

Rotary Buzzer

Club Calendar

September 8
Board Meeting—BVB at
5:10 PM

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 26
Pulled Pork Dinner

October 28
Mary Dufelmeier,
Program Chair

Pres. Matt Ethlon

DG Steve Dakin

RI Pres. Holger Knaack

Jeff Anderson, Editor

Meeting Recap

Pres. Matt called the meeting to order and welcomed guests Tim Trepas and Sam Byriel—both of whom are considering becoming members! DGE Alka was also with us remotely on Wednesday. Matt said the shirt order has been placed (the Rotarian at Work shirts are currently unavailable it turned out) but they should arrive in the coming weeks. The next board meeting is next Tuesday (the 8th) at BVB. Mandy Gustafson has a key which is why the board is able to meet on a night when the

brewery is not open to the public. The board will be taking up some bylaws considerations as well as looking at the structure of the Evening Club. Members appreciated Dave and Phil serving “hot lunch” to the club on Wednesday! Thanks, guys!

cars and to fund “phase two” which will involve lighting, landscaping, and sidewalks. Dave said that Staci Horst of KCCI posted some pictures of the Welcome Train on KCCI’s website noting “Good job, Boone!”

Welcome Train Update

We are still in need of additional donations to pay some of the bills associated with relocating the train and

HAPPY DOLLARS!

Dave was happy about the shout out from KCCI for the Welcome Train but was “head scratching” over a parent sending a student to school who was awaiting the results of their COVID test. Susan was happy to have George Belitsos joining us via ZOOM as our

speaker but was quizzical about the wisdom of allowing fans at Jack Trice (turns out others were too). Hutch enjoyed the hot lunch and noted that the service was “exemplary”. Jeff appreciated the work the city has done

steadily getting rid of tons (literally) of limbs, trunks, and branches blown down during the derecho. Matt’s son (7 y/o) managed to down and entire shake at Hickory Park and Alka was happy that the Rotary masks should be arriving very soon!

Human Trafficking and Slavery



Rotary Opens Opportunities

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Children are our most valuable resource.” —

**Herbert Hoover,
31st President of the
United States**



Susan Herrick introduced George Beltisos, noting that she has known him for over 40 years! George was the founder and longtime CEO of Youth and Shelter Services (YSS) and is a member of Ames Noon Rotary Club. Since retiring from YSS he has worked to establish the **Iowa Network against Human Slavery and Trafficking**. He shared that human trafficking is not just an international phenomenon and Iowa youth and being impacted by trafficking as well. In working to get the network off the ground he sought and received a \$10,000 donation from the Ames Noon Rotary Club which was matched by a \$5000 District grant. He was very happy to share that DGE Alka is going to be a board member for the organization and she is planning on making increasing awareness and stopping human trafficking one of the centerpiece plans for her year as District Governor. George is trying to get making the elimination of human trafficking a priority for not only local Rotary Clubs but RI as a whole. He asked our club to consider endorsing a resolution to the effect that in turn could be submitted by District 6000 to RI's Council on Legislation in hopes of making

Rotary's "next big priority" after the elimination of polio. He shared several ways that local clubs and members can increase awareness and be the "eyes and ears" needed to shed light on this hidden, heinous crime. He noted that trafficking is the worst form of child abuse, stealing the child's family, freedom, body, and education from them and affects 40 million kids and young adults worldwide of which less than 1% are ever rescued. Thanks to George for working to increase awareness of this serious problem!



**George Beltisos of Network
against Human Slavery and
Trafficking**

See you next week!