



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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Jewish Federation
OF THE QUAD CITIES

Rotarians learned about the Jewish Federation of the Quad Cities in an interesting program presented by Allan Ross, Executive Director of the Federation. Ross, a retired Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Army and former commercial investment Real Estate broker, now works exclusively for the Jewish Federation. The Mission of the Federation is preserving, protecting, enriching and enhancing Jewish communal life and the well-being of Jews locally, in Israel and throughout the rest of the world, through the principles of Torah (Jewish learning), Tikkun Olam (repairing the world), Tzedakah (charity and justice), and Chesed (caring and compassion). The Jewish Federation of the Quad Cities is a non-profit, 501 c (3) corporation that was founded in 1980 in the state of Illinois. In concert with numerous local organizations, the Federation, addresses a broad range of needs to include cultural, religious, educational, family welfare, care of the aged, and interfaith relations. The Federation combats hate and anti-Semitism by supporting religious liberty and civil rights for everyone. The Federation sponsors a number of programs for children and young adults, which help to insure their educational and spiritual development and promote the belief in tolerance, mutual respect, dignity, social justice, democratic values, and human rights. Mr. Ross began his talk with a PowerPoint presentation highlighting Israel, a country about the size of New Jersey with over 8 million residents. Seventy-five percent of the population are Jews, 20% Muslim, and the remaining 5% a mixture of Christian and other religions. Ross pointed out that for such a small “start-up” nation, Israel is one of the leading world economies with great high tech expertise, world-class universities, and as he described it, “a happy country” and a “great place to raise children”. He pointed out that one of the strengths of Israel is agricultural technology which has resulted in Israeli cows producing more milk per cow than any other nation in the world!



The most recent project of the Federation has been establishing the American-Israel Economic Forum Quad Cities, a 501c(3) organization hoping to increase trade and joint ventures between Israel and the Quad Cities. Working with the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce of Chicago, the AIEFQC is sponsoring a trade mission to Israel in the coming months and hopes to have at least two Quad City companies as part of the mission group. The goal is to get more Quad City products imported to Israel and to develop more joint venture activities between our community and Israeli businesses.

Thanks Allan for a very informative and interesting presentation!

October - December Calendar

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| Oct 25 | - Alan Ross, Jewish Federation of the Quad Cities |
| Oct 27 | - Birthday Books, 2:30pm Earl Hanson Elementary |
| 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 3 | - Salvation Army Bell Ringing |
| Dec 6 | - Rock Island Chamber Choir |
| Dec 7 | - Rotary Circa 21 Party |
| Dec 13 | - Thomas M. Anderson, Pres. IL State Medical Society |
| Dec 20 | - Don Wooten, Broadcaster, Columnist |
| Dec 27 | - Linda Cook – Film Critic |



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Club Notes & Announcements!

□ **Welcome Guests!** At today's meeting Rock Island Rotary welcomed Alleman High Jr. Rotarians, Jessica Zepeda and Eli Gaeta. Charles Butler, Rock Island High School security chief brought Rocky Jr. Rotarians, Grace Sigler and Pearson Kerchner. Our exchange daughter Agata Burzinska attend along with visiting Rotarians, Tom Montgomery of the Cambridge, IL Club, and Mark Zimmerman of the Davenport Club. Rock Island Rotary always welcomes guests, particularly prospective members! Invite a friend next week!!

□ **John Phillips to Sing CUBS Song!** Rotarian, Sox fan, and talented guitar/songster, John Phillips will perform **Cubs Songs next week** in tribute to the Cubs winning the National League Pennant and to raise cash for the Rotary Foundation. Cub fans in our club so far have pledged nearly \$2,000 to the Foundation in return for John's melodic vocalizations! Everyone is welcome to join the fun and build the Foundation coffers. Bring your check book!

□ **November 5th** Foundation Roundtable/Seminar from 3 to 5:00 PM. Followed by the Gala Foundation Dinner at the Deer Valley Country Club, 3298 Hoover Rd., Deer Grove, IL 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. Make dinner selection on line.

□ **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.

□ **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, a Dr. Larry Tadlock hickory wood bowl and cash. The first ticket drawn was held by Bud Phillis, who took the cash! Stan Coin's ticket was pulled next and he opted for the Tadlock bowl. Jeff Dismer was the final lucky winner and he took home the wine.

