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# Rotary Buzzer

## Welcome District Governor Erna!

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

August 28

Pulled Pork Kick Off

September 4

Steve Dakin, Program  
Chair

September 11

Bill Curran, Program  
Chair

September 18

Networking: Tim  
Trudeau, Cody  
Bowers, Bob Herrick

September 25

Jamie Williams,  
Program Chair

Pres. Vicki Greco

DG Erna Morain

RI Pres. Mark Maloney

Jeff Anderson, Editor

Pres. Vicki welcomed everyone to a joint meeting of the Boone Noon and Evening Rotary Club's to celebrate District Governor Erna and her husband, Steve's club visit to Boone! Also visit on Wednesday were Assistant DG Michelle Cassabaum and our two RYLA students: Caroline Shelton and Akela Salter.

### FLY IOWA

Vicki reminded those who are volunteering about this Saturday's Fly Iowa event. She encouraged everyone participating to wear

Sergeant Matt raked in a bunch of happy dollars from members who were very happy to welcome DG Erna and Steve and our other guests to our meeting. Craig paid a sad dollar to note the passing of former Rotarian Darrell Olofson. Darrell helped out with our Steak Fry (in the "to go line") for years and came back to help even after he had retired from active membership. Jim was happy to see Erna again (he

their Rotary shirts (sort of like wearing your Rotary pin as Governor Erna suggested during her talk!).

### RYLA STUDENTS

Steve (sporting his purple End Polio Now Beard!) introduced Caroline Shelton and Akela Salter who attended the RYLA Conference in Grinnell last week (Steve was a counselor). They both shared that the week at RYLA was one of the best experiences of their lives and they made many new friends. The noted it was hard to leave at the end of the week. It is wonderful to hear that they had such

### Sergeant at Arms

was a member of her club in Waukee previously) and Megan gave \$8 dollars in honor Quinn and Harper turning 8 this week! Dave gave a \$62 check to our club foundation in recognition of his 62<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Lisa was happy about Dave's retirement but noted he will be going back to work (teaching) in a few weeks. Brian appreciated the great weather and Jeff enjoyed his 40<sup>th</sup> high school reunion last weekend.

a meaningful experience and they both expressed their profound appreciation for our club making it possible!



Steve Dakin along with RYLA participants Akela Salter (on the left) and Caroline Shelton

Shellie Grabau was happy that the Boone boys made it to the State Baseball Tournament—even if they came up a bit short in their game Tuesday night. Susan and Steve were happy to have our RYLA students with us on Wednesday for Gov. Erna's visit.



## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

**Margaret Mead,  
Anthropologist,  
1901-1978**



## District Gov. Erna Morain

and Steve is now going through). She noted that she and current RI President Mark Maloney shared very President Vicki introduced District Governor Erna Morain and her husband, Steve. Erna began highlighting this year's Rotary Theme: Rotary Connects the World. Erna gave pins to with the theme to wear proudly to help...connect to the world. She shared some of her experiences where simply wearing (or seeing someone else wearing) a Rotary pin led to a conversations and connections! We really are part of a great community in Rotary. With respect to connecting to the world, Erna shared that despite living in Iowa for 36 years she still has a bit of a Dutch accent (she grew up near Amsterdam). While in Amsterdam she worked as one of the first female commercial real estate brokers. She said she has really gotten to know Iowa very well by

completing 15 RAGBRAIs! Erna also shared that preparing to become a DG is quite a process, involving three years of preparatory training (which Susan went through similar views about Rotary—focused on the need to grow Rotary and promoting a path to leadership within Rotary (she wished that DG Governors didn't all but have to be retired in order to handle the time commitment). She did say that they have added three additional board members (one of who is Michelle Cassabaum) to try and bring members with different experiences and expertise to the board. She encouraged everyone to mark their calendars for this year's Rotary Festival (in place of the District Conference) which will be held in Altoona June 25-27. Thank you to Erna for her great message and best of luck with the rest of her year as our District Governor!



Steve and DG Erna Morain with Pres. Vicki and ADG Michelle Cassabaum