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QUAD CITIES INTERFAITH

Leslie Kilgannon is Executive Director of Quad Cities Interfaith, a coalition of congregations and community groups that have come together to build local leadership and address issues in the Quad Cities region of Illinois and Iowa. QCI is a community of people living out their faith and values to collectively transform our society and bring about justice and human dignity locally and regionally. QCI works to improve the quality of life in our region by developing leaders in congregations and other institutions, so as to introduce values into public dialogue and speak with a strong, unified voice in the decisions that affect our lives. Since 1986, Quad Cities Interfaith has successfully addressed a number of pressing problems and helped develop various solutions in response to community needs. Accomplishments include:



- Developed a gang intervention project and an education incentive program for local youth.
- Founded Interfaith Housing, which rebuilds central city homes to revitalize our neighborhoods.
- Built a coalition of local lenders and community groups to combat predatory lending, producing a brochure warning the community against predatory lending and showcasing local lender alternatives to pay day loan products.
- Worked with students, parents and teachers to save vital school programs for at-risk students.
- Sponsored an annual business exposition to strengthen the local economy.
- Successfully petitioned the Iowa Governor to sign an order restoring voting rights to felons who have completed their incarceration and restitution.
- Worked with Illinois and Iowa organizations to cap the interest rate on car title loans at 36%.
- Partnering with The City of Davenport Police Department on a 2010 Weed and Seed grant through the Department of Justice - QCI is developing and implementing a Youth Leadership Program for youth in the targeted area to come together to solve community problem
- Developed a Mental Health Court now in use in Scott County, Iowa to allow persons charged with non-violent crimes to enter a stringent mental health care program as opposed to incarceration.
- Worked with Black Hawk College to establish a highway construction training program for local workers.

October - December Calendar

Oct 13	- Rotary at Rogalski Center
Oct 18	- Jodie Kavensky, Norma Leah Ovarian Cancer Initiative
Oct 20	- Fellowship of Wining Rotarians at The Grape Life Wine Store and Lounge. 5:30 p.m. Jazz group performs at 7.
Oct 25	- Alan Ross, Jewish Federation of the Quad Cities
Nov 1	- Angie Peterson, Children's Therapy Center
Nov 8	- Jay Pearce, 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
Dec 13	- Linda Cook, Film Critic
Dec 20	- Don Wooten, Broadcaster, Columnist

Regardless of the specific issues addressed -- immigration, predatory lending, education, economic development, youth leadership development, health care -- the goal is to use the gifts of our people and the resources of our faith to rebuild community and shape a society that is more respectful of the life, dignity and rights of each person.



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FUN COMMITTEE EVENT

**Fellowship of Wining
Rotarians will gather
at The Grape Life
Wine Store and
Lounge, 3402 Elmore
Avenue, Davenport.
5:30 p.m.
Thursday, October
20th Jazz group
performs at 7!
Everyone Invited!!**

Club Notes & Announcements!

□ **Welcome Guests!** At today's meeting Rock Island Rotary welcomed Alleman High Jr. Rotarians, Jessica Zepeda and Eli Gaeta. Hilde Wray was a guest of hubby Sam; Diane Phillis was a guest of her hubby, Bud. Andrew Orreop-Lindstad, previously of the South Jeffco, Colorado Rotary visited as a prospective member. District Governor, Scott Shore and wife Adriane Shore attended and were guests of the club. Moline Rotarian, Butch Trevor joined us along with frequent guest, Mark Zimmerman of the Davenport Club. Rock Island Rotary always welcomes guests, particularly prospective members! Invite a friend next week!!

□ **Major Joint Rotary Event THIS THURSDAY!** 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!!

□ **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.

□ **October 20th fun committee event** - Fellowship of Wining Rotarians at The Grape Life Wine Store and Lounge, 3402 Elmore Avenue, Davenport. 5:30 p.m. Jazz group performs at 7pm. All Rotarians and guests invited!!

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



FOUNDATION RAFFLE WINNERS!

