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Rotary Buzzer

Club Calendar

January 15
Kurt Phillips, Prog. Ch.

January 22
Networking: Doug Thomson, Chris Jacobson, Vicki Greco

January 29
Ed Sonke, Polio Survivor
Susan Herrick, Program chair

February 5
Auction Kick Off

February 12
Brad Manard, Program Chair

February 19
Networking: Kurt Phillips, Lisa Mount, and Brad Manard

February 26
TBD

March 4
Mark Schneider, Iowa Arboretum, Jeff Anderson, Program Chair

Pres. Vicki Greco

DG Erna Morain

RI Pres. Mark Maloney

Jeff Anderson, Editor

Meeting Recap

Past president Lisa was filling in for President Vicki on the first meeting of the New Year (and decade--depending on how you count your decades!). Lisa shared condolences on behalf of the club to Dave Cook on the passing of his mother since our last meeting.

2019 Review

Lisa shared a number of milestones and accomplishments our club reached or achieved in 2019 including celebrating our club's centennial (in May), significant progress on the Welcome Train project (celebrating our centennial), continuing the dictionary project,

adding three new members, having a successful Pulled Pork Dinner and Charity Auction and becoming an official co-sponsor of the Kids Run for Kids in conjunction with the Ames AM Rotary Club. It was certainly a busy and productive 2019 for the Boone Rotary Club!

Flight to End Polio

Lisa passed around a news release from DG Erna relating to past DG John Ockenfels and Peter Teahen's upcoming flight around the world to raise awareness and funding for the fight to eradicate polio. Both men are members of the International Fellowship of Flying

Rotarians. The flight will take seven weeks (starting March 24th) and they will fly over 20000 miles in a single engine airplane. They hope with the 2:1 match from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to raise upwards of \$1000000! The logistics of the flight are quite daunting but they have been working 3-4 hours a day on the plans for the trip. You can learn more about the trip at www.flighttoendpolio.org There was some general discussion about some ways our club might help support this adventure!

Sergeant at Arms

Phil stepped in as our Sergeant at Arms and began by wishing everyone a happy New Year and paying a dollar for the "naughty" conversation at his table. Mary and Jamie also paid happy New Year dollars and Susan was happy to have had the opportunity to take her grandson to see Hamilton in Chicago over the holidays.

Steve shared the Irish saying hoping that our best day of 2019 will be our worst day of 2020 and he was looking forward to speaking to the Iowa City club on Thursday, noting that they are contemplating establishing a satellite club. Randy was "not so happy" about the prospects for the ISU

basketball team and Jeff thought our rendition of our Rotary song was a way getting back at Notre Dame! Tony had great service at Moffitt Ford and Vern got great service from Tony helping him fix his electric stove and Lisa had a nice trip to celebrate her 10th anniversary!



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man (or woman!).

— Benjamin Franklin



BOONE SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE

Brian's scheduled speaker called him at 7:00 the previous evening to let him know she didn't have a voice and would be unable to present. In the absence of his speaker Brian stepped in to share some updates about what's going on with the Boone Schools/school board. Brian had shared previously about the process for hiring a new superintendent to replace Brad who is retiring in June. Brian indicated that the board will be conducting video interviews with seven candidates next week and will then decide on three finalists to bring in for full interviews with the board and various constituency groups (teachers, administrators, community members) after which the board will make the selection of the new superintendent. The process should be concluded within two weeks. Brian also shared that there will a referendum in March for residents of the district to vote on a new revenue purpose

statement relating to SAVE funds (Secure and Advanced Vision for Education—aka as the penny sales tax). Brian noted that the referendum just establishes guidelines for the types of infrastructure uses the district can expend those funds on—not whether district residents will pay the sales tax. This was part of the legislature's plan when they extended the sunset date for the sales tax beyond the earlier 2029 date. Then in September there will be an actual bond issue to vote on the construction of new elementary facility on land in the southeast part of town. A road would be constructed to extend Hancock Drive east all the way to Cpl. Snedden Drive (Airport Road). Only a portion of the cost of the facility would be paid for from the bond issue with the bulk of it coming from revenue bonds paid for with future SAVE (sales tax) funds. Thanks to Brian for stepping in and providing an informative update.

See you next week!