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The Rotary Foundation

Doing Good In The World



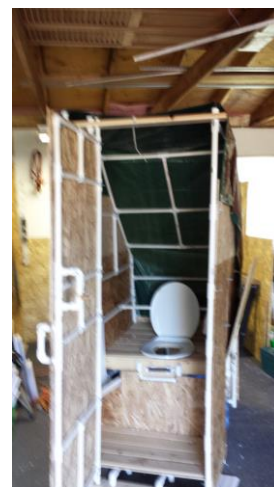
The third Tuesday of each month is designated as “Foundation Tuesday”, a notation designed to remind each of us of our commitment and obligation to support the Rotary International Foundation. This Foundation Tuesday, our Foundation Chairman, Bud Phillis, didn’t talk about the Foundation and all the good works it accomplishes worldwide. Rather he introduced former District Governor, Bob Newlon, a Rotarian that lives and breathes the Rotary



Rotarian/Inventor Bob Newlon

“Service Above Self” motto. Bob has been extensively involved in Clean Water projects throughout the third-world for many years. More recently he has turned his attention to sanitation, realizing that it is much easier to provide clean water once sanitation issues have been taken care of. Bob doesn’t speak just in theory, he has walked the walk, taking 12 humanitarian trips abroad with three more on his current schedule. The more he traveled the more it became evident that the problem of sanitation is a major barrier to improving third-world health. The challenge seems impossible. What is needed is a toilet system that requires no water, can be permanently located

without the need to periodically move, does not require pumping or digging out, has limited offensive odor, provides a biodegradable system of waste control, and provides a way to recycle solid and liquid waste for productive use. Oh, it would also be nice to provide a facility for washing hands after toilet use. No big deal, right? Well. Bob put his engineering education and experience to work on this daunting task and invented the “BOB Toilet”. Recently he took his invention to a remote barangay (village) in Samar, Philippines to test it in actual 3rd world conditions. “The BOB Toilet”, a biodegradable, zero waste toilet invention that doesn’t use water. Yes, believe it or not it does not use water. It uses rice hulls and banana leaves to help decompose human waste and turn it into fertilizer. The urine is diverted to significantly reduce the smell and is also used as organic fertilizer. The slanted roof of the toilet collects rain water so school children and adults can wash their hands and promote hygiene and sanitation. The result of his test, an overwhelming success! So much so that the Rotary International Board of Directors presented the *2015-16 Service Above Self Award* to Bob. The RI Board created this award to recognize those Rotarians who truly embody Rotary's motto of 'Service Above Self.' The board considers this award to be Rotary International's highest honor to bestow on a Rotarian, since a maximum of only 150 Rotarians may be selected from over 2.1 million members of Rotary. Bob brought a model of his invention to our club and along with an instructive slide presentation showed how the Bob Toilet is made and how it works. Best of all, the cost per unit is about \$85. Expect to see Bob Toilets all over the third-world followed by a significant improvement in sanitation and health through areas where previously 80% of human waste is left openly on the ground. Thanks Bob for a great program and your outstanding dedication to the ideals of Rotary. Our support of the Rotary Foundation can ensure that innovations like the Bob Toilet don’t just sit on the shelf. Help make a difference! Start your commitment to the Rotary Foundation at next week’s meeting. See Chairman, Bud Phillis for how to get going!



May - June Calendar

- May 24 - Financial Scams – Rotarian, Andrew Guzzo
- May 31 - Kiwanis Joint Meeting
- June 7 - Shelly Wells Cain – Girls Scouts
- June 14 - Sam Wray - Oak Hill – The Town the Bomb Built
- June 21 - Gail Brooks – RI Housing Auth.
- June 28 - President, John Phillips
- July 5 - New President, Steve Morenz



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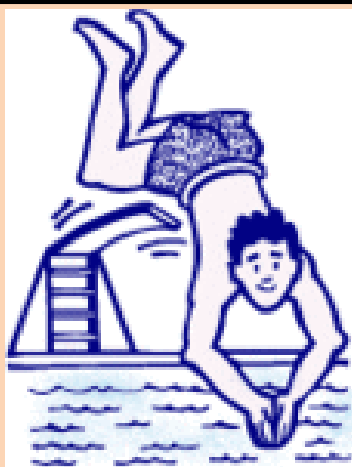
Club Notes & Announcements!

□ **Welcome Guests!** Rock Island Rotary was pleased to welcome Chantelle Kopcho, Jada Black, and Myah Ackerland from the Rock Island High School Interact Club. Meaghan Verstraete, Kourtney Johannes, and Brad Johnson were Alleman student guests. Jada and Kourtney reported on their trip to RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) Camp last weekend. They along with three other students had a great experience, funded by our Club, with training in leadership, group dynamics, and team building. The Club also welcomed visiting Rotarian, Duncan Cameron, from the Naples, Florida Club. Our final guest, is a guest no more, Cecilia Nache entered as a guest, but left the meeting inducted as the newest member of Rock Island Rotary. Welcome to All!!

