

# Rotary Buzzer

## Club Calendar

December 11  
Danielle Mills, Scooters  
Coffee  
Pete Frangos, Program  
Chair

December 16  
Evening Club Meeting  
5:30 La Caretta

December 18  
Networking: Jeff  
Anderson, Becky  
Dose, Tony Prouty

Dec. 25  
No Meeting

January 1  
No Meeting

January 8  
Robin Pruisner, State  
Entomologist  
Brian Mehnhaus,  
Program Chair

January 15  
Kurt Phillips, Prog. Ch.

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

January 29  
Susan Herrick, Program  
chair

Pres. Vicki Greco

DG Erna Morain

RI Pres. Mark Maloney

Jeff Anderson, Editor

## Meeting Recap

President Vicki called the meeting to order on what, by recent standards, was a very nice day! There was one guest—Rev. Dave Swinton of First United Methodist Church who was visiting with Jeff. Dave has been a Rotarian in Des Moines, Harlan, and Perry in the past.

Vicki noted that there were abundant volunteer opportunities this time including our Salvation Army Bell Ringing project. Vicki was very pleased to report that all slots at all three locations were filled! Way to go, Boone Rotary! The Evening Club is preparing a literacy themed basket

for this Saturday's Festival of Hope fundraiser. Be sure to visit the Festival in the Commons area at Boone High School!



Abby's daughter, Reese, ringing for Rotary on Thursday!

### FOUNDATION RECOGNITION

Vicki called Dave Cook forward to be recognized for his support of The Rotary Foundation by

having become a Foundation Benefactor. Foundation Benefactors pledge to support the Rotary Foundation in their will and estate plan! Thanks to Dave and Lisa for making this commitment to the Rotary Foundation Endowment Fund!



Pres. Vicki congratulating Dave Cook

### Sergeant at Arms

Matt was gone on Wednesday so Phil stepped in as Sergeant at Arms. Many members were happy to have Dave Swinton visiting as a guest and for Dave Cook's Foundation recognition. Randy acknowledged that Dave was probably happy about KSU's win over ISU last Saturday and Dave acknowledged that was true!

Dave also reported that the City Council is now planning on approving the various agreements relating to the Welcome Train project on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. Mary was happy to have hosted a houseful of grandsons (seven between 13-18) for Thanksgiving. Susan was looking forward to Harvey this

weekend (7:00 PM at DMAACC). Cody expressed his admiration for Andrew's prowess putting up Christmas lights and Andrew was happy that the weather cooperated enough for him to get the job safely done.



## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

We teach best what we most need to learn.

Richard Bach, American Author  
1936-



## Diana Byriel—Technology Integration Specialist

Andrew introduced Diana Byriel who is the Technology Integration Specialist for the Boone elementary schools. Diana noted that her position involves working with teachers to help them effectively integrate technology into instruction. She is also very involved in STEM (science technology engineering and math) training with the elementary teachers. Diana works with teacher to utilize computers and other forms of technology to enhance student learning. She was very pleased to report that the Boone Schools recently were notified that they would be receiving a \$50,000 grant for the state of Iowa as part of the Computer Science is Elementary initiative. The goal is to increase student learning and problem solving skills by teaching things like coding, IT concepts, networking, and increasing awareness about careers in the area of technology. Diana shared that education in the area of technology and coding begins in kindergarten and continues through all grade levels. Some of the fun applications they have been using

this year are a "green screen" like TV meteorologists use when giving their weather reports and stop motion video programs. Diana shared that she is seeking community partners who have technology personnel working in their businesses that students can observe and work with.



Andrew with Technology Integration Specialist Diana Byriel

# SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!