



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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Rotary Service Project

The Rock Island Rotary Board of Directors agreed to participate in the Ambucs Tryke project as a new Club service project. Ambucs is a national organization that provides specially built three wheeled bikes for disabled vets and children with disabilities.

The local affiliate of the group is the Mississippi Bend Tryke organization. They have purchased Trykes that will be donated to Quad City disabled children; however, before they can be donated the Trykes needs to be assembled. This is where Rock Island Rotary enters the picture! The Mississippi Bend Tryke organization doesn't need any money, just manpower to assemble the Trykes! The time commitment is 3 hours from 1pm to 4pm on Saturday July 16th at the Davenport Mills Chevrolet dealership located at 5401 Elmore Avenue in Davenport.



Rotarians can sign up at the Sergeant's Table at next week's meeting. You'll not only get to help build the Trykes, but you'll share in the joy at 4pm when the children come to receive their new Tryke! Want to know more, go online to www.ambucs.org or contact fellow Rotarian, Sue Cassatt.



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 Authority Foundation Tuesday

June 28 - Retiring President, John Phillips

July 5 - New President, Steve Morenz

July 12 - Kirk Marske - Career Cruising

July 19 – Club Assembly & Foundation Tuesday

July 26 - Jacqueline Holm – Quad Cities River Bandits

**Rotary Night
at
Modern
Woodmen
Park
Friday,
August 19!**

Tickets available at the Sergeant at Arms table!

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Club Notes & Announcements!

- **Welcome Guests!** Mark McQuate (Kyle Vietti); Dianne Phillis (wife of Bud Phillis); Duncan Cameron (Naples, FL Rotary Club); and Mark Zimmerman (Davenport, IA Rotary Club). A very special guest was introduced by Tom Hammar. Former Youth Exchange Son, Felipe Ortega from Chile returned to renew old friendships formed when he spent a year with us 6 years ago. Felipe has now finished school studying psychology, and after spending a month in this area visiting, will return to Chile to enter the job market! It was great to see our “son” doing so well!
- **Rotary Night at the Ballpark August 19!** The 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. 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.
- **Raffle Results!** Howard Beck was the lucky winner of the \$58 cash, which he donated back to the Club Foundation. His generosity was rewarded when a totally different ticket puller drew his name again as the winner of the Lo Milani wine.
- **New Member Proposed!** John R. “Jay” McEvoy III was proposed for Rock Island Rotary Club membership. Feedback can be directed to 1st VP Steve Morenz or President John Phillips.
- **THE FUN COMMITTEE!** The Fun Committee has a meeting next Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. before the regular meeting. Since RI Rotary is the #1 Fun Club this makes sense to be a part of the Fun Committee!



1st VP Steve Morenz, President John Phillips, Felipe Ortega, Past President Tom Hammar.

Today's speaker was Gail Brooks, Public Relations officer for the Rock Island Housing Authority. Gale gave a brief history of the Authority, which was established in 1939. The Housing Authority's first project was constructing Arsenal Courts as affordable housing for people brought in to work at the Rock Island Arsenal during World War II. At the time, the average wage of the employees was \$700-\$1,000 PER YEAR. Rental for the housing units was \$15 a month.

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