



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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August – October Calendar

- Aug 23 - Rene Gellerman, Quad Cities Chamber
- Aug 30 - Mark McQuate - 1 Marine 1 Life Foundation
- Sept 6 - Dr. Mike Oberhaus, State of the Schools
- Sept 13 - District Gov. Scott Shore
- Sept 20 - Rick Miers, RI High School Historian
- Sept 27 - Paul Fessler, Community Caring Conference
- Oct 4 - Dr. Allison Haskill, Augustana Speech, Language, Hearing Clinic
- Oct 11 - Leslie Kilganno, Quad Cities Interfaith
- Oct 18 - Jodie Kavensky, Norma Leah Ovarian Cancer Initiative
- Oct 25 - Alan Ross, Jewish Federation of the Quad Cities
- Nov 1 - Angie Peterson, Children's Therapy Center

Rene Gellerman, Senior Vice President of the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce and Brandy Donaldson, Director of Marketing & Communications for the Chamber were our guest speakers at today's Rock Island Rotary meeting. Both ladies are "on loan" from the Chamber to **Q2030**. The **Q2030 Regional Action Plan** is a regional initiative that supports transformational ideas that promote alignment of people, organizations and money to attract and keep talented people, grow new and retain existing jobs and expand economic opportunities for all Quad Citizens. Ms. Gellerman stated that transforming the region is an ambitious goal. "We are making a bold statement that the Quad Cities region is ready for the challenges of today's economic realities. All of us share interest in and responsibility for our region's success." The guiding principles of the plan are to Collaborate; Be open to new ideas; Encourage diversity of opinion; Think and act in the best interest of the region; Speak with respect and regard for all partners; Share credit for successes and responsibility for challenges; and, Demonstrate pride and a positive attitude about the Quad cities. Their goal is to change how people think about the Quad Cities. To bring the plan to life the plan promotes four major areas: Showing that we have **COOL PLACES** (our river, cultural amenities, quality downtowns, great neighborhoods, abundant recreational opportunities, and signature events); **CREATIVE PEOPLE** (21st century workforce, healthy people, great educational systems, leadership development, talent marketing and attraction, and a welcoming and inclusive population); **CONNECTED REGION** (Regional branding, community collaboration, and intra-regional mobility); and **PROSPEROUS ECONOMY** (Manufacturing innovation hub, I-74 Gateway Corridor, competitive infrastructure, entrepreneurial ecosystem, research & innovation, Rock Island Arsenal, policy and advocacy, and target business attraction marketing. After laying all the groundwork, Rene turn the program over to Ms. Donaldson who concentrated on the effort to get people, organizations, and communities to join the movement. She urged organizations to align their efforts with the goals of Q2030 and urged more collaboration between people, organizations, and communities. She also emphasized the importance of "Swagger", saying that we all need to brag and boast about the Quad Cities. Too often only the negative is heard when much more is positive than negative. Brandy also urge citizens to champion support of Q2030, to volunteer time and talents to improve and shape the future of our region. Q2030 has set lofty goals and plans to measure their success against these goals: 1) 54,000 new 20-34 year olds in the region's population, 2) a 20% increase in per capita income and a 25% growth in the regional gross domestic product, 3) Community satisfaction and civic pride evidence by a high community satisfaction and love factor with the Quad Cities. Thanks for a very informative and thought provoking presentation! Let's all endorse the plan and do all we can to help it succeed!



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Rotary's annual **Trivia Night** is set for Friday, November 11th. Get your team organized and ready to compete!

Silent Auction items are needed and can be donated individually or in the name of your company/business. See Kathy Trone

Club Notes & Announcements!

- **Welcome Guests!** Rock Island Rotary welcomed three guests at today's meeting! Our new Exchange Daughter, Agata Burzynska was in attendance and reported that she has joined the Rock Island High school girls swim team. Good luck in the pool Agata! Rounding out our visitor list were Duncan Cameron, from the Naples, Florida Club and Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport, Iowa Club. Guests are always welcome, particularly prospective members! Invite a friend next week!!
- **Rotary Prepares for Labor Day!** Our President, exchange daughter Agata, and club officers will be in this year's Labor Day Parade. All Rotarians are invited to walk or bike along with the Rotary vehicles.
- **Literacy Committee** will meet at 11am next Tuesday, August 30th just prior to our regular meeting. All committee members should attend!
- **Fundraising Committee will meet** at 1PM on Tuesday, August 30th just after our regular meeting. Committee members please attend.
- **District Governor Scott Shore** will meet with our Board of Directors at 11am, Tuesday, September 13th. Board Members - Mark Your Calendar!
- **Pumpkin Palooza is coming!** Rotarians needed to meet the Earl Hanson 1st and 2nd Grade Classes at the Pumpkin Patch. The date is Wednesday, October 5th. Time frame is 9am to 1:30pm. See Mike Locander for details.
- **Have Items for our Newsletter?** For August publication send items to Bob Swanson at bobdebswanson@att.net.

BIG RAFFLE BUILDS ROTARY FOUNDATION COFFERS!



