

Rotary Buzzer

Meeting Recap

August 21

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

October 2
Pulled Pork Work Day

October 9
Tim Trudeau, Program
Chair

October 14
Pulled Pork Dinner

Pres. Vicki Greco

DG Erna Morain

RI Pres. Mark Maloney

Jeff Anderson, Editor

Vicki welcomed everyone on another great day. She observed that is “good to be flexible” as evidently some wires got crossed with caterers. They eventually arrived with the food so we survived! Vicki shared some State Fair Trivia including that the butter cow is made of approximately 600 lbs. of butter and that the reused the butter up to ten times. Doug Thompson nailed that there are seventy food items “on a stick” on offer at the fair. Not sure if he knew this from experience or it was just something he “just knew”. Lisa is looking into getting the mini-train back again as our entry in the Pufferbilly Days parade. She is looking for members willing to

Sergeant Matt chipped in a happy dollar to share about the Open House at the Fareway Warehouse next week. Bill noted that tours are always very interesting. Troy chipped in for a few missed meetings and Abby was tickled about the nice weather. Kurt appreciated the great support everyone provided for Fly Iowa and he noted that they are now looking for volunteers to fill in wherever they can during

walk with our entry and distribute candy along the parade route.

Second Notice of

Proposal for Membership
Jamie Rabe of a physical therapist at 21st Century Rehab was visiting again on Wednesday and has been proposed for membership.

Centennial Project Update

Dave and Lisa met with representatives and the Iowa DOT about our project this past week. Dave shared that we should have a final agreement in place within the next two weeks and we may “break ground” on the project by October. He

Sergeant at Arms

Pufferbilly Days (which is coming right up). Jim shared that he will be undergoing therapy for the next 8 weeks to work on improving his balance—but he noted that this therapy sessions are during the time of regular meetings so it will be several weeks until he is back. Good luck, Jim! Randy was excited that it is only 17 days until football starts—evidently the English Premier League

did say that the adjacent property owner sent an email with concerns about the train obscuring their signage.

Passenger Car Work Day

A number of members participated in our second work day on the passenger car on Saturday at the Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad. The window frames were removed along with some internal structures that included more nails than wood it seemed. I am pleased to report the “casualty rate” was much lower this time than it was during our first work day!

must not count as football because they are in week two of their season already. Doug said he pay a \$1 for hot dog (wouldn't even have to be on a stick!) and for some missed meetings! Joe was happy to have a new granddaughter (Mara) and to be celebrating his 40th wedding anniversary this week and Craig had a great “all family” vacation to northern Wisconsin last week.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

On the hook of truth only small carp will bite; in the net of falsehood the big salmon are caught.

Latvian Proverb

Latvian Church Planting Project-Tim Trudeau

Joe Smith introduced Tim Trudeau who presented a program (split in two halves by the arrival of the food) on his experiences and involvement with a church planting project in Latvia. Tim shared that Latvia is one of the Baltic countries (along with Lithuania and Estonia). The countries have been rule at various times by Germany, then Sweden and Poland, and then were annexed by Russia in the 1800's. They gained their independence in 1918 only to go back under Soviet rule after WW 2. They gained their independence again in 1990 after the collapse of the Soviet Union. At that time about half the population was Latvian and about half Russian. Since independence a fairly high percentage of Russian speakers have left the country which has a population of just about 2 million-half of whom live in the capital city of Riga. Tim described Riga as being like many older European capitals but life in the country is akin to what it would have been like in northern Minnesota 100 years ago (limited resources, electricity, plumbing). The Soviets closed all the churches so when Latvia regained its independence there were still some church buildings (more like museums) but very little in the way

of an organized church infrastructure. Tim was contact 22 years ago about helping out with church planting (helping support new churches starting again) and since then he has made 21 trips to Latvia (and Joe went once as well and fell and got a huge bruise on his "thigh" that was treated with a cabbage leaf! Tim enjoys working with the people involved in forming new churches and has helped out by teaching in their Bible college which works to develop church leaders as well. Thanks to Tim for a very interesting program and not sharing the picture of Joe's bruise!



Tim Trudeau and Joe Smith--the Bruise Brothers

See you next week!