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Club Calendar

January 12
Board meeting via
ZOOM

January 13
Jessica Bluhm, Health
and Fitness
Vicki Greco, Prog. Ch.

January 20
Prairie Strips and
Conservation
(Jamie's brother is
the speaker!)
Jamie Rabe, Prog. Chair

January 27
Troy Thompson,
Program chair

February 3
Jane Hitsman, Program
chair

February 10
Joe Smith, Prog. Chair

February 17
Bill Curran, Prog. Chair

February 24
Planning Meeting

March 3
Craig Downs, Program
Chair

March 10
Andrew Schroeder,
Program Chair

Pres. Matt Ethlon

DG Steve Dakin

RI Pres. Holger Knaack

Jeff Anderson, Editor

Happy New (regular) Year!

Pres. Matt called the meeting to order and reminded everyone of the board meeting coming up next Tuesday. If you'd like to participate, let Matt know and he'll get you the Zoom link. The board will be looking at setting up an ad hoc committee to review the proposed bylaws update to see if they need any fine tuning before being brought to the full club for approval. Matt hopes the revised bylaws will be ready for the club to review by February and he thinks we would be able to vote.

WE MADE THE NEWS!

Steve shared that our club made the January 2021

Several members were happy about the great press our club received in the Rotary Magazine. Considering that there are a lot of clubs doing a lot of great things around the world it was nice for our club's effort to be recognized in such a high

edition of Rotary Magazine which highlighted our Welcome Train project. I didn't copy the article but I did copy the picture that appears on the back page of the Buzzer! Matt (or maybe it was Dave) said that Lisa received a call from the magazine to provide them with the back story. Great press for our club. Woo-hoo! Or should I say, Choo, choo!

COVID UPDATE

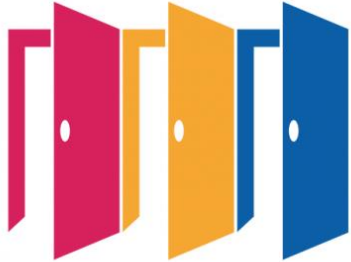
Matt indicated that at this time he thinks we may be able to resume meeting in person with a hybrid option (via Zoom) the last meeting in January. He called on Brian to provide an update who indicated that immunization of individuals in group 1A (frontline healthcare workers,

nursing homes, and caregivers) is underway in the county. As additional vaccine is made available immunization of individuals in the next group (1B) but it has not been determined exactly who will be included in that group as of yet. Brian said that there will be a website for residents to access to help determine when immunizations will be available and for whom. He envisions that there may be a ticket system used and vaccination sites (perhaps the fairgrounds) with big spaces that allow 30-50 vaccinations per hour while still maintaining social distancing.

HAPPY DOLLARS!

profile way! Julie was happy that Chad Houston and Autumn Seiler were able to join us for the program on Wednesday. Brian shared that one of the sources for "getting the word out" about the vaccine might be the Buzzer! Jeff was happy

to have been able to make it back in time for the start of the meeting after having received his first COVID vaccination at noon that day! Had kind of a sore arm afterwards but it was my left arm so my fastball was unaffected!



Rotary Opens Opportunities

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The New Year's Resolution edition!

Good habits are worth being fanatical about.

John Irving, American Writer 1942-



BOONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PLAN UPDATE

Julie Trepas introduced Boone Elementary (Page and Lincoln) principal Autumn Seiler and Chad Houston of Kruck Plumbing to present an update about the upcoming bond issue vote for a new Boone Elementary School. Chad is chairing the “Yes Vote” committee this time. Chad noted that he hoped to pick Dave Cook’s brain since he was highly involved in previous successful school issue referendums. Autumn shared some history of the two buildings (Lincoln and Page) that the proposed bond issue would enable to be replaced. Page was built in 1961 and Lincoln opened in 1939—or four score and 2 years ago! She highlighted some of the structural and functional issues facing the two buildings including boiler heating systems that are well beyond their expected life span and difficulty controlling air and temperature quality (air conditioning, ventilation, allergens, etc.) in those buildings. They are both multistory buildings which present challenges in complying with ADA requirements and access for some students, staff, or visitors. The buildings

were built for the delivery of education in a different time and are not well designed for 21st century learning needs. They also have challenges with how they were designed with respect to “building access”. They were not designed for the sort of controlled access that is expected today. Some of masonry is crumbling (particularly at Lincoln) and the cost of fixing the problems to insure their continued structural integrity would be very high which would still not address the air quality, space, and access problems. By consolidating two buildings into one would allow resource to be allocated more efficiently. Chad and Autumn shared that it would be hoped that a new facility for Boone’s youngest learners would help attract and retain high quality staff members as well as attracting families considering locating in Boone. Land for the facility has been purchased south and east of the bend in Hawkeye Drive and the vote on the bond issue is scheduled for early March. Thanks to Autumn and Chad for the informative update.

