

Rotary Buzzer

Club Calendar

- September 2
George Belitsos,
Human Trafficking
Bob Herrick Program
Chair
- September 9
Eldon Hutcheson,
Program Chair
- September 16
Pete Frangos, Program
Chair
- September 23
Brian Mehlhaus,
Program Chair
- September 30
Pulled Pork Planning
Meeting
- October 7
Rotary 1010
- October 14
Pulled Pork Dinner
planning
- October 21
Kurt Phillips, Program
Chair
- October 28
Mary Dufelmeier,
Program Chair
- Pres. Matt Ethlon
DG Steve Dakin
RI Pres. Holger Knaack
Jeff Anderson, Editor

Meeting Recap

Pres. Matt welcomed members on a toasty Wednesday afternoon as well as guests Julie and Tim Trepas and Sam Byriel. Julie has been proposed and approved for membership (just awaiting her membership “stuff” to arrive for her official induction) and Tim is considering membership in the Evening Club. Sam is the new Edward Jones representative in Boone and is considering membership as well! Matt noted that we received a thank you note from Hannah Dutcher who was one of our Rotary Scholarship recipients. He also shared that he will be ordering new Rotary shirts on Monday so if you want on, let him know as soon as possible. Troy shared that

there are District Disaster and Humanitarian Grant funds available if members know of individuals or groups that were impacted by the derecho!

Welcome Train Update

Dave passed around photos of what the signage on the Welcome Train will look like, noting that it is currently “in production”.



He shared that we are about \$15,000 short of the

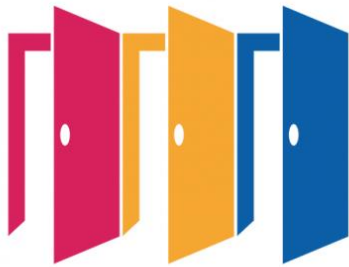
funds we need to pay all the bills associated with painting and moving the Welcome Train. The condition of the cars required a lot more prep and paint than expected but Dave noted that we ARE going to finish it! He asked that if anyone is able to donate additional funds or knows of businesses or individuals we can approach to let him know.

AFRICA IS OFFICIALLY POLIO FREE! WOO HOO!

Susan was happy to report that the entire continent of Africa has now been officially declared polio free as there have been no new “wild polio” cases for over four years. This is a huge deal folks and something that we as Rotarians should take great pride in having helped achieve. With this historic milestone, five of

the six WHO regions – representing over 90% of the world’s population – are now free of the wild poliovirus, moving the world closer to achieving global polio eradication. Rotary donated over \$200 million in just Nigeria

alone (the last country in Africa with cases) and now the only countries that continue to have cases are Afghanistan and Pakistan. Way to go



Rotary Opens Opportunities

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

On the whole, human beings want to be good, but not too good, and not quite all the time.

**George Orwell,
English author and
essayist 1903-1950**



Pulled Pork Planning

Pulled Pork Dinner co-chairs Andrew Schroeder and Megan Houston updated the club on plans for this year's dinner. We know we will be doing a "pick up/drive through" only event and they noted that since we won't need any indoor dining space we are considering using the parking lot a Grace Community Church as the location of this year's event. By doing this (thanks to Tim and his congregation for offering to let us do this) we won't have the expense of renting the Community Building for two days. We also won't need to set up table and chairs as well. Andrew shared that last we sold 751 tickets (at \$10 a ticket) and had an additional \$655 in proceeds from pie sales. This year, because of the logistics of drive through only event, we are not going to be able to sell pies so they are looking at including some type of dessert item like a chocolate chip cookie perhaps. The dates being considered for the event are either October 26th or October 19th. We are trying to avoid stepping on the toes (or tails in the case of the Lions

club!) of other groups holding events around that same time. It was decided that in an effort to maximize efficiency and simplicity we will forgo hot dog meals and just do pulled pork this year. As we did last year, members will be assessed for the cost of ten tickets which will be offset by tickets actually sold. There was some discussion as to how best to handle the transactions to make sure we have good financial controls in place while not making the bookkeeping required of Tim too difficult. I believe Megan indicated she would work with Tim to find a way to streamline this process. With the cancellation of this year's auction this looks to be our only fundraiser of consequence so it will be more important than ever to sell tickets! Thanks to Megan and Andrew for the update and their continued leadership of this project! There will be additional updates in the weeks to come—but it was noted that we already less than two months out from this event!

See you next week!