



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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RIVER BEND FOODBANK
FEEDING THE HUNGRY SINCE 1982



Rotarians were treated to another interesting and informative program this week by Mike Miller, Executive Director of the River Bend Foodbank. Mr. Miller advised that in eastern Iowa and western Illinois, 132,000 people are food insecure and do not know

where their next meal is coming from. Whether it's by advocating and raising awareness, volunteering time, or making a financial

contribution, Mr. Miller assured members they can find a way that's right for each of us to make a difference during Hunger Action Month. "Together we can solve hunger", he stated.

The River Bend Foodbank was established in 1982. Because of the farm implement crisis, tens of thousands of high paying jobs were lost in the Quad City area, and the demand was extremely high for assistance from food pantries and other relief organizations. A group of concerned citizens hoping to find a way to meet the increased demand for food to stock the pantries invited Second Harvest, the national foodbank network to conduct a workshop detailing the foodbank concept. The decision was made to start a foodbank in the Quad Cities and become part of the Second Harvest network. John Deere contributed seed money to rent warehouse space and to hire an executive director and a warehouse manager. In the first year, 190,000 pounds of food was collected, stored and distributed to food pantries and other non-profit agencies with feeding programs. Last year 7.3 million meals were distributed! River Bend Foodbank, collects wholesome donations of food from the food industry for distribution to more than 300 charitable community organizations that support the hungry. Located in Davenport, Iowa, River Bend Foodbank has 60,000 square feet of warehouse space. The Foodbank's service area includes the Quad Cities and 22 counties in Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois. River Bend Foodbank leads the way as the most cost effective distributor of donated food in the community. The food that our member agencies receive is free, with a shared maintenance fee included on most items to help defray the cost of transporting, soliciting, collecting, sorting, inspecting and distributing the food that serve families in need. **For every \$1 donated, River Bend distributes \$10 worth of food supplying 5 meals.**

September - November Calendar

- 09/29 – Mike Miller, Exec. Dir.
Riverbend Food Bank
- 10/06 – Steve Pressly, Ultimate Plan
- 10/13 – Korah Wynn, Visiting Chile
- 10/20 – Doug Rick, Iowa IDOT
- 10/27 – Norm Moline, Urban China
- 11/03 – Bud Phillis, Rotary Foundation
- 11/10 – Sister Bobbi Bussan
- 11/17 – Dr. Bette Truitt, Pres., Black
Hawk College / Cuba
- 11/20 – Rotary Trivia Night
- 11/24 – Ted Pappas, Friendship Manor
- 12/01 – Rocky Chamber Singers



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Club Notes & Announcements!

□ Welcome Guests!

Rock Island Student Guests: Daria Taylor and Dylan Hart;
Alleman Student Guests: Jasmine Moseley and Cassie Wales.
Sarah Gorham, guest of Bill Stengel; Lisa Ahern (prospective member) guest of Fr. Mirabelli; Thomas Masun IV (prospective member) guest of Sue Cassatt; Melissa Levan, guest of Fred Luckenbill; and, Christy Filby, guest of Dan McNeil. Our one and only visiting Rotarian this week: Mark Zimmerman, (Davenport, IA Club)

□ Save the Date!

Our Rotary Clubs will be hosting 1st and 2nd grade students from Earl Hanson Elementary School for our annual **Pumpkinpalooza** trip to the Alpha Pumpkin Patch on Wednesday, October 21st. Chairman Mike Locander says Rotarian Volunteers are needed and welcome to join the fun. Time commitment is from about 10am to 1pm. See Mike for further details!

□ Dining Books!

See Fred Luckenbill for your 2015-2016 Quad City Dining Tour Books! The books sell for \$35 and Rotary retains \$10. Inside each book you'll find over 300 coupons good at more than 135 Quad City area restaurants. From casual fast food to the finest banquet dining, you'll find your favorite places and be introduced to exciting new venues! Best of all, you buy the book for \$35 and save more than \$35 with just the Circa 21 coupon which you can use for our Rotary Holiday Party! See Fred and get your book now! **Coupons good until October 31, 2016.**



**Reserve Now – Pay Later
Sign up at Sergeant's Table**

ROCK ISLAND ROTARY HOLIDAY PARTY Circa 21 Wednesday, December 9th

Salon Party	5:00pm – 6:00
Buffet Banquet	5:45 – 7:00
Bootlegger Performance	7:15
Show – A Wonderful Life	7:45
One Admission	\$46.25
Two Admissions	\$92.50
TWO WITH DINING BOOK COUPON	\$57.36
Circa Subscriber?	Pay Just \$ 2.75 per person
Price includes Tip (not including deserts & bar)	

Foundation Committee Breaks out Thermometers!



