already been received for members to look over. Kurt noted that he will be gone the night of the auction so he said he would be donating an additional \$100 to the cause to use wherever needed. Set up for the event will take place starting Thursday night and will continue on Friday morning and early afternoon. Tim and Hutch will be helping out Troy with the cooking again this year. Everyone will be billed for one ticket so you need to purchase additional tickets for friends, family, or spouses.

person! Tim noted that he was either "dressed up" in honor of Joe Smith being our speaker or for a funeral later that afternoon. Many other members just tossed in various Washington's, Lincoln's, and Jackson's to make sure the pump was sufficiently primed.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none.

William Shakespeare,

All's Well that Ends Well



Joe Smith, Executive Director of Boone County Hospital

Randy Purdy began by sharing that as lowans we tend to sometimes “take things for granted” and under appreciate their importance—like the importance of having a strong county hospital in our community. He welcomed Joe Smith and invited him to share an update on Boone County Hospital. Joe noted the past two years had been “very tough” with the loss of Unity Point (and a number of physicians) that negatively impacted the hospital’s revenue. He indicated that the hospital’s cash reserves slipped to the point there was a time they only had about 15 days of operating expenses in reserve (down from over 90 a few years ago). He was happy to report that things have improve this year and they are now have upwards of 60 days in reserves again. Joe noted that hospitals in Grinnell and Newton were forced to join larger entities (Mercy or Unity Point) in order to remain viable and Marshalltown’s hospital actually went bankrupt and was taken over by a group out of Waterloo. On the positive side of things he shared that a new physician will be joining the clinic staff in September and that they now have an endocrinologist (Dr. Wright) and a rheumatologist providing services in the specialty clinics. The walk in clinic has been very successful as well and the BCH Foundation has been very

supportive providing a new ambulance, 3D mammography unit, and a new ultrasound machine. Looking ahead Joe shared that he thinks the landscape of health care is going to continue to evolve and it is going to be increasingly difficult for any on hospital or physician group to go it alone. Joe and board of the hospital have retained a consultant to help them and they look ahead to what options might be beneficial as they continue to work to make sure the hospital remains a strong and vibrant part of our community.



Randy Purdy with Boone County Hospital CEO Joe Smith

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK FOR PRES. LISA’S ROTARY YEAR IN REVIEW!