



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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COMMUNITY CARING CONFERENCE

Rock Island Rotary welcomed Paul Fessler, Chairman of the Community Caring Conference as guest speaker at today's meeting. Currently the Community Caring Conference board members are working to rebuild the organization that works to strengthen Rock Island neighborhoods and block clubs. In the past year and a half, the CCC has enlisted new board members, updated its bylaws and set goals for future activities. Mr. Fessler, the new CCC board chairman, said it has set three specific goals: form or reform block clubs; hire a staff organizer to build watch groups; and seek wider community support through volunteers, funding and links to other organizations that work to improve life and lives in Rock Island. "A renewed CCC intends to expand and re-energize its neighborhood block clubs so that residents all over the city of Rock Island know their neighbors and are watching out for the community," he said. "We have a big job ahead of us, but we are committed to the CCC vision." The CCC formed in 1976 in older Rock Island neighborhoods and was active until 2014 when it lost its executive director and funding became an issue, Mr. Fessler said.



"Those of us who are on the board decided to try and regroup. We believe there is a real void without the CCC neighborhoods in Rock Island," he said. The board works with 10 sponsoring churches to build stronger support for the mission of the CCC, and additional churches will be invited to participate, Mr. Fessler said. Board members Ethel Bassett and Jeff Novak added their enthusiastic support for the CCC. "The board will gladly assist people who may want to get their neighborhoods organized or reorganized," he said. "Our next major step is raising funds to hire a neighborhood organizer." Mr. Fessler said former CCC director Pat Ward is helping advise the new board. The Community Caring Conference is committed to improve neighborhoods, address rising crime, and increase neighborhood awareness. Using the talents of a broad cross-section of individuals serving as a board of directors, staff, block club council, block club members, sponsoring churches and other committees and volunteers, the Community Caring Conference works to improve the quality of life in our community. A spirit of caring and cooperation in discussing and resolving mutual concerns is a key to the groups success. Among their activities are organizing Neighborhood Crime Watch groups, Block Clubs and Organizations, providing information and assistance to citizens, and hosting the National Night Out activities each August. Their goals for the coming years are 10 new block clubs, 10 new community improvement projects, and holding two major community activities. CCC is currently in the hiring process for a part-time neighborhood organizer.

October - November Calendar

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| Sept 28 | - Meet & Greet at Earl Hanson Elementary 2:30pm |
| Sept 29 | - Birthday Books at Hanson |
| Oct 4 | - Dr. Allison Haskill, Augustana Speech, Language, Hearing Clinic |
| Oct 5 | - Pumpkin Palooza! |
| Oct 11 | - Leslie Kilganno, Quad Cities Interfaith |
| Oct 13 | - Rotary at Rogalski Center |
| 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 |
| Nov 8 | - Jay Pearcer, WVIK Radio |
| Nov 11 | - Rotary Trivia Night |
| Nov 15 | - Roger Ruthhart, Editor Dispatch/Argus |
| Nov 22 | - John Gripp, RI Parks Dept. |
| Nov 29 | - Linda Rowe, Oral Health |
| Dec 6 | - Rock Island Chamber Choir |
| Dec 7 | - Rotary Circa 21 Party |



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July – Aug: Kyle Vietti
Sept – Oct: Dave Geenen
Nov – Dec: Gary Rowe
Jan – Feb: John Wetzel
Mar – Apr: Julie Gelaude
May – June: Bob Swanson

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Rotary's annual **Trivia Night** is set for Friday, November 11th. Get your team organized (up to 10 members) and get ready to compete! Entry fee is \$100.00. Silent Auction items are needed and can be donated in the name of your company/business or individually. See Kathy Trone

Club Notes & Announcements!

□ **Welcome Guests!** At today's meeting Rock Island Rotary welcomed Alleman Jr. Rotarians, Augie Darrow and Lucy Adlfinger, and Rocky Jr. Rotarian, Zach Blumberg. Ethel Bassett and Jeffrey Novak, members of the Community Caring Conference attended and assisted in today's program. Eric Moore, Rock Island High School principal and Mel Rambo of Modern Woodmen attended their final meeting as guest prospective members. Our final guest was our lovely exchange daughter, Agata Burzynska from Poland. Rock Island Rotary always welcomes guests, particularly prospective members! Invite a friend next week!!

□ **Major Joint Rotary Event!** Mark your calendar for October 13th. Along with Rotarians from all area clubs, we will meet at the St. Ambrose Rogalski Center at 5pm. The evening will begin with a brief social time followed by welcomes and introductions. Then Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars will speak about the impact Rotary has had on their lives. The session will then conclude with a joint service project for Kids Against Hunger. Rotarians, Rotaract, Interact and Jr. Rotarians will join in preparing meals to be distributed to local pantries via the Riverbend Food Bank. The entire event will end by 7pm. All club members are urged to attend and participate! Let's be the largest group there!!

□ **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.

□ **Mentors Needed** – Mentors are still needed for the Entrepreneur and Enterprise class at Rock Island High School. This is a project we funded and need to support. Need more information? See Mike Locander or Monta Ponsetto.

□ **Attention Fundraising Committee** – There will be an important meeting of the Fundraising Committee at 11:30 just prior to our regular club meeting on Tuesday, October 11th.

□ **Have Items for our Newsletter?** For September publication send items to Bob Swanson at bobdebswanson@att.net.



FOUNDATION COFFERS LOVE RAFFLE PARTICIPANTS!