Committee Chairman, Bud Phillis provided a brief synopsis of the great work done by the Rotary International Foundation as part of our monthly "Foundation Tuesday" presentation. Bud also introduced two new Thermometer Graphs that will be displayed at meetings on the third Tuesday of each month so we can visually see our progress toward the goal of "Every Rotarian – Every Year" (a campaign to encourage each of us to donate at least \$100 each year to the foundation) and "Foundation Giving" (keeping a tally of our club members participation in Rotary Foundation donations regardless of amount. Bud reminded all present that the Rotary Foundation is largely responsible for the near total elimination of Polio, as well as drilling fresh water wells, providing health and sanitation training throughout the world, and providing desperately needed help to the world's neediest people, particularly children, wherever they may be.

**MEMBER RECRUITMENT IS THE
JOB OF EVERY ROTARIAN!!**



ROTARY RAFFLE HELPS FUND THE FOUNDATION!

This week's raffle featured cash and a bottle of fine wine from Lo Milani's cellar. Lucky Fred Luckenbill won the money and promptly donated his winnings to the Rotary Foundation. Rotarian Howard Beck was the lucky recipient of the Milani wine. Once again, **thanks** to all who participated.



TURKEY TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, November 20th at 6:30pm

SAVE the DATE and get your team together for Rock Island Rotary's annual fundraiser!

Cash prizes, cash bar, 50/50, silent auction and TONS of FUN with MR. TRIVIA!!!

This fundraiser allows Rotary to support local youth programs such as: Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Interact, Rotaract, Earlyact, Youth Exchange, Spring Forward Learning Center, Martin Luther King Center, and MANY other local programs.

When: Friday, November 20th

Where: Milan Community Center, 2701 1st Street East, Milan
Time: 6:30pm START time, doors open at 5:45pm.

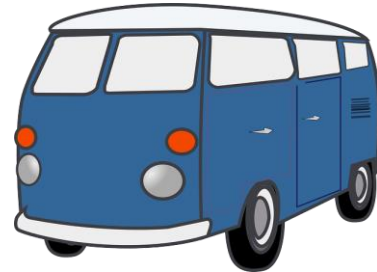
Cost: \$100 a table (up to 10 players at a table)

RSVP: Kathy Trone 309a794a9400 or
Kathy@wesselspc.com

The Rock Island Rotary Club is challenging all other Rotary Clubs in the QC Area to participate and TRY to win the "Traveling Trophy" for the SMARTEST ROTARY CLUB!



ROTARY ROAD TRIP



District Governor Jim Nelson has invited all Rotarians in Our District to join in on a Rotary Road Trip to Rotary International Headquarters in Evanston, Friday, October 23, 2015!

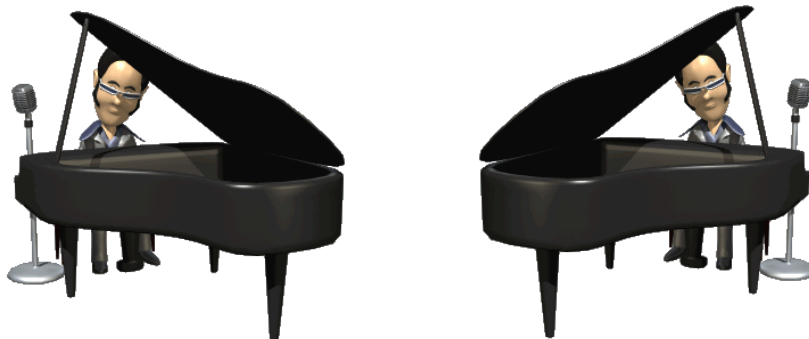
The trip includes transportation, a tour of Rotary International Headquarters, lunch, fellowship, and a brief presentation celebrating the success of END POLIO NOW!A great way to celebrate WORLD POLIO DAY on Oct. 23!

Vans/busses will leave at 8 am from Rockford, the Quad Cities and LaSalle-Peru, with stops along each route to Evanston. Return home by 5 pm. Transportation will be confirmed once you are registered. \$30 on-line fee will cover transportation (lunch cost is not included).

All members are encouraged to join the fun and get a rare opportunity to see Rotary International Headquarters up close and personal. REGISTER TODAY! Guests welcome!

Register using the event/calendar link on www.rotary6420.org

Registration Deadline: October 9, 2015



It's Official Our Board decided unanimously to partner and collaborate with the RAH Club on a Dueling Pianos fundraising event. Our Club will be investing a bit of up-front money so we all need to ensure that this entertaining and unique event is a great success!! The hope (and plan) is that the event will become an annual event and grow, grow, grow!! This is a fundraiser that we, along with our friends can all enjoy and support!