Thanks again to all who participated!

EARL HANSON BIRTHDAY BOOKS CELEBRATION!

This Thursday Rotarians are needed at Earl Hanson Elementary School to sign and hand out books to students celebrating October birthdays. Meet at the school at 2:30pm. You'll be finished in less than an hour and will get to enjoy snacks with the kids, Fred Houlton's harmonica performance, and a whole bunch of grateful, smiling faces. You'll find that the kids brighten your day as much as our gifts brighten theirs! Meet Anne McGlynn at the school.



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 AT 45 – WE HAVE 100 SEATS HELD!!!

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

12 – WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

The month of February is very special in the Rotary calendar since it is designated World Understanding Month. The month also includes the anniversary of the first meeting of Rotary held on February 23, 1905, now designated World Understanding and Peace Day.

In designating World Understanding Month, the Rotary International board asks all Rotary clubs to plan programs for their weekly meeting and undertake special activities to emphasize "understanding and goodwill as essential for world peace."

To observe this designated month, many clubs arrange international speakers, invite youth exchange students and international scholars from schools and universities to club meetings, plan programs featuring former Group Study Exchange team members, arrange discussions on international issues, present entertainment with an international cultural or artistic theme and schedule other programs with an international emphasis.

Many clubs take the opportunity to launch an international community service activity or make contact with a Rotary club in another country is a good month to initiate a Rotary Fellowship Exchange, a 3-H project to encourage support for PolioPlus and other Rotary Foundation programs.

World Understanding Month is a chance for every club to pause, plan and promote the Fourth Avenue of Service-Rotary's continued quest for goodwill, peace and understanding among people of the world.

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

Foundation Minute

The Rotary Foundation is the economic engine for Rotary International. It is a non-profit corporation that is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of Rotary who share its vision of a better world. Its sole mission is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, good will and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty. We accomplish that through our local and international humanitarian and educational programs.

A member of the Rotary Club of Cleveland, Ohio, USA, Arch C. Klumph served as the RI president in the 1913-14 Rotary year. In 1917, Klumph declared that "we should accept endowments for the purpose of doing good in the world in charitable, educational, and other avenues of community service." His vision and a contribution of US\$26.50 left over from the RI Convention helped to establish the charitable and humanitarian arm of our organization, The Rotary Foundation.

Due to the hard work and generosity of Rotarians worldwide, The Rotary Foundation has improved lives for nearly 100 years. With ongoing financial support, our Foundation will continue to carry on Klumph's dream well into our second century of service. Every minute of every day someone's life is being improved by our Rotary Foundation. Wells are being dug in India, blind children are using Braille typewriters in Brazil, toilets are part of improved sanitation in Sri Lanka, and dental treatment is available to the needy in Nicaragua. In a world where the divide between the haves and have-nots is growing, we as Rotarians must do our part and "do good in the world."

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.

ATLANTA - HERE WE COME!

Let's hit the road to the 2017 Rotary International Convention in Atlanta. Here's the scoop for a deluxe 8 day/7 night trip. Leave Friday, June 9th, in the morning in a Luxury Motor Coach and ride to Louisville. Spend the night in Louisville and continue to Atlanta arriving early Saturday afternoon. Check in to the Crown Plaza Ravinia Hotel and head to the Convention Center for registration. Opening ceremonies for the Convention begin Sunday morning June 11th. Closing Ceremonies end on Wednesday June 14th at 2:00 pm. The Motor Coach would leave the convention Wednesday afternoon June 14th and drive to Nashville, TN where we would spend two nights. You would be on your own to take in the city sites attend shows, etc on Thursday. We will then leave Nashville first thing Friday morning June 16th and drive back to the Quad Cities. The price of the trip, based on a minimum of 30 people: \$1480.00* per single or \$1830.00* per couple. *Cost may vary slightly when hotel rates in Louisville and Nashville are finalized. This price does not include your convention registration, any meals or any side trips/excursions you plan while in Atlanta or Nashville. Interested? See Steve Morenz to reserve your spots!



ARE IN THE WORLD SERIES!!

GAME TWO TONIGHT vs CLEVELAND INDIANS





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!