



# Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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Sister Bobbi Bussan

Sister Bobbi Bussan was the guest speaker at Rock Island Rotary today. Rotarians learned that the St. Joseph the Worker House Association offers services and transitional housing for homeless women and children. In a loving and supportive home-like setting, the House provides connections to local services that assist families.

## November – December Calendar

- 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"

St. Joseph the Worker House Association owns two properties; one at 901 20th Street in Rock Island, and a duplex at 1902 11th Street. The first house, named the Martha House based on the biblical woman, Martha, who showed hospitality to Jesus, provides 90 day transitional housing, and the duplex offers 12 month housing to eligible women and children from Martha House. The association also owns a garden, St. Joe's Garden, on 9th Avenue. The Martha House is a three-story home with a full basement and a two-car garage. The Association receives referrals from Project NOW and Open Door, as well as other QC service agencies. The second home, the Duplex, was purchased in 2009 and opened its doors in 2011.

Sister Bussan explained that the Association provides 100% of operating costs so that occupants can save their income to move forward on their own. Families in the duplex pay a program fee of no more than 30% of their income. This program fee enables them to remain part of the association and receive emergency assistance. The funds also help defray the cost of operating the duplex. Stability is the goal of the program and counseling is provided freely to assist clients with budgeting, parenting skills, meal preparation, and in essence whatever is needed to help the families get on their feet and out of the "rut".

The St. Joseph the Worker House Association is a 501(C)3 tax exempt public charity and has retail tax exemption and provides tax letters to all financial donors and to in-kind donors as requested. The Association has By-Laws established and adhered to and is governed by a Board of Directors that meets every other month. The Association is supported through charitable donations, grants and fundraising. Sister Bobbi serves as Chairperson of the Association Board and although she is a Catholic nun, the houses are nondenominational.



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# Club Notes & Announcements!

## □ Welcome Guests!

Rock Island Student Guests: Elizabeth Moore and Matt Benson; Alleman Student Guests: Emily Bauer and Andy Maynard. Kathleen Mesich, guest of Tammy Weikert. Virginia Johnson, spouse and guest of Don Peterson. Anna Westin, guest of our speaker Sr. Bobbi Bussan. Cis Ryan, mom and guest of Anne McGlynn. Sarah Gorham, prospective member and guest of Bill Stengel. Our exchange daughter, Camila Velasco from Peru and our one and only visiting Rotarian this week: Mark Zimmerman, (Davenport, IA Club)

## □ Rocky Air Force Jr. ROTC presents the colors!

To honor Veterans Day, this week's meeting began with an impressive patriotic display. The Jr. ROTC Color Guard from Rock Island High School presented the colors followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of God Bless America. The Color Guard consisting of Maegan Tallman, Jacob Lipe, Anthony Beelhman, Morgan Janes and Lindsey Abel were accompanied by their instructor, Major Blain Secor, USAF (Ret).

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Congratulations to Rotarians with November Birthdays!!

Donald Peterson	November	2
Thomas Mason IV	November	7
Stanley Coin	November	9
Howard Beck	November	16
Bryan Stortz	November	16
Christopher Britton	November	21
Lawrence Davis	November	22
April Price	November	23
PJ Foley	November	26

**STILL TIME TO SIGN UP!!**



## 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>	<u>\$57.36</u>
Circa Subscriber?	Pay Just \$ 2.75 per person

**Sign up at the Sergeant's Table**  
**Money Due by November 24<sup>th</sup>.**

## RINGING IN THE HOLIDAYS!!



We had a great response to our call for volunteer bell ringers for December 5th at the Walgreen's on 18th Avenue across from Hy-Vee. Two Rotarians signed up for every slot with the exception of the 2-3pm shift where we still need one person. We also would love to have 'standby' helpers on call in case someone is unable to fulfill their commitment. If you can help, email Mark Mayeski, at [mark.mayeski@edwardjones.com](mailto:mark.mayeski@edwardjones.com).

### ❑ 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.**

### YOUTH EXCHANGE COMMITTEE A HIT!

Chairman Jeff Dismer provided an update on our Youth Exchange Committee. The committee facilitates recruits, screens and selects outstanding high school students from our area to participate in a year-long experience of living and studying abroad. They also handle all the details for bring visiting students from foreign nations to Rock Island for a similar year long experience. Jeff explained how these exchanges play a major role in Rotary's effort to promote world peace and better understanding. Providing youth with the opportunity to immerse themselves in a new culture and to meet new people and enjoy experiences and interaction with host families lays the groundwork for peace in the world. Want to join the committee? Call Jeff. Help is always needed!

## ROTARY RAFFLE HELPS FUND THE FOUNDATION!

This week's raffle featured cash and a bottle of fine wine from Lo Milani's cellar. First Vice-President, Steve Morenz won the cash and generously donated his winnings to the Rotary Foundation. Bud Phillis took home the wine.

Once again, **thanks** to all who participated.



## TURKEY TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>

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

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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!

# Celebrities, health officials come together to hail progress toward polio's end

After a historic year during which transmission of the wild poliovirus vanished from Nigeria and the continent of Africa, the crippling disease is closer than ever to being eradicated worldwide, said top health experts at **Rotary's** third annual World Polio Day event on 23 October in New York City.

More than 150 people attended the special Livestream program co-sponsored by UNICEF, and thousands more around the world watched online. Jeffrey Kluger, Time magazine's editor at large, moderated the event.

Anthony Lake, executive director of UNICEF, lauded the Global Polio Eradication Initiative's efforts. After nearly 30 years, the GPEI, which includes **Rotary**, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and is supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, is on the cusp of ending polio. It would be only the second human disease ever to be eradicated.

Lake urged the partners not to lose their momentum: "At a time when the world is torn by conflicts, when the bonds among people seem weaker and more frayed than ever before, ending polio will be not only one of humanity's greatest achievements, but a singular and striking example of what can be achieved when diverse partners are driven by a common goal -- when we act as one," he said.

The event highlighted recent milestones in polio eradication: In July, Nigeria marked one year without a case, and in August, the entire African continent celebrated one year without an outbreak. That leaves just two countries where the virus is regularly spreading: Afghanistan and Pakistan.

In a question-and-answer session with Kluger, Dr. John Vertefeuille, polio incident manager for the CDC, discussed the reasons for Nigeria's success, including strong political commitment at all levels and the support and engagement of religious and community leaders.

"The foundation to Nigeria's success has been the incredible dedication of tens of thousands of health workers who have worked, often in difficult circumstances, to ensure that all children are reached with the polio vaccine," said Vertefeuille.

Innovative changes, including strategies for reaching children who were often missed in the past, better mechanisms for ensuring the accountability of health workers, and the engagement of doctors, journalists, and polio survivors, also aided Nigeria in reaching its goal.

Polio eradication is progressing in Afghanistan and Pakistan. In Afghanistan, cases dropped from 28 in 2014 to 13 so far this year. In Pakistan, transmission of the disease dropped dramatically, from 306 cases to 38.

Kluger and Vertefeuille agreed that eradicating polio is a wise financial investment. Vertefeuille said financial savings of \$50 billion are projected over the next 20 years.

Failure to eradicate polio, he noted, could result in a global resurgence of the disease, with 200,000 new cases every single year within 10 years