



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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JORDAN EARLYACT COMPLETES PROJECT

Rock Island Rotarians led by Andrew Guzzo, helped organize the first area EarlyAct Club at Jordan Elementary School in Rock Island. Last week the Jordan EarlyAct Club, now less than 2 years old completed it's first major international project! Club members conducted a "coin drive" early this year and Rock Island Rotary joined in contributing a significant number of coins. All in all, over \$2,200 was raised. The EarlyAct Club used those funds to purchase seven *Life Straw Community* water purification units. Each unit will provide clean, sanitary, purified water for up to 70 people for three years before needing a relatively inexpensive replacement filter. The units they purchased were shipped to Homabay Primary school in Kenya.

From there they were distributed to seven Head Teacher/Principals from small village schools. The pictures below were sent to the Jordan EarlyAct Club showing their international donation being put into use. Congratulations to the Jordan EarlyAct students and to their faculty sponsors, Jennifer Heckenkamp and Kim Kroft. And, congratulations to Andrew Guzzo and Rock Island Rotary for reaching out to Jordan and promoting the founding of EarlyAct at Jordan. We can all take pride in the super accomplishments of the Jordan kids and sponsors!

June - July Calendar

- June 7 - Shelly Wells Cain – Girls Scouts
- June 14 - Sam Wray - Oak Ridge – The Town the Bomb Built
- June 21 - Gail Brooks – RI Housing Auth.
Also Foundation Tuesday
- June 28 - Retiring President, John Phillips
- July 5 - New President, Steve Morenz
- July 12 - Kirk Marske - Career Cruising Quad Cities
- July 19 - TBA and *Foundation Tuesday*
- July 26 - Jacqueline Holm – Quad City River Bandits



← Pupils at Homabay Primary School, in Kenya being shown how to get water from the new LifeStraw provided by Jordan EarlyAct.



Pupils at Roba Primary school in Kenya take a closer look at their new LifeStraw provided by Jordan EarlyAct. →



← Children at Ndori Primary School in Kenya getting water during their break from class. Another LifeStraw provided by Jordan Early Act.



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Club Notes & Announcements!

- **Welcome Guests!** Just one guest this week. The Club welcomed regular visitor, Mark Zimmerman, from the Davenport, Iowa Club. Thanks for coming Mark! We always enjoy welcoming you!!
- **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.
- **Fun Committee Sign Up!** Okay, quit procrastinating and get signed up for the Fun Committee's Fislar Patio/Pool Party on June 12th. All you need to do is say "YES, I'll be there", and tell us what dish to pass you will bring. Featured with be Caribbean Cruise adult beverages prepared by our very own Rotary Cruising bartenders!
- **Night At the Ballpark Tickets!** Be sure to get your tickets for our Rotary Night at the Ball Park on August 19th. Seats are reserved box seats normally sold for \$11. We have them for just \$10! And, after the game you'll be treated to one of the area's finest fireworks displays. Just stay in your seats and watch the colorful displays over the mighty Mississippi! There's also a pre-game social on the River Bandit's new patio. So what are you waiting for? Bob has the tickets at the Sergeant's Table.
- **Have Items for our Newsletter?** For June publication send items to Holly Sparkman at hksparkman@gmail.com. July items should be sent to Bob Swanson at bobdebswanson@att.net.



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!

Don't Forget BIRDIES!



Chairman, Kevin Koski, reports good progress toward our club goals for the 2016 Birdies For Charity drive. Remember, all funds pledged go to our Rock Island Rotary Club Foundation used solely for projects that

benefit Rock Island. Not only does Rock Island Rotary get your entire pledge, the John Deere Classic Foundation also matches your donation in part, increasing your donation to our club foundation! It's one of our best Club fundraisers! If you intend to support the Club Foundation this year, doing it through Birdies increases your gift! Pledge forms are at the Sergeant at Arms table. Make your pledge today!

BOWLS ON THE TABLE

Just a reminder. The bowls placed in the center of each table at our meetings are our "tip" collection for the fine folks that serve our meal each Tuesday. We collect the funds throughout the year and make a presentation to the catering staff at Christmas time. Please remember to throw a few bucks in the bowl every once in a while or a regular quarter or two at each meeting. Thanks!



