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Rotary Buzzer

Meeting Recap

February 3
David Williamson video presentation—sculptor and speaker
Jane Hitsman, Program chair

February 9
Board Meeting at Boone Valley Brewing at 5:00 PM

February 10
Joe Smith, Prog. Chair

February 17
Possibly a City of Boone update
TBA

February 24
Bylaws vote and Planning Meeting

March 3
Craig Downs, Program Chair

March 10
Andrew Schroeder, Program Chair

March 17
Hans Pollard, Program Chair

March 24
Tim Trudeau, Program Chair

March 31
Planning Meeting

April 7
Phil Hauser, Program Chair

Pres. Matt Ethlon

DG Steve Dakin

RI Pres. Holger Knaack

Pres. Matt welcomed those in virtual attendance for the last meeting of January and mentioned that he had attached of a copy of the revised bylaws for members to review. If you have any questions or comments relating to the bylaws please be sure to contact Matt or board member. At this time the plan is to have the full membership vote on ratifying the bylaws on February 24th. Matt indicated that the next board meeting will take place (in person) on February 9th at Boone Valley Brewing. If you'd like to attend virtually Matt can get you the ZOOM link. Looking ahead to the

Steve was pleased to share that members of the North Corridor (Coralville I thought he said) have volunteered to step up to fill in for an incoming president elect who will be unable to serve to his wife's recent cancer diagnosis that must take priority. He noted it was an example of

board meeting Matt said that he and board are looking for ideas and suggestions for both fundraisers AND possible service projects. If there is something that you'd like to share, let Matt know!

Guardian of Integrity

Susan mentioned that it is time for our club to consider nominating someone for the Paul Hellwege Guardian of Integrity Award. If you think there is a club member who deserves this recognition let Susan know. She mentioned that in the past few years the immediate past presidents have taken

the lead of coming up with a recommendation for this award!

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Lisa reported that the registration for District Conference is now open. It will take place in Ankeny on April 24th. Due to the need to maintain social distancing only 140 people will be able to attend in person. However, if you'd like to participate virtually that option will be available as well. Registration fees will go to polio eradication or a Safe T Home.

HAPPY DOLLARS!

Rotarians rising to the occasion when a need arises! Tim was pleased the youth group at his church would be enjoying the pulled pork we left behind after our dinner. Hopefully we left it in the freezer—not "warming" in the oven like the tray of steaks we overlooked

after one of our dinners years ago. The Lions discovered them a few weeks later when they arrived to set up for their turkey dinner! Eldon said members must have missed the invitation for the snow shoveling party at his house because no one showed up!



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand.

Pres. Harry S Truman
1884-1972



COVID Vaccine Update

Troy introduced Tacy Hyberger who is the assistant administrator for clinical operations at Boone County Hospital and Brian Mehlhaus who was (literally) wearing his doctor hat on Wednesday! Tacy said that the pathway for vaccines runs from the manufacturers to the Feds to the States to county health departments. So far Boone County has received several thousand doses of the Moderna vaccine which has been enough to vaccinate (at least with their first dose) county healthcare workers, hospital staff, and Woodward State Hospital employees (of which there are close to 600). They have also begun vaccinating EMS and fire fighters. She noted that 63% of Boone County Hospital employees have either received the vaccine or tested positive for COVID (which is believed to afford at least temporary immunity) so far. The Moderna vaccine requires a second dose to be administered 28 days after the initial dose. They have been receiving about 200-300 doses at a time. She shared that side effects from the first dose have primarily been a "sore arm" but she did say quite a number of those vaccinated have reported feeling sore and bit feverish after

receiving their second dose (which is not unexpected). People can go the Boone County Hospital website to access the Vaccine page for updates or call 433-VAXX. Phone lines will soon be open and they hope to have an online registration process in place soon. It is hoped that there will be enough vaccine to immunize teachers and school personnel (in group 1B along with those 65 and older) by the end of February. Brian shared the vaccine side effects are comparatively mild but the benefits associated with getting a significant percentage of the population some measure of immunity are great. He did share that nursing homes and long term care facility workers and residents are also in the process of getting vaccinated but that is being handled through Walgreens or CVS Pharmacies, not the public health department. He did say there may eventually be doses in pharmacies but most of them have small spaces that do not allow for distancing to be easily maintained so it is likely that the county will rely on larger "mass" vaccination sites for a while where distancing is easier to manage. Thanks to Tacy and Brian for a very informative update.

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!