Today's Foundation Raffle offered a beautiful hand-turned Hickory wood bowl from Dr. Larry Tadlock, cash, a bottle of fine wine from the Lo Milani Cellar and a "Quad Citizen" tee-shirt donated by our guest speakers. The abundance of prizes pushed the cash well over \$100! The first ticket drawn belonged to Rev. Roger Hungerford who took the bowl. Jim Moran was the second lucky winner, he took the cash and donated it back to the Rotary Foundation. Third drawn was Bud Phillis who added the wine to his collection. Then in a separate drawing for the "Quad Citizen" tee-shirt Bud again the lucky ticket holder. Looked like the Shirt was just his size!



Thanks to all who Participated!!

MENTORS & COACHES NEEDED

The Entrepreneur Class at Rock Island High School is in need of mentors and coaches for the new school year. Rock Island Rotary donated \$10,000 to get this program underway and it enjoyed tremendous success and received statewide recognition last year. Several Rotarians served as Mentors and Coaches last year and more are needed this year with a growing program. See Mike Locander, Carla Thies, or Monta Ponsetto for details. **NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!**



HELP WANTED!

School is back in session and that means Rotarians are needed for our
Birthday Book Program!

This Thursday, August 25th our Rotary Club will present books to Earl Hanson students whose birthdays occurred in July and August. Come join the fun as Rotarian Fred Houlton entertains with his harmonica, snacks are served, and each student receives a new book autographed by a Rotarian!



Rotarians with July and August birthdays are particularly encouraged to participate, but all club members are welcome! The time commitment is very minimal. Just arrive at Earl Hanson by 2:20 and you'll be done and on your way by 3:00.

DINING BOOKS ARE BACK!



Once again Rotary offers you the Quad Cities Dining Tour book with over 330 money saving coupons good at over 140 local restaurants! Best of all each book contains a two

for one Circa 21 Coupon you can use for our Rotary Holiday Party. That one use will save you more than the entire cost of the book! Each book sells for \$35 and Rotary receives \$10 for each sale. See Fred Luckenbill and get your 2016-2017 Quad Cities Dining Tour Book today!

ROCK ISLAND ROTARY HOLIDAY PARTY

Circa 21

Wednesday, December 7th



Salon Party 5pm – 6pm
Buffet 5:45 – 7pm
Bootlegger Show – 7:15
Holly Jolly Christmas 7:45
Don't be a Scrooge!!
Make your reservation!

**RESERVE NOW –
PAY LATER**

See Bob Swanson
**\$59.13 FOR 2 WITH
DINING BOOK COUPON**

50 Things Every Rotarian Should Know About Rotary

Taken from an article by Steve Garret, District Governor 1994-1995

3 – OBJECT OF ROTARY

In some areas of the world weekly Rotary club meetings begin with all members standing and reciting the Object of Rotary. This statement, which comes from the Constitution of Rotary, is frequently seen on a wall plaque in Rotarians' offices or place of business.

The Object of Rotary is “to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise.” The statement then lists four areas by which this “ideal of service” is fostered: “through the development of acquaintance as the opportunity for service; the promotion of high ethical standards in business and professions; through service in one's personal, business and community life; and the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace.”

The object of Rotary has not always been expressed in this manner. The original Constitution of 1906 had three objects: promotion of business interests, promotion of good fellowship, and the advancement of the best interests of the community. By 1910 rotary had five Objects as increased emphasis was given to expanding Rotary. By 1915 there were six Objects. In 1918 the Objects were rewritten again and reduced to four. Four years later they had again grown to six and were revised again in 1927.

Finally, at the 1935 Mexico City Convention the six Objects were restate and reduced to four. The last major change came in 1951, when the Objects were streamlined and changed to a single “Object” which is manifested in four separate ways. The “ideal of service” is the key phrase in the Object of Rotary. This ideal is an attitude of being a thoughtful and helpful person in all of one's endeavors. That's what the Object truly means.

We'll follow up with more of the 50 Things Every Rotarian Should Know About Rotary in future issues.

ROCK ISLAND ROTARIANS PITCH IN AT camPOSSIBLE!

A major highlight of the summer for youth with epilepsy was camPossible held August 8th – 14th in New Liberty, Iowa. The 7 day/6 night camp organized by the Epilepsy Foundation is open to youth aged 9-17 with a diagnosis of epilepsy. Activities include archery, swimming, zip-line, arts & crafts, canoeing, and theater. The camp is staffed from the host camp (Camp Liberty) and Epilepsy Foundation volunteers. Among those volunteers were stalwart Rock Island Rotarians, Dan McNeil, Monta Ponsetto, Susan & Past President, Tom Hammar.



ROTARY NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK A GRANDSLAM SUCCESS!



Rock Island Rotarians along with family and friends enjoyed beautiful weather and a home team win on Friday, August 19th at Modern Woodman Park. The Quad City River Bandits defeated the Kane County Cougars 8-2. The victory was followed up with an impressive fireworks display sending all home happy! Prior to the game Rock Island Rotarians socialized on the Bandit's Patio with Rotarians from Milan Rotary, Illinois/Quad Cities Rotary, North Scott Rotary, Walnut Rotary, and Davenport Rotary. In the middle of the 6th inning the announcer recognized Rotary International, and welcomed each club in attendance. Each club was also recognized on the big video board. In addition to a fun family event, in return for the 100 tickets our Club purchased, the River Bandits donated \$500 back to our club! Great, fun, fundraiser!!