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Rotary Buzzer

Club Calendar

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

January 29
Ed Soenke, 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
Robin Pruisner, State Entomologist, Brian Mehlhaus, Program Chair

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 who was a gone for a doctor's appointment with her husband.

BOARD MEETING NEWS

Lisa was pleased to announce that Lisa Nerem's membership in the Evening Club was approved at Monday night's board meeting. The board also approved funding at least four scholarships for area sophomores or juniors to attend RYLA. The Scholarship Committee will also have the application materials for this year's scholarships available online and at

area schools by February 1. The deadline to apply is typically around the second Friday on April. If you know of area students who might be interested in participating in RYLA or applying for scholarships, please encourage them to do so. Tish Germer is also working on a grant from the Rotary Foundation to help support literacy initiatives that will put more books in the hands of area students.

Lisa and Susan also shared that the club is planning on hosting a Rotary Youth Exchange student again next year so if you know of families who would enjoy being part of this program please let Susan know.

Sergeant at Arms

Sergeant Matt collected a dollar from Craig for his cellphone going off and Abby was happy to be back after missing a few meetings. Brian reported that the three finalists for the superintendent will be interviewed next Monday so there will likely be a decision on the hiring by this time next week. Phil contributed a check for \$62 if

recognition of his birthday and Kurt was happy about his speaker and he was looking forward to a trip to Hawaii the following day (good timing, Kurt!). Vern appreciated help getting the building in the icy conditions and Jeff noted the parking lot was like a curling rink! Randy Purdy gave dollars in memory of cousin who was killed in

Also, Brian's program speaker, state entomologist Robin Pruisner who was unable to make it last week due to illness was able to reschedule for February 26th—so she'll be able to "bug us" after all!

A flyer for the Flight to End Polio was shared. You can follow this endeavor at www.flighttoendpolio.com

Spain while she was a RYE student 30 years ago and for his sister in law in Winterset who received the Golden Apple award (teacher recognition). Steve and Lesley are heading to San Diego for more GD training and Dave was sad to report that Lisa fell on the ice and broke her arm. Here's to a speedy recovery for Lisa.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

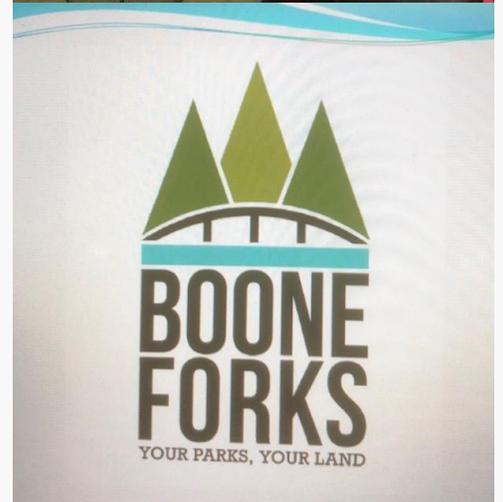
Martin Luther King, Jr.



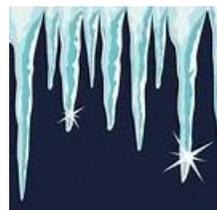
Tanner Scheuermann and Kurt Phillips— BOONE FORKS

Kurt began by sharing some of the history behind the Boone Forks initiative. Several years ago the County Conservation Directors in Boone, Hamilton, and Webster counties applied for a grant to create a master plan designed to develop and promote some of the great natural resource and recreational opportunities in our area. Boone's director was unable to participate so Kurt was involved to try and keep Boone's foot in the door but now Boone's new(ish) County Conservation director has taken over and is working with his fellow directors in the other counties. Kurt noted that this is the 100th anniversary of Iowa's State Park system. In the three counties there are a total of 11 campgrounds, 1027 campsites, and 25 cabins for use. Some of the parks are a county parks (like Don Williams and Brushy Creek) and others are state parks (like Ledges and Dolliver). There are also 13 golf courses including three courses run by the respective county conservation boards. The groups worked with the University of Iowa and RDG to facilitate the development of a plan designed to promote art, culture, heritage, and healthy lifestyles and to work on branding and sustainable marketing. They decided to call it

the BOONE FORKS initiative and the "next steps" are to develop a website and social media presence. They are also working to promote trails (including water trails!). One thing they are looking at would be a Kate Shelley Welcome Center—although Kurt noted this is a long range dream!



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Stay Warm!