Today's Foundation Raffle featured a bottle of fine wine from the Lo Milani Cellar and cash. The first ticket drawn was held by none other than Sam Wray who opted to take the cash and donated it to our exchange daughter, Agata Burzynska. President, Steve Morenz was the second winner selected and he took the 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, 3298 Hoover Rd., Deer Grove, IL (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 the Country Club from 5 to 9 PM. Our own **Sam & Hilde Wray** will be honored at the dinner. If you can't make the Roundtable, attend the Gala Dinner. \$45.00/person by Oct.15; \$55.00 after October 15th. Registration: www.rotary6420.org click on the Event (Indicate dinner selection in the registration comments) Payment: Online when you register OR by check payable to ROTARY DISTRICT 6420 Mailed to: Betty Clementz, 21762 Manton Rd.. Sterling. IL 61081

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



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

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!

50 Things Every Rotarian Should Know About Rotary

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

11 – WOMEN IN ROTARY

Until 1989, the Constitution and Bylaws of Rotary International stated that Rotary club membership was for males only. In 1978 the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, invited three women to become members. The RI board withdrew the charter of that club for violation of the RI Constitution. The club brought suit against RI claiming a violation of a state civil rights law which prevents discrimination of any form in business establishments or public accommodations. The appeals court and the California Supreme Court supported the Duarte position that Rotary could not remove the club's charter merely for inducting women into the club. The United States Supreme Court upheld the California court indicating that Rotary clubs do have a "business purpose" and are in some ways public-type organizations. This action in 1987 allowed women to become Rotarians in any jurisdiction having similar "public accommodation" statutes.

The RI constitutional change was made at the 1989 Council on Legislation, with a vote to eliminate the "male only" provision for all of Rotary.

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

PREPARING TO RING THE BELLS!

On December 3rd our Rotary club will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army! We have reserved the Hy-Vee in Rock Island on 18th Avenue from 10-4. We will be in charge of both doors so we need more volunteers than last year. We will be sending out an e-mail in early November, but if you want to reserve a 1-hour slot now (2 people per slot) then email Mark Mayeski at mark.mayeski@edwardjones.com.

Foundation Minute

When you make a donation to The Rotary Foundation, you are helping Rotary members make a difference in the lives of millions of people around the world, by promoting peace, preventing disease, bolstering economic development, and providing clean water and sanitation.

Here are just a few ways your generosity is changing lives.

In Tamil Nadu, India, two doctors, both members of the Rotary Club of Srirangam, discovered an alarming trend in the remote city outskirts of Trichy, women dying of breast cancer. They partnered with Rotary members in Maryland, USA, to purchase a large van, with the help of a Foundation global grant, and equip it with X-ray equipment. The "mammobus" has administered more than 2,500 free breast cancer screenings, and detected and treated early stage cancer in six women.

In Seattle, Rotary members are diverting millions of pounds of fruit and vegetable from food waste into the hands of those who need it through Rotary First Harvest, a program of Rotary District 5030 in Washington, USA)

Through a Foundation grant and in partnerships with the Organization of American States, Rotary members in Maryland, USA, provided a training program for teachers in Quito, Ecuador, which included the use of new technology. At the conclusion of the program, each school selected one story written by a second, third, or fourth-grade student to include in a book illustrated with student art.

Thank you for making a difference in the world!

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 advances the fight against Polio too!

THREE DEDICATED ROTARIANS HONORED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR

District Governor, Scott Shore, presented Bud Phillis with a District Foundation Centennial Pin in Recognition of Bud's long time service to the Rotary Foundation.



District Governor, Scott Shore, presented Frank Lambert with a Paul Harris Pin with four added sapphires in recognition of Frank's passing \$4,000 in Foundation support.



District Governor, Scott Shore, presented Dr. Jim Nordquist with a Paul Harris Award in recognition of Jim's Paul Harris Fellow donation in honor of daughter, Jamie.



PUMPKIN PALOOZA 2016!

