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# Rotary Buzzer

## • ROTARY CALENDAR

December 28  
No Meeting, Happy  
Holidays

January 4  
Mary Maybee, ACS  
George Maybee,  
Program Chair

January 11  
Auction Kick Off

January 18  
Amy Pollard, Program  
Chair

January 21  
Iowa Energy –Polio  
Plus Night

January 25  
Kevin Burggraaf,  
Program Chair

February 1  
Lee McNair, Program  
Chair

February 8  
Bob Runyan, Program  
Chair

Jeff Anderson, Editor

Pres. Cody Bowers

District Gov. Don  
Patterson

RI Pres. Kalyan  
Banerjee

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Pres. Cody called the last meeting of the “calendar” year to order and welcomed Jacque Andrews from the Jefferson Rotary Club. Jacque was recently selected as the District Governor Nominee (which I believe means she’d be DG starting around July 2014). Jacque’s father-in-law is also the “Andrews” who donated his collection of railroad memorabilia that will become the core of the inventory for the new Railroad Museum. Speaking of the museum, Dave noted that the order for the new benches has been placed and they should arrive by early March (three 8 foot long benches and the 2 six foot benches). The benches we made possible in part

by the District Simplified Grant our club received! Cody also mentioned that Kurt Phillips has been approved for membership and will be inducted at one of our first meetings in the new year! Cody did remind everyone that there will be no meeting on December 28<sup>th</sup>, so our next regular meeting will be on January 4<sup>th</sup>! Apart from that it was a rather “slow news day”!

Susan did share the worldwide Christmas greeting that was sent out by Rotary International:

*Giving takes the  
place of gaining.  
If the future  
growth of Rotary  
is as remarkable  
as its past and if  
Rotary remains  
true to its highest  
ideals, every day  
will be Christmas  
by and by.*

*Paul P. Harris---  
1915*

## SERGEANT AT ARMS

Sergeant Craig collected a number of happy dollars from members who were looking forward to getting together with family and friends over the Christmas holiday. Tim was happy the new sign has been erected at Grace Church and Jeff was happy that his son-in-law had arrived home safe and sound (and in time of the holidays no less!) from his deployment to Afghanistan at 7:00 that

morning! Joe was pleased that he is now set up with SKYPE so he will be able to watch his grandkids open presents even though they are 2000 miles away in Bellingham, WA. Jacque noted that she had visited the Iowa City club and she felt a little “safer” sharing a happy dollar for the outcome of the recent Iowa-Iowa State games in Boone. Ken was looking forward to travelling to

Arizona for the Iowa game—but also to getting away from the all the pre-caucus ads! Susan noted that her son met Leon Panetta at recent event in Washington, D.C. and Cody enjoyed the Mannheim Steamroller Concert in Ames the night before.



## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**When a truth is not given complete freedom, freedom is not complete.**

**Vaclav Havel  
1936-2011**



## IOWA ENERGY POLIO PLUS NIGHT

Sharon introduced Pat Kelly (marketing director) and Chris Makris (general manager) of the Iowa Energy Development League basketball team. Pat noted it was his 15th Rotary meeting promoting the upcoming Iowa Energy Polio Plus Night on January 21<sup>st</sup>. This is the fourth year for this event and it has grown in each successive year—so they have set an even higher goal this year for supporting Rotary's polio eradication efforts. He noted that this event has not only garnered interest from other D League Teams but from several NBA teams as well—so they are hoping to serve as a model for other teams to emulate! The event grew out of a chance meeting with Rotarian Ed Arnold, and they've just run with the idea. Again this year the team is discounting the usual ticket price of \$20 down to \$16, half of which will go to Polio Plus! Last year the game raised \$11,000 (and was one of the largest crowds of the year) and this year they are shooting for \$15,000. Pat noted that he hoped at a game in the not too distant future to be able to announce that

polio has been eradicated once and for all! In addition to the great basketball game, this year's halftime entertainment will be the Chicago Boys Acrobat Team which puts on a fantastic show. Clubs are also encouraged to bring and display their club banners to help promote "Rotary" as well! Sharon has the tickets so if you've order tickets (or would still like to)—see Sharon on the 4<sup>th</sup>!



**Pat Kelly, Sharon "The Stilt" Dowd-Jasa, and Chris Makris along with the Championship Trophy!**

**REMEMBER—NO MEETING  
ON DECEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>!  
HAPPY NEW  
YEAR!**