



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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FRIENDSHIP MANOR A ★★★★★ FACILITY

Friendship Manor President and CEO, Ted Pappas, Jr. provided an informative and “eye opening” program for Rock Island Rotary members on Tuesday.

Pappas first spoke in general terms regarding caring for our senior citizens. He pointed out that the advent of the Affordable Care Act



Ted Pappas

(Obama Care) has had significant impact on the skilled care aspect of the nursing home industry. Early claims by opponents of the ACA that the law would result in healthcare rationing have proved to be true. Medicare coverage of skilled nursing care services for seniors has dramatically been cut, down almost 30% at Friendship Manor. At the same time, seniors needing Medicaid assistance for services has increased. Pappas noted that regulations aimed at hospitals regarding limiting admissions for senior care have also directly impacted nursing home facilities. Through of series of charts and graphs Mr. Pappas showed how the “graying” of the baby boomer generation, along with medical and health advances is creating a massive number of citizens living significantly longer with 40% of those over 65 expected to live into their 90s. How the quantity of care needed can be provided and how the care will be paid for are daunting questions that must be answered soon!

In the second portion of his presentation Pappas took pride in reviewing the services and accomplishments of Friendship Manor. Situated on fourteen acres with four apartment buildings, in addition to the Silver Cross Health and Rehabilitation Pavilion, Friendship Manor offers levels of care from independent living villa homes opened in 2013 to independent living apartments, assisted care rooms, skilled care traditional nursing home facilities, and a recently opened Alzheimer’s/Memory care wing. The Manor offers rehabilitation, health care, physical therapy and assisted living options in order to address the transition today’s seniors (and their caregivers and families) demand. Mr. Pappas took great pride in pointing out that Friendship Manor has consistently earned recognition as a **5-Star** facility. He also was pleased to announce that Friendship Manor impacts far more than the 300 residents of the facility. The Manor’s food department provides not only excellent dining for residents, but also prepares food for over 700 off site seniors by serving as the dining provider for other facilities and agencies. With over 300 employees, Friendship Manor ranks as one of the largest employers in Rock Island. Thanks Ted Pappas for an outstanding and informative program!

November – December Calendar

- 11/24 – Ted Pappas, Friendship Manor
- 12/01 – Rocky Chamber Singers
- 12/08 – Awards Committee 11:30 meeting
- 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



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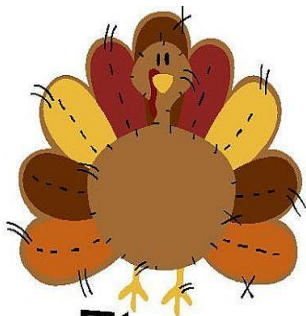
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Happy Thanksgiving

Club Notes & Announcements!

□ Welcome Guests!

New Rock Island Student Guests: Myranda Horton and Aldair Matias-Garcia; New Alleman Student Guests: Haley DeGreve and Emily Kirik. Virginia Johnson, spouse and guest of Don Peterson. Chuck Austin and Thomas Thomas (prospective members), guests of Dennis Pauley. Colin Dismar, a former outbound exchange student and guest of his dad, Jeff Dismar. Karen Buchanan Executive Assistant to our speaker, Ted Pappas, and guest of Chris Lemon. Our exchange daughter, Camila Velasco from Peru. Plus, visiting Rotarians Duncan Cameron (Naples, FL Club) and Mark Zimmerman, (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 and see that they get to Anne McGlynn or Tricia Barron.

□ **Dr. Tricia Barron showed** she can stitch up more than patients! Dr. Barron presented the Club a new large display banner on which 20 small banners from Rotary Clubs throughout the world are sewn. The banners were gifts from former exchange sons and daughters and from club members who made visits to Rotary Clubs worldwide. Tricia says we have enough small banners for several more displays. Hope you have plenty of thread, Doc!

□ New Members Proposed

Our membership committee is pleased to report three new applications for membership. Linda Golden, retired Rock Island school teacher and daughter of long time member Sue Golden; Charles O. Austin III (Chuck), retired Rocky math teacher and son of PDG Charlie Austin; and Thomas Thomas, Rock Island City Manager, have applied for club membership. Comments or questions should be directed to Membership Chairman, Steve Morenz.

□ New Month, New Editor

With the changing of the month comes a changing of your Newsletter Editor. December being an even numbered month, Holly Sparkman will take over the duties starting with next week's Newsletter. Items for publication should be directed to Holly. I'll be back behind the keyboard in January. See you all at next week's Rotary meeting featuring the Rocky Chamber Singers!!