Today's Foundation Raffle featured a bottle of fine wine from the Lo Milani Cellar, a hand-turned hickory bowl created, numbered, and initialed by local wood artist, Dr. Larry Tadlock, and of course, cash. The first ticket drawn was held by Lo Milani who opted to take the cash and quickly passed it on to daughter, Agata Burzynska. Bud Phillis was the second winner selected and he took the Tadlock bowl. The final winner in today's drawing was Past President, Jeff Dismer, who took home a fine bottle of wine.

Thanks again to all who participated!

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS – ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

Rotarians are invited to join the Celebration at Deer Valley Country Club near Rock Falls on November 5th. There will be a Foundation Roundtable/Seminar from 3 to 5:00 PM. Followed by the Gala Foundation Dinner at Deer Valley Country Club from 5 to 9 PM. District 6420 Rotarians invited.

GOT YOUR DINING BOOK?



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!

PRESIDENT INDUCTS TWO NEW MEMBERS!



Mel Rambo, Eric Moore and President Steve Morenz

President Steve Morenz declared it as his "happiest duty" as president inviting Mel Rambo of Modern Woodmen and Eric Moore, Rock Island High School principal, to come forward to be inducted as our newest Rock Island Rotary members. Be sure to meet and welcome Mel and Eric at your earliest opportunity!

ROCK ISLAND ROTARY HOLIDAY PARTY

Circa 21

Wednesday, December 7th

Salon Party 5pm – 6pm

Buffet 5:45 – 7pm

Bootlegger Show – 7:15

See Bob Swanson

Holly Jolly Christmas 7:45

**Don't be a Scrooge!!
Make your reservation!
RESERVE NOW
PAY LATER**

\$59.13 FOR 2 WITH

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SIGN-UPS ARE LAGGING – LET'S GET WITH IT ROTARIANS!!!

Hey!

Didn't you read the Calendar on the front page?

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Meet & Greet at Hanson Elementary School
Be there at 2:30pm
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Earl Hanson Elementary School
4000 – 9th Street, Rock Island, IL

Early Act Committee Member(s) Needed

Rock Island Rotary established the area's first EarlyAct Club at Jordan Elementary School 3 years ago. Andrew Guzzo and Mary Fislar served as the liaison committee between our club at the EarlyAct Club. A job relocation caused Andrew to move from our area, leaving poor Mary a lonely committee of one. Love kids, believe in Rotary and willing to help? Let President Steve know you'll help!

50 Things Every Rotarian Should Know About Rotary

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

9 – INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF A ROTARIAN

As an international organization, Rotary offers each member unique opportunities and responsibilities. Although each Rotarian has first responsibility to uphold the obligations of citizenship of his or her own country, membership in Rotary enables Rotarians to take a somewhat different view of international affairs. In the early 1950's a Rotary philosophy was adopted to describe how a Rotarian may think on a global basis. Here is what it said:

"A world-minded Rotarian;

- looks beyond national patriotism and considers himself as sharing responsibility for the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace;
- resists any tendency to act in terms of national or racial superiority;
- seeks and develops common grounds for agreement with peoples of other lands;
- defends the rule of law and order to preserve the liberty of the individual so that he may enjoy freedom of thought, speech and assembly, and freedom from persecution, aggression, want and fear;
- supports action directed toward improving standards of living for all peoples, realizing that poverty anywhere endangers prosperity everywhere;
- upholds the principles of justice for mankind;
- strives always to promote peace between nations and prepares to make personal sacrifices for that ideal;
- urges and practices a spirit of understanding of every other man's beliefs as a step toward international goodwill, recognizing that there are certain basic moral and spiritual standards which will ensure a richer, fuller life."

That is quite an assignment for any Rotarian to practice in thoughts and actions!

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

WHY WE ALL NEED TO BE CUB FANS FOR THE NEXT THREE WEEKS!!

I'm sure you all remember past president John Phillips strumming away on his guitar and singing that *awful* song, "A Dying Cubs Fan's Last Request". So frustrated by that song, Sgt. At Arms Bob Swanson offered to make a \$100 donation to the Rotary Foundation if John would learn and sing either "Hey, Hey, Holy Mackerel" or "Go Cubs Go" at an upcoming Rotary meeting. John upped the ante and said he would do it if the Cubs win the pennant. Word got out and other Rotarian Cub fans joined in and we're now over \$2,000 pledged, but we need the Cubs to win the Pennant to make John perform and get the cash for the Foundation. In addition to making John, a die-hard SOX fan, learn and sing the Cubs song, it will also cost him his "amateur" status with big bucks being paid for his performance!

So ... everyone, root for the CUBS, and if you want in on the action, see Bob Swanson to join the pledge group and push the pot even higher!!



Walk along the Rock on Oct. 22 to fight polio

Rock Falls and Sterling Noon Rotary Clubs have joined together to promote Polio Eradication! We are invited to help! The Oct. 22 walk -- a little over 2 miles for the full loop -- goes along the Hennepin Canal across Rock River on the footbridge over to Sterling and back again to the starting location at Centennial Park in Rock Falls; it's about 65 minutes with no stops. This is noncompetitive. There is no registration fee, only donations of any size. However, all participants must register and sign a waiver at the large Larson Shelter at Rock Falls' Centennial Park to participate. Registration starts at 8:15 a.m., with a welcome from the two club presidents at 9 a.m., the photo and then the sendoff. T-shirts of End Polio Now will be available to participants of a minimum donation of \$20, until the supply is exhausted. This should be a beautiful fall walk and fight Polio too!