



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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DR. BETTIE A. TRUITT TAKES THE REINS OF BLACK HAWK COLLEGE

The Black Hawk College Board of Trustees named Dr. Bettie A. Truitt the president of Black Hawk College effective Jan. 1, 2015. Dr. Truitt had been serving as interim president since July 1, 2014. Dr. Truitt was introduced by Rotarian Dave Emerick, who serves as Chairman of the Black Hawk College Board of Trustees and in Rotary as all District 6420 District Governors.



Dr. Bettie A. Truitt
Coordinator for

November – December Calendar

- 11/17 – Dr. Bette Truitt, Pres., Black Hawk College / Cuba
- 11/19 – Birthday Books at 2:30 Hanson Elem.
- 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"
- 12/22 – Julie Gelaude – Black Hawk College Highway Construction Program
- 12/29 – TBA

Truitt is a product of Quad-City education. She graduated from United Township High School in East Moline in 1983 and attended the former Marycrest College in Davenport for two years before transferring to St. Ambrose University for a bachelor's degree in mathematics.

Dr. Truitt earned her master's degree in Mathematics from Iowa State University and her Ph.D. from the University of Iowa. She taught math at Black Hawk for 18 years prior to being named dean of instruction and academic support in 2007. In 2012, she became vice president for instruction and added student services to her responsibilities in 2013. In June 2014, she took on additional duties of executive vice president and in July 2014 was named interim President of the College. In December of last year the Board removed the "interim" title and named Dr. Truitt as the 15th president of the College.

Her presentation was a report on her travels to Cuba along with four other college presidents in March of this year. The trip, sponsored by the Illinois Community College Board was a cultural and educational exchange and an opportunity for Dr. Truitt to investigate the possibility of a student exchange program between Black Hawk and Havana University.

Truitt found that Cuba was greatly suffering from poverty and lack of progress. She noted that 95-98% of the autos in Cuba were American cars made in the 1950s. Many buildings were in disrepair with leaking roofs, elevators that did not work, and even her hotel room had no electrical outlets that worked. Her tour of Havana University found most emphasis on Art and Music with many outstanding studios and displays. Other area of the university were in disrepair and by American standards would be considered unsafe for student use. Truitt determined that facilities of the College of Economics were not suitable for Black Hawk students, but that an exchange for students studying the arts might be feasible. She noted that a highlight of her trip was attending the Cuban Ballet, which is considered second in the world only to the Bolshoi Ballet. Her program was highlighted by photos of Cuban sites and people.



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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. Bridgett Edgeworth, guest of Tammy Weikert. Linda Golden (prospective member), guest of Lo Milani. Susan Llewellyn, guest of Julie Gelaude. Chuck Austin and Thomas Thomas, guests of Dennis Pauley. Our exchange daughter, Camila Velasco from Peru. Dave Emerick, visiting Rotarian (East Moline-Silvis Club) and Mark Zimmerman, visiting Rotarian (Davenport, IA Club)

□ Rotary Partnership with Earl Hanson School

This month our Literacy Committee advises that loose leaf notebook paper and black composition notebooks are needed for the students. You can find both items at most Dollar General Stores priced very inexpensively. Bring your donation to any Rotary meeting during November and see that they get to Anne McGlynn or Tricia Barron.

□ Rotary International Foundation Committee Meeting

Chairman Bud Phillis has called a meeting of our Rotary International Foundation Committee prior to next week's regular Club meeting. April Price, John Slover, Ralph Crowe, Fred Houlton, Bill Green, Paul Erickson, Tricia Barron, and Jim Stanberry should meet Bud at the Botanical Center at 11:20 on Tuesday the 24th.

□ **Rotary Condolences** to Rock Island Kiwanis and the Plechaty family on the passing of "Cheese Whiz" Tom Plechaty. Tom spent many hours sitting at the cheese table prior to Rotary meetings. He will be missed!

□ **Cheese Pick Up** – If you ordered Kiwanis Cheese it will be delivered at next week's meeting. Bring your payment!



