

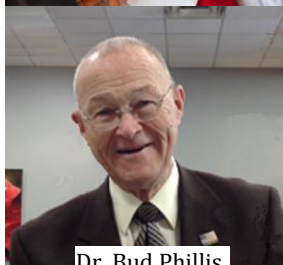
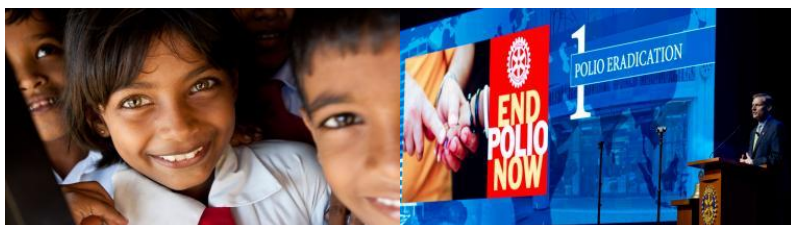


Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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The Rotary Foundation



Dr. Bud Phillis

Rock Island Rotary Foundation Chairman, Bud Phillis was the speaker at this week's Rotary meeting to kick off Rotary Int.'s Foundation Month. Bud provided a brief history of Rotary, starting with founder Paul Harris' idea to form an

November – December Calendar

- 11/03 – Bud Phillis, Rotary Foundation
- 11/10 – Sister Bobbi Bussan
- 11/10 – Budget Priorities Committee meets at 11:15am.
- 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
- 12/08 – Dr. Scott Cooper, MD, Pres. Illinois State Medical Society
- 12/09 – Circa 21 Holiday Party
- 12/15 – Tom Hammar, "Tax Season is Coming: Be Prepared"

organization bringing Chicago professionals and tradesmen together in 1905. As the organization grew members realized that a purely social organization would not endure. Therefore they decided to add community service to the organization's agenda. Their first service project was financing the construction of public restrooms in downtown Chicago. As the organization grew and spread to other cities and countries, the 6th Rotary International president, Arch Klumph, proposed the establishment of a Rotary Endowment Fund to do good work worldwide. The fund later was renamed the Rotary Foundation. In 1929 the Foundation made its first donation; \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children, which later grew to become Easter Seals. The Foundation experienced fantastic growth in 1947 when Rotary founder Paul Harris died and contributions poured in as memorials to Paul Harris. The increased funding led to creation of the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship program, followed by the Group Study Exchange program and grants for activities keeping with the objectives of the Rotary Foundation. In 1979 Rotary took on the task of eradicating polio in the Philippines. After successfully completing that project, in 1985 Rotary launched the PolioPlus program with the goal of eradicating polio worldwide. The initial campaign raised \$240,000. In 1988 Rock Island Rotary contributed \$50,000 to the project, which now has eliminated polio in all but two countries, Pakistan and Afghanistan. To date in 2015 less than 40 cases of polio were reported in the world. In the last three years Rock Island Rotary donated another \$50,000 as part of the "We're This Close" campaign with the goal of total elimination of the disease by 2018. Bud also explained that the Foundation funds all six areas of Rotary focus; Promoting Peace, Fighting Disease, Providing Clean Water, Saving Mothers and Children, Supporting Education, and Growing Local Economies. Finally, Bud encourage all Rotarians to join the "Every Rotarian Every Year" campaign by donating \$100 each year to the Foundation. Local banks will set up an automatic monthly electronic donation. See Bud for details.



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June – July: Diane Koster

Club Notes & Announcements!

□ Welcome Guests!

Rock Island Student Guests: Elizabeth Moore and Matt Benson;
Alleman Student Guests: Emily Bauer and Andy Maynard. Our exchange daughter, Camila Velasco from Peru and our one and only visiting Rotarian this week: Mark Zimmerman, (Davenport, IA Club)

□ 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.**

EARLYACT CLUB SUCCESS!