NO FOUNDATION RAFFLE THIS WEEK

Since our meeting was a joint meeting with Rock Island Kiwanis and they acted as the hosting club, there was no Rotary Foundation Raffle. However, Kiwanis held a raffle and none other than our own Fred Luckenbill was the lucky winner. After hearing that the Kiwanis "pot" was just \$4, Fred opted to roll the dice and try for a bigger prize. Unfortunately, the result sent Fred home empty handed!! Bring your bucks next week for our raffle! We'll have much more than \$4!!!

Jerry Huiskamp Predicts ...

Today's program was an Informative talk by Gerry Huiskamp, Executive Director of Blackhawk Bank & Trust Company. He first explained the Long Wave Economic Theory, which in a nutshell says that events run in cycles and those cycles repeat themselves approximately every 52 years. He then showed examples of major historical events such as wars, depressions, social movements, etc. to illustrate the accuracy of the theory. Then using the trends established over the past 200+ years Mr. Huiskamp made the following predictions:



- 1) Interest rates will rise over the next 5 years but there will be no major increase.
- 2) The stock market will experience a 0 to 5% gain
- 3) US Manufacturing will continue to decline.
- 4) The danger of war coming out of the middle east is increasing.

2017 Rotary International Convention



The 2017 Rotary International Convention is being held in Atlanta from June 10-14, 2017. This is the 100th

Anniversary of the Rotary Foundation. There is a special discounted registration fee available from May 28 – June 6 of \$265.00. After that date it will raise to \$340 and will go higher the longer you wait. This is a great opportunity for each of us to experience and enjoy a RI convention. Talk to any member who has attend an International Convention, you'll hear that it was an eye opening experience and will change your view of Rotary forever! You can go on line now to register at: <http://www.riconvention.org/en/atlanta>. Do it now and save money. Hotel reservations are already filling. Over 1,560 have already registered.

ROTARY PROVIDES MAJOR GIFT TO FIRST DAY FUND



Kevin Koski, our Birdies for Charity chairman presents a \$2,000 donation to Kiwanis president, Chris Elsborg, for the First Day Fund at today's joint meeting with Rock Island Kiwanis. Kiwanis is a sponsor of the First Day Fund. Rotary designated our 2015 Birdies for Charity proceeds for this donation. The guiding principle of the FIRST DAY FUND is that every child deserves an opportunity to have a sense of dignity on that first day of school. To this end, they provide school supplies to kids who, through no fault of their own, are characterized as "under privileged" or "disadvantaged" while keeping all student information in strict confidence in order to maintain the anonymity of each recipient.

ROTARY NIGHT AT THE BALL PARK!!



KANE COUNTY COUGARS vs QUAD CITY RIVER BANDITS

**ROCK ISLAND ROTARY
HAS ~~100~~ 66 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

First Year of Rocky's Entrepreneur & Enterprise Class Concludes with Pitches to Public

Last Thursday the five top “business” creator teams made their final presentations at Rock Island High School's Auditorium. This was the culmination of a year-long class that Rotary helped fund with a \$10,000 grant from our Club Foundation. The program was patterned after highly successful similar programs being offered in select schools throughout the country. The Rotary funded program at Rock Island High School is the only program of its type offered in or around the Quad Cities. Not only did Rock Island Rotary make the first major donation to get the program off the ground, but several of our members also served as coaches and mentors for student teams.

The result was a very rewarding and innovative first year of experiences as judges narrowed the field to the five best business concepts developed by the students. Each of the five teams were then offered the opportunity to present their business proposal to the public. The selected ideas included custom braided pet leashes, mini frosted cake rounds, a phone app that helps identify and track recall notices, an auto visor organizer that folds down to block the sun, and a cell phone case with a built in magnifier eliminating the need for cheater glasses. A number of Rotarians attended the final pitch presentations and reported that all groups did a super job! Congratulations Rotarians – without your support this program would not exist!