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

Sign up at the Sergeant's Table

Money Due by November 24th.

Circa Subscriber? Pay Just \$ 2.75 per person

LAST CALL TO SIGN UP!!

RINGING IN THE HOLIDAYS!!



Chairman Mark Mayeski advises that we have volunteer bell ringers for all time slots for December 5th at the Walgreen's on 18th Avenue across from Hy-Vee. If you signed up – be sure to show up! We have a few 'standby' helpers on call in case someone is unable to fulfill their commitment. Keep Mark informed if a conflict arises. Call or send an email to 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 WEEKEND!

Youth Exchange Chairman Jeff Dismer reports that all Rotary Exchange Students from District 6140 will be in town this weekend for a fun filled three days of Quad City Activities. The students will attend the annual Davenport Thanksgiving Parade, visit the Festival of Trees, and have a fun filled session of Laser Tag and Bowling at Moline's Quad City Entertainment Center. Friday night the visiting students will stay with a Moline Rotarian and will spend the night Saturday at the home of our own John Daly. Want to meet these outstanding young adults from all over the world? Contact Jeff Dismer for an opportunity to join the group at one of their activities. Thanks Jeff and our entire Exchange Committee for helping to organize the weekend for our visiting students.

ROTARY RAFFLE HELPS FUND THE FOUNDATION!

This week's raffle featured cash, four Festival of Trees tickets and a bottle of fine wine from Lo Milani's cellar. PDG Fred Luckenbill won the cash and promptly donated his winnings to the Rotary Foundation. First Vice-President, Steve Morenz won the wine and the tickets!! Once again, **thanks** to all who participated.



TURKEY TRIVIA NIGHT

This Friday, November 20th at 6:30pm

Still time to get your team together and sign up 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!

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!!



To Rotarian Paul and Marion Erickson for 64 Blissful years of marriage. In honor of the occasion, Paul made a \$63 donation to the Rotary Foundation.

To Rotarian Jim Moran for his upcoming induction into the US Tennis Association's Hall of Fame. Way to go Jim!!

To Rotarian Jeff Dismer on the merger of his architectural firm with Scholtz Gowey Gere Marolf Architects & Interior Designers under the umbrella of the Missman Group. The merger creates the largest architectural and engineering firm in the Quad-Cities. The combined firms will be known as Studio 483 Architecture. Studio 483 pays homage to the Mississippi River mile marker, 483, where the two architectural offices are located on opposite sides of the river.

ROTARY

We are 1.2 million neighbors, friends, and community leaders who come together to create positive, lasting change in our communities and around the world.

Our differing occupations, cultures, and countries give us a unique perspective. Our shared passion for service helps us accomplish the remarkable.

What makes us different?

Our distinct point of view and approach gives us unique advantages:

We see differently: Our multidisciplinary perspective helps us see challenges in unique ways.

We think differently: We apply leadership and expertise to social issues—and find unique solutions.

We act responsibly: Our passion and perseverance create lasting change.

We make a difference at home and around the world: Our members can be found in your community and across the globe.

How do we work?

Our impact starts with our members—people who work tirelessly with their clubs to solve some of our communities' toughest challenges. Their efforts are supported by Rotary International, our member association, and The Rotary Foundation, which turns generous donations into grants that fund the work of our members and partners around the world. Rotary is led by our members—responsible leaders who help to carry forward our organization's mission and values in their elected roles.

[Explore our structure](#)

How did we get here?

We've been making history and bringing our world closer together for over 100 years. Since forming in 1905, we've taken on some of the world's toughest challenges and helped a wide range of international and service organizations—from the UN to Easter Seals—get started.

[Learn about Rotary's history](#)

How do we use our funds?

Responsible leadership means more than just doing good work—it means making the most out of every donation we receive.

[See how we maximize our impact](#)

What causes do we support?

We have identified specific causes to target to maximize our local and global impact. At the same time, we understand that each community has its own unique needs and concerns. Through our network of resources and partners, we help clubs focus their service efforts in promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, and growing local economies.

[Learn more about the service projects that support our causes](#)