Rotarian Andrew Guzzo, Chairman of the EarlyAct Committee reported that the Jordan Elementary School EarlyAct Club is teaming with enthusiasm! The Club, consisting of forty 5th and 6th grade students is in its second year and meets at noon on the 1st Thursday of each month. Students give up their lunch recess to attend. Last year the Club raised \$638 by collecting coins and donated the funds to the World Wildlife Federation. Their donation sponsored ten animals! This year the Club's emphasis is clean water. They are investigating ways to aid in providing clean, sanitary water to children in the third world.



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
<u>TWO WITH DINING BOOK COUPON</u>	\$57.36
Circa Subscriber?	Pay Just \$ 2.75 per person

Sign up at the Sergeant's Table
Money Due by November 24th.



RINGING IN THE HOLIDAYS!!

It is that time of year again for Salvation Army bell ringing! We have a new location this year. We need Rotary volunteers to ring bells on December 5th at the Walgreen's on 18th Avenue across from Hy-Vee between the hours of 10 and 4. We need 2 volunteers for each 1 hour slot, although 'standby' helpers are important too. The more the merrier!

**Email Mark Mayeski,
mark.mayeski@edwardjones.com to
reserve your spot!**

Times: 10-11, 11-12, 12-1, 1-2, 2-3, 3-4

NEW MEMBER PROPOSED:

Sarah Gorham has been proposed for membership by Rotarian Bill Stengel. Sarah is a Rock Island resident and is an attorney at Stengel, Bailey and Robertson. Please direct comments to First Vice President/ Membership Chairman, Steve Morenz.

HAVE YOU WELCOMED OUR NEWEST MEMBERS?

Since June Rock Island Rotary has had the pleasure of inducting seven new members! They are: Gary Rowe, Justin Peterson, John Olinger, Tammy Weikert, Kyle Vietti, Christy Filby, and Thomas Mason.

Be sure to seek them out, introduce yourself, and let them know how happy we are to have them as fellow Rock Island Rotarians! Make sure they know how welcomed they are!!

ROTARY RAFFLE HELPS FUND THE FOUNDATION!

This week's raffle featured cash, a bottle of fine wine from Lo Milani's cellar, and a genuine Cuban cigar ~~smuggled back~~ generously donated by a recent traveler. Tom Hammar took home the wine, Tammy Weikert snatched the cigar (for her husband!). Bud Phillis won the \$31 cash. . 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!

Rotarians Checked Out Past President Koster's New Digs



Diane & Kevin Koster - Owners

Rock Island Rotarians answered the call of Past District Governor, Ruth Lee and made the short trip across the I-74 bridge and into Iowa to support past club Pres. Diane Koster as she and spouse Kevin held a gala opening as new owners of **The Grape Life** Wine Emporium. Rotarians present (at the time your reporter was present) included Mrs. Lee,

Past District Governor, Fred Luckenbill and wife Nancy, current President, John Phillips, immediate Past President, Mike Locander, Past President Frank Lambert, Past President Bob Swanson and wife Debbi, Publicity Chair, Holly Sparkman, 1st Vice-President Steve Morenz, Past Secretary Tricia Barron, and Past President/Current Secretary, Anne McGlynn. Apologies to members who may have come and gone prior to my attendance. The event was a "tasty" success with Kevin and Diane serving up some of their finest bubbly along with specialty snack trays featuring cheese, crackers, salami, and nuts.



The Grape Life features a cozy warm atmosphere, yet also has ample space for live weekend entertainment and parties both large and small. If you missed the opening, stop in any time!

Congratulations Diane and Kevin and best wishes for Future success!



Have You Answered the Call? – All you have to say is ... Sign Me Up!!



When you join Rotary's Every Rotarian Every Year campaign you are making a personal commitment In support of Promoting Peace, Fighting Disease, Providing Clean Water, Saving Mothers and Children, Supporting Education, and Growing Local Economies. The campaign asks every Rotarian to contribute just \$100 every year. That's just \$8.33 a month, and your donation will be matched in part by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and in part by our

Rock Island Rotary Club. Just a few dollars from each of us can make a huge, huge difference in the lives of so many. Automatic monthly bank account debit is available! Please see Bud Phillis and become a difference maker!