BIRTHDAY BOOKS

Anne McGlynn headed up this month's birthday book presentation at Earl Hanson Elementary School. As part of our ongoing partnership with Hanson School and led by our Literacy Committee, Rock Island Rotary presents books each month to students that celebrated their birthday during the month. As usual, Anne asked for volunteers from our Club to help present the books. Boy did our Club respond!! Tom Hammar, Molly Shattuck, Bud Phillis, Chris Britton, plus new members Howard Beck and Tammy Weikert joined Anne for the fun, made even better by Rotarian, PDG Fred Houlton who entertained the kids and fellow Rotarians with his harmonica wizardry. The kids went home with fun memories and a new book to call their own!

Dining Books!

Fred Luckenbill still has a small supply of 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! This is one of our club's long-time fundraisers. It's a way to support Rotary and earn back way more than your donation by using the coupons! See Fred to get a book! **Coupons good until October 31, 2016.**

TRIVIA NIGHT FUN AND SUCCESSFUL!

Last Friday Rotarians raised some good funds for our causes and had fun doing it! Over 170 filled the Milan Civic Center for the event which featured 10 rounds of Trivia, and an impressive table of silent auction items. Congratulations to the committee co-chaired by Kathy Trone and Sue Cassatt. Other committee members are Molly Shattuck, Lo Milani, Ruth Lee, Kevin Koski, Al Metz, Steve Morenz, and John Daly. The Club thanks you for your hard work!

ROTARY RAFFLE HELPS FUND THE FOUNDATION!

This week's raffle featured cash, a beautiful cherry wood bowl hand crafted by Dr. Larry Tadlock, and a bottle of fine wine from Lo Milani's cellar. Pete Wessels was the first name drawn and he gobbled up the bowl. Larry Tadlock won the cash and donated his winnings to the Rotary Foundation. Past President, Mike Locander was the third ticket drawn. Mike tried to claim the cash, but then gladly accepted the wine! **Thanks** to all who participated.



NOTICE ANYTHING MISSING?

There are no presents under the tree!

Unfortunately that may be reality for many children right here in Rock Island.

Once again Rock Island Rotary is determined to do what we can to ensure that every child has the opportunity to experience the excitement and joy of opening presents on Christmas morning!

Tricia Barron is heading up our annual Angel Tree project where teachers at Earl Hanson Elementary School identify children who may not be able to have a Merry Christmas. They pass the details to us and we provide the presents!

Next week Tricia will have 46 student descriptions identifying gender, age, sizes and needs. Rotarians are asked to become Santa Claus for one or more needy children. The suggested budget is \$30 for a student. Anyone who does not want to shop may donate cash and our Rotary "elves" will do the shopping for you.

Put some joy in the hearts of these less fortunate kids! Be an Angel and let's make sure that all 46 student descriptions are taken at next week's Rotary meeting! You'll be surprised how much joy you'll get from assisting "Santa" at the wonderful time of year!

Foundation moves up on expert list of top nonprofits --

The Rotary Foundation has continued its steady growth, moving up one spot to 93rd in The Chronicle of Philanthropy's [annual ranking](#) of the top 400 nonprofit organizations in the United States. The ranking is based on monetary contributions from private sources and reflects the increasing generosity of those who support Rotary's mission.

According to The Chronicle of Philanthropy, the Foundation received \$259,594,884 in 2014, an 8.3 percent increase from the previous year.

The Foundation recently earned [a 4-star rating](#) from [Charity Navigator](#), the largest and most prestigious independent evaluator of nonprofits in the U.S.

It's great to know that the dollars we donate in support of the Rotary Foundation are entrusted to leadership that efficiently disburses assistance to those in need while keeping administrative costs to a bare minimum. If you may be in need of a charitable gift as tax time approaches, please keep the Rotary Foundation in mind. Bud Phillis will be happy to speak with any Rotarian about giving whether your donation is large or small.

Did You Know We Have Welcomed 11 New Members Since June!

We are proud to welcome you to our global community of more than 1.2 million men and women dedicated to building a better world.

You make Rotary stronger. By adding your skills, experience, and enthusiasm to our club, you can advance communities at home and on a global scale. Together, we can eradicate polio, train more skilled peacemakers, and provide lasting solutions for communities fighting disease, hunger, illiteracy, and poverty.

Through the Rotary community, you can exchange ideas and build lifelong friendships with like-minded people. Take advantage of the resources and activities available through our club, district, and Rotary International to make your experience with Rotary both rewarding and fun.

How do you start?

Get the most out of your membership by participating in club projects and activities.

Here are some ideas:

- * Serve on a club committee where you can use your skills
- * Identify a need in our community and suggest a hands-on project to address it
- * Work with a youth service program sponsored by our club, such as [Rotaract](#), [Interact](#), or Earlyact.
- * Host a [Youth Exchange](#) student
- * Help organize our district's [Rotary Youth Leadership Awards](#) programs
- * Recommend a colleague or friend for membership in our club

Bottom Line - We're thrilled to have you as a Rock Island Rotarian. We want to ensure that your membership is enjoyable, fulfilling, and fun. Let us know of anything we can do to welcome you!