Rock Island Rotarians had a great time sharing fun and learning experiences with Earl Hanson's 1st and 2nd Grade classes at Country Corner near Alpha, Illinois. Thanks to Tricia Barron, Bob & Debbi Swanson, Al Metz, Jim Moran, Cathy Lelonek, Angela Campbell, and Mike Locander for making the drive to Country Corner and helping the kids have a memorable day!



ROCK ISLAND ROTARIAN RECEIVES INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION



← President Steve Morenz with Sam & Hilde Wray and Dist. Governor, Scott Shore. Sam & Hilde received "MAJOR DONOR" Recognition.

Children in Kenya Line up for a drink of safe, crystal clear water from their new LifeStraw filtration unit. →



Sam Wray, a Rock Island Rotarian since 1975 and current assistant Sergeant at Arms for our Club and wife, Hilde Wray, have been recognized by Rotary International as "Major Donors". The honor came in recognition of Sam and Hilde's generous recent gift of \$10,000 to the Rotary Foundation. Long an advocate of clean water and sanitation projects, Sam arranged for the donation to be used to purchase LifeStraw Community water filtration units for schools in the outskirts of Nairobi, Kenya. At approximately \$295 per unit, Sam and Hilde's generosity will be providing clean, safe, water for as many as 25 schools in Kiambu County. Depending on enrollment, some schools may receive two or more filtration units, which will each provide safe drinking water for approximately 70 children for three years before a replacement filter will be needed to "recharge" the unit.

In addition to their major donation to Rotary International, Sam and Hilde also donated \$1,000 as "seed money" to Rock Island Rotary in the hope that other Rock Island Rotarians will add contributions to a club sponsored "clean water project" and provide additional filtration units and/or replacement filters for the LifeStraw units. Sam also purchased a separate LifeStraw Community unit so that local club members could have an up close look at the unit and see how the system provides lifesaving safe water for cooking and drinking. Sam and Hilde hope to take the campaign "on the road" and enlist other area Rotary Clubs to join in a "Quad City Rotary Water Project" and expand the effort to ensure that children in less fortunate areas of the world have access to safe, clean water.

Rotary District Governor Scott Shore and wife Adrienne made the presentation to Sam and Hilde today at the Rock Island Rotary meeting at the Quad City Botanical Center. The couple received a crystal engraved with their names and depicts doves bearing olive branches – the universal symbols of peace. Mr. & Mrs. Wray also each received diamond pins indicating "Major Donor" status. The Wrays will also be honored by Rotary International on November 5th at the Rotary District 6420 Gala Foundation Dinner at Deer Valley Country Club, 3298 Hoover Road, Deer Grove, IL (near Rock Falls). Rock Island Rotarians are invited to attend the banquet in support of Sam, Hilde, and the Rotary Foundation. Cost is \$45 per person if reserved prior to October 15th; \$55 after the 15th. Register online or by mail by going to the District 6420 website (www.rotary6420.org), then in the "Upcoming Events" column, click on "Gala Foundation Dinner".

Congratulations and THANKS to Hilde and Sam Wray. Service Above Self in the flesh!



Rock Island Rotary TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, November 11th at 6:30pm

SAVE the DATE and get your team together for Rock Island Rotary's annual fundraiser! Cash prizes, cash bar, 50/50, silent auction and TONS of FUN with
MR. TRIVIA!!!

This fundraiser allows Rotary to support local youth programs such as: Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Interact, Rotaract, Earlyact, Youth Exchange, Spring Forward Learning Center, Martin Luther King Center, and MANY other local programs.

When: Friday, November 11th, 2016

Where: Milan Community Center, 2701 1st Street East, Milan

Time: 6:30pm START time, doors open at 5:45pm

Cost: \$100 a table (up to 10 players at a table)

RSVP: Kathy Trone 309-794-9400 or Kathy@wesselspc.com

The Rock Island Rotary Club is challenging all other Rotary Clubs in the QC Area to participate and TRY to win the "Traveling Trophy" for the SMARTEST ROTARY CLUB!