



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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Shelby Ledbetter, Bert Blood \$1,500 Scholarship Award winner. Story on page 3.

The FUN Committee!

Rock Island Rotary has a FUN Committee! **Anyone** can join the committee... and **anyone** can benefit from the activities that the FUN committee has planned! It's a WIN-WIN for everyone! You will get to meet new members of the club, members of other area Rotary clubs and the spouses that come along with members of the club. All you need to do is show up! The rest is...well...FUN!

There's a FUN informal event/gathering planned for this **Thursday, April 7 at the Grape Life Wine Store and Lounge**. Come and mingle, enjoy wine and some great jazz from the Tri Tones Jazz Ensemble. The FUN begins at 7 p.m. Visit the Grape Life online at www.thegrapelife.com

The FUN Committee and the Membership Committee are jointly hosting an After Hours Meet and Greet event at the **Blue Cat on Thursday, April 28, from 7-9 p.m.** We especially want to invite our newer members and provide an opportunity to socialize and get to know seasoned club members. Members of the RAH! Rotary After Hours club will also be involved.

Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, June 12, Noon-4 p.m.** The Fislars are hosting a gathering at their FUN house (with a pool!). More details will follow.

Contact Past President and PDG Ruth Lee for FUN information
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April/May Calendar

- April 5 – Bert Blood
Rural/Urban Scholarship
- April 12 - Chinese Culture /
Shen Yun – Dr. Feng
- April 19 - Awards Luncheon
- April 26 - Earl Hanson Inspire
Choir
- May 3 - Rock Island Public
Library – Angela Campbell
- May 10 - Privies to Plumbing:
A Short History of the
Bathroom – Ann Koski
- May 17 - Rotary Foundation –
Bud Phillis
- May 24 - Financial Scams –
Andrew Guzzo
- May 31 - Kiwanis Joint
Meeting



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Club Notes & Announcements!

- **Welcome Guests!** Bruce A Peterson; University of IL Extension 4H office – John Flaherty, Diane Baker, Cheryl Geitner and Becky Buckrop; Alleman High School Junior Rotarians Eric Bjork and Lily Coleman; RIHS Junior Rotarians Haley Sigel and Katelyn McCullough; Mallory Meyers (Bert Blood Scholarship Award Recipient); Art Meyers, Kay Meyers, Harold Ryckaert, Judy Ryckaert (Mallory Meyers); Shelby Ledbetter (Bert Blood Scholarship Award Recipient); Noelle Boysen-Ledbetter; Tayler Johnson (Bert Blood Scholarship Award Recipient); Jamie Johnson; Scotty Johnson.
- **The Raffle!** The \$33 winnings went to Dr. Bud Phillis who donated the cash to the Foundation; Larry Tadlock promptly left after winning the bottle of wine donated by Lo Milani.
- **Bring Crayons!** Rock Island Rotary is collecting boxes of crayons for Earl Hanson Elementary. Please bring in a box of 24 to the next meeting or bring some cash.
- **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.
- **President John at Bucktown Revue!** Reserve your tickets now for the next Bucktown Revue, 7 p.m. Friday, April 15, at Davenport Nighswander Junior Theater, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, Iowa. Tickets are \$13 at the door and can be reserved online at www.bucktownrevue.com. Rock Island Rotary President John Phillips is going to be a guest performer! This is a family friendly show!



Bert Blood Scholarship Celebrates 4H Youth

The Rock Island Rotary Club honored the 44th Anniversary of the Bert Blood Rural-Urban scholarships on Tuesday, April 5 at the weekly club meeting. The event honors Rotarian Albert "Bert" M. Blood, a Rock Island businessman and former educator who served as the superintendent of two school districts. He passed away in 1973 at the age of 101 years old. Blood had a great interest in the welfare of young people and had served as chairman of the Rock Island Rotary Club's Rural-Urban Day committee from which the scholarship was born. Bert Blood Committee Chair John Wetzel thanked Andrew Guzzo, John Neary, Ardo Holmgrain and Tom Showalter for their help coordinating the event. Jenny Garner of the University of Illinois Extension office, thanked Rotary for making this one of the best collaborations in the area and give opportunities to young people. "Thank you for taking the time to recognize and honor our youth."

The Bert Blood Scholarship recipients:

- Shelby Ledbetter (Quad City Christian School) was awarded \$1,500 scholarship for her project on Leadership. The 4H program has helped her come out of her shell and find her inner leader. Shelby advocates for 4H through her teen group, in the State of Illinois government and has presented at a national conference.
- Mallory Meyers (Sherrard High School) was awarded the \$1,000 scholarship. Mallory put her carpentry skills to use in 4H, and credits his grandfather as her inspiration to learn the trade. Working side by side, she took her grandfather's vintage projects and made them her own. She values the time she spent with her grandfather and gained many life lessons from the work.
- Tayler Johnson (Rockridge High School) was awarded the \$750 scholarship. Tayler said that 4H has given her many opportunities to expand her knowledge in showing cattle and beef production. She has also won many awards for her show cattle, corn and soybean projects, jelly and jam projects as well as woodworking.



Jenny Garner, Shelby Ledbetter, Tayler Johnson, Mallory Meyers and President John Phillips