

# Rotary Buzzer

## Club Calendar

- February 19  
Jessica Bluhm, OES  
Health Center
- February 26  
Robin Pruisner, State  
Entomologist, Brian  
Mehlhaus, Program  
Chair
- March 4  
Mark Schneider, Iowa  
Arboretum, Jeff  
Anderson, Program  
Chair
- March 11  
The Strength Shop—  
Court Burkamper
- March 18  
Dean of ISU AG
- March 25  
Mary Dufelmeier,  
Program Chair
- April 1  
Networking: Troy,  
Brian, and Steve
- April 8  
Jessica Stanley, Boone  
County Historical  
Society
- Pres. Vicki Greco
- DG Erna Morain
- RI Pres. Mark Maloney
- Jeff Anderson, Editor

## Meeting Recap

President Vicki called the meeting to order and asked, as they have at every medical appointment she has been at of late, if anyone has travelled to China recently. No one volunteered that they had and everyone seemed to be in reasonably good health!

### Board Meeting Report

Vicki reported that the board approved several donations including a \$300 sponsorship for Boone National Little League and \$500 for a Y Camp Scholarship. Vicki also noted that this year's Kids Run 4 Kids will take place on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. This event is primarily run by Ames Morning Rotary club but we have been involved a joint sponsor each of the past two years. The Evening Club is

Vicki called upon Andrew to fill in as Sergeant at Arms and he collected a dollar from Dave for KSU's loss (ISU's win!) and Jane's recognition. Steve was asked if his purple beard was for KSU at the Ames Rotary Club (nope, it's for polio eradication!) Craig was hopeful (but not exactly optimistic) about ISU's

continuing to work on the literary initiatives (and Vicki did share thank you notes from the Friends of the Library and from Reese Howie who was a recipient of a Scholastic book). The price of the Scholastic books is going up so the club is look for sponsors to help with the coast.

### District Training Assembly

The District Training Assembly will be held on Saturday March 28 in Newton. This is an opportunity for Rotarians to participate in a variety of training sessions relating to various aspects and programs of Rotary. Steve noted that the Rotary Youth Exchange students in the district will all be at this event

### Sergeant at Arms

basketball fortunes and Brian was happy that the Booster Club raised around \$40,000 at their auction last weekend. Brad was looking forward to the great program (he was the speaker!). Eldon was looking for some help in providing students who might have challenges

as this year's district conference is not until June when many of the students will have already returned to their own countries.

### Centennial Project Update

Dave reported that as of last Friday all the necessary permits for the location of the train have been completed so we can "break ground" anytime!

### Paul Harris Points Donation

Dave Cook also shared that he has donated 200 Paul Harris points in honor of Jane Hitsman for all her work at EVERY project our club is involved in! Congratulations, Jane.

affording the cost with help obtaining tennis racquets for use on the tennis team this spring. Let him know if you'd like to help out with this.



## QUOTE OF THE WEEK (for President's Day)

As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master. This expresses my idea of democracy.

**Abraham Lincoln**

Truth will ultimately prevail where there is pains to bring it to light.

**George Washington**

There is not a truth existing which I fear... or would wish unknown to the whole world.

**Thomas Jefferson**

Believe you can and you're halfway there.

**Theodore Roosevelt**



## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FACILITY PLAN

Brad Manard shared an update on proposed plans for a new Pre-K-1<sup>st</sup> Grade elementary facility. He noted that over fifteen years ago a long range plan for district facilities we developed that looked at the construction of a middle school and expansion of Franklin to allow the closure of Garfield, Lowell, and Bryant followed by addressing needs at the high school and eventually looking at a lower elementary facility to replace Lincoln and Page. The high school project was completed in 2015 and with a significant portion of earlier projects having paid off (or down) the district is now in a fiscal position to consider a new elementary facility. Brad indicated that there will be a vote on March 3<sup>rd</sup> to approve an updated Revenue Purpose Statement (RPS) that allows voters to approve using revenue from the one cent sales tax (extended for an additional 20 years by the legislature last year) for facility improvements, transportation, and technology. If the RPS is approved by voters (and we will pay the same sale tax regardless of the outcome of the vote) the district would then be able to bond against future sales tax revenue for the construction of an elementary facility. There would also be a bond issue vote for general obligation bonds in the fall but because the district is in a position to reduce its tax asking for

cash reserves tax cost associated with the bonds would be offset by a reduction in the cash reserve levy—resulting in being able to construct a new elementary building with no net increase in the overall tax levy. The proposed site being considered for the new facility would be in SE Boone on a new road that would extend east (hopefully all the way to Airport Road) on Hawkeye Drive. Information about the RPS can be found on the Boone Community School website and for most voters (according to this week's notice in the paper) will vote at the Community Building at the Fairgrounds it appears. Thanks to Brad for the update on Boone Schools!



**Superintendent Brad Manard**

## See you next week!