□ **Volunteers Needed for JDC!** The Moline Rotary Club has the 18th hole during the John Deere Classic. It takes about 10 to 12 persons at all times to make this happen and the Moline Rotary is extending an invitation to Rock Island Rotary to help cover the slots. The classic is the weekend of August 11, but will run from Wednesday thru Sunday. Your entrance fee is free, but you will have to buy a Tee Shirt that costs about \$25. You get free snacks while on duty and a free lunch at noon time. If you are interested, please contact Sam Wray at 799-5160 or Kent Crippen at 787-3514.

□ **Earl Hanson Collection!** For the month of May, Rotarians are asked to donate glue sticks for Earl Hanson Elementary School. If you don't care to shop you can donate cash and Club members will shop for you. Also our **Birthday Books** presentation is set for Thursday, May 26th at 2:30pm. Stop by Hanson Elementary and help hand out books to the children with May and June birthdays! It only takes 30 minutes and is very important to the kids!

□ **Have Items for our Newsletter?** For May publication send to Bob Swanson at bobdebswanson@att.net. For June publication send items to Holly Sparkman at hksparkman@gmail.com.



The F U N Committee!

Save the Date!! Sunday, June 12, Noon - 5p.m is the next Rock Island Rotary FUN Committee event. Mary Fislar (and her Kiwanian husband, Dick) have graciously volunteered to host a Rotary yard party alongside (and in if you like!) their lovely backyard pool. Bring a dish to share, meat will be provided! Some of our Caribbean Cruise Rotarians have agreed to show off their bartending skills in recreating some of the delicious beverages of St. Thomas, Jamaica, Aruba, and other exotic tropical destinations. Swimming and checking out the adult beverages is optional. Your presence, fellowship, and fun is mandatory! This is a Rotary family event! Bring spouse/sig. other!

IT'S BIRDIES TIME!

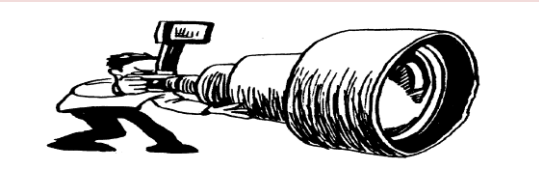


Don't make "Birdman", Kevin Koski, come to your front door to get your 2016 Birdies For Charity pledge. All funds raised go to our Rock Island Rotary Club Foundation and will be used solely for projects benefiting Rock Island. Simply

pledge to pay either a set amount (\$10, \$25, \$50, etc.) or pledge 1¢ or 2¢ or more for each birdie scored by the PGA pros during the John Deere PGA Tournament. (1¢ usually equals about \$20). The John Deere Classic doesn't get any of your donation. It all comes to Rock Island Rotary, plus the John Deere Classic Foundation matches your donation in part, increasing your donation to our club foundation. You also get to guess how many birdies the pros will score during the tournament. The prize, if you win is a new car! (One of our Rotary Club Members has won the car in the past!) and if you're the closest of any of our Club members, you win \$50 cash! Donate today! Pledge forms at the Sergeant At Arms table.

PHOTOS FOR CLUB DIRECTORY

Need a photo for the 2016-2017 Club Directory? We'll be taking photos prior to our next 2 meetings. If you need one or just want a new one, don't be shy! Just step up and say "cheese"!



2016-2017 Rotary Theme



RAFFLE SUPPORTS FOUNDATION

The foundation raffle featured wine from Lo Milani's cellar and cash. The cash was won by Fred Luckenbill who donated his winnings to the Rotary Foundation. Tricia Barron won the wine and announced that she would share it with any Rotarians who stayed after next week's meeting to help stuff the summer school supply bags. Someone asked if that was legal? Stay after next week's meeting and find out!

Rocky Entrepreneur Class Into the Shark Tank!

This Thursday, May 19 at noon in the High School Little Theater each student group will make their first "pitch" for investors. Judges will whittle the business ideas down to the five best and on May 26, a week from tomorrow, the 5 top Entrepreneurs will make their final pitch to the general public in the high school auditorium. Rotarians are invited to witness the fun and tension as these enterprising students make their presentations, hoping to find investor-partners in the crowd. Rock Island Rotary was a major donor to make this program possible.



Meet Our Newest Rock Island Rotarian



Cecilia Nache was inducted at today's meeting becoming our newest Rock Island Rotarian. Cecilia was raised in Moline, educated at Alleman and Black Hawk College, and has lived in Rock Island for the past 18 years. She is the Illinois Account

Manager for CS Technologies, Inc. a subsidiary of Central Scott Telephone. CS Technologies is a telecom/data services provider based in the Iowa Quad Cities, Dubuque, and now the Illinois Quad Cities. Cecilia was sponsored by Steve Morenz and Fred Luckenbill will be her mentor. Welcome Cecilia. Fellow members be sure to introduce yourself and say "Hello, Rotarian!"

ROTARY NIGHT AT THE BALL PARK!!



KANE COUNTY COUGARS vs QUAD CITY RIVER BANDITS

**ROCK ISLAND ROTARY
HAS 100 BOX SEATS!
FRIDAY, AUGUST 19TH
PRE-GAME SOCIAL HOUR
POST-GAME FIREWORKS!!**

\$11 TICKETS FOR \$10!

SEE OUR PRESIDENT THROW OUT THE FIRST BALL

RESERVED BOX SEAT TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW AT THE SERGEANT AT ARMS TABLE