

# Rotary Buzzer

## Meeting Recap

### Club Calendar

- February 5  
Auction Kick Off
- February 12  
Brad Manard, Program  
Chair
- 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  
Networking  
Troy, Brian, and Steve
- March 25  
Mary Dufelmeier,  
Program Chair
- April 1  
Tentative: Dean of Ag
- April 8  
Jessica Stanley, Boone  
County Historical  
Society
- Pres. Vicki Greco
- DG Erna Morain
- RI Pres. Mark Maloney
- Jeff Anderson, Editor

Pres. Vicki called the meeting to order and welcomed Past District Governor Don Goering of Ames who was on hand to hear our speaker talk about his experiences as a polio survivor. Vicki shared that the Oskaloosa Rotary Club is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday this Saturday evening from 6-8 pm at the Penn Central Mall. Susan shared that there have been seven new cases of polio since the first of the year. Nigeria, and with it the African continent, has now been polio

free for over three years but there have been cases in the Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Vicki also shared the updated program schedule for the next few months. There have been some changes due to members leaving the noon club or moving but it looks like Vicki has speakers lined up for each of those weeks!

### Welcome Train Update

Dave Cook reported that he, Lisa, Jane, and Janelle Patterson removed between 1200-1500 pounds of sand

### Sergeant at Arms

Sergeant Matt was back and paid a dollar for missing a few meetings and Tim did as well—noting that he just recently returned from another church development visit to Latvia. He was also impressed with Kurt performance at the Chamber's Business After Hours event on Tuesday. Kurt was in Hawaii last week and Hutch was also out of state and Jamie was getting ready to three kids to

Disney (land or world)! Steve too was back from his trip to San Diego for the International Assembly. He learned a lot and met incoming District Governors from around the world. One participant from Brazil has a daughter graduating from ISU in May and he will be staying with Steve and Les then! Susan paid a dollar to promote the

from inside the passenger car last Saturday. The floor of the car was quite literally “a beach” according to Dave. The next work day is planned for Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM when we will be painting the inside of the car with white paint. Bring rollers (long handled if possible) that day.

Salvation Army Staff Band from Chicago will be performing in Boone (along with the Boone High band) on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Hans paid a dollar for making it through a “dry” January and Tony was happy that Pheasants Forever is reforming and Dave and Randy were rooting for the Chiefs!



## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

## Edd Sonke, Polio Survival Story

Susan introduced Edd Soenke who has worked as an architect in the Des Moines area for many years. He shared that when he was 8 years old and living in Davenport (on the same street as Don Goering as they later learned!) he and eight of his 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classmates contracted polio in 1952. This was about three years before the release of the first polio vaccine in 1955. Edd woke up at 3:00 in the morning and found he was paralyzed from the neck down. He had contracted polio and he and several of his classmates were isolated in nearby hospital ward that was quarantined off from contact with all but the medical staff. Doctors wanted to place him in an iron lung (as they did with some of the other children) but his mother, who was a nurse, pushed back against that option, worried that it would weaken his lung over time. He remained in the hospital for eight months and gradually regained almost full use of his arms and legs (one leg is slightly shorter and has less

muscle mass than the other) When he was finally able to return to school the following year the six block walk exhausted him at first but he recovered his strength with the help of his very determined mother. Edd that noted after the 8 months he spent in the hospital and the additional months regaining his strength that “any future travails in life were a ‘piece of cake’”. Thanks to Edd for his very inspiring story!



Polio Survivor Edd Soenke with District Polio Chair Susan Herrick

# SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!