



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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November - December Calendar

- 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

Roger Ruthhart is Managing Editor of the *Dispatch/Argus* newspaper. Mr. Ruthhart received his BS and Graduate Degrees in Journalism from Bradley University. He is active in our community, serving as President of the Rock Island Grand Prix; Board Member of the Rock Island Arts & Entertainment District; Board Member of the Northern Illinois Newspaper Assn.; and Board Member of the Illinois Associated Press Media Editors. The *Argus*, founded in Rock Island, is one of Illinois' oldest continuously published newspapers. It can trace its origin to 1851 with the founding of a weekly paper called *The Republican*. It became Rock Island County's first daily two years later after it was purchased by Colonel J.B. Danforth. Because Danforth was a staunch member of the Democrat Party he had the paper's name changed to the *Rock Island Argus*. The newspaper was purchased by John Potter in 1882 when the paper had 500 subscribers. The Potter family operated the newspaper until 1986 when it was bought by the Small Newspaper Group. The first issue of the *Moline Daily Evening Dispatch* was produced in July 31, 1878. It was started by Oliver and Louise White, who were publishers of The Molly Stark, a weekly newspaper in Toulon, Illinois. Competition forced them to sell the paper to Patterson S. McGlynn and John K. Groom. In the early to mid-20th century the paper was under the leadership of Harry Sward, Lee R. Blackman and August Sundine. It was under Sward's leadership that the paper's identity changed from one focused on Moline to Western Illinois and it became *The Daily Dispatch*. *The Daily Dispatch* was purchased by Len H. Small on February 28, 1969. After the Small Newspaper Group acquired the *Argus* in 1986, the operations of the *Argus* were gradually cut back and combined with those of the *Dispatch*. Today, the two newspapers have merged and are now known simply as the *Dispatch/Argus*. Ruth discussed political news coverage and acknowledge that some news organizations have become opinion oriented and offer their own slant to the news. He said his hope is that the *Dispatch/Argus* remains a neutral source of news and said they try very hard to research and verify what they report and felt that because they get "Hammered" from both sides they are probably being fair and staying in the middle. Ruthhart said that some newspapers have stopped doing endorsements of candidates and referenda issues; however, the *Dispatch/Argus* continues to endorse and believes that their endorsements provide a community service. "Our Editorial Board conducts interviews with the candidates and asks the questions that are important to our community. We don't tell people how to vote, but do provide them with the answers we received from the candidates and our opinion of how the positions the candidates take will impact our community". In some key races, the *Dispatch/Argus* offers the candidates an opportunity to spell out their positions on the issues and prints verbatim what each candidate says. Ruthhart concluded saying that more and more news is carried in their on-line edition where not only printed word can be carried, but also video clips and various other visual sources of information. Thanks, Roger for an interesting and informative program.



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Club Notes & Announcements!

- **Welcome Guests!** At today's meeting Rock Island Rotary welcomed Alleman High Jr. Rotarians, Noah Kelly and Sam Dodson, and Alleman Principal, David Hobin; and, Rock Island High Jr. Rotarians, Lauren Bell and Emilie Heggen. Our exchange daughter, Agata Burzinska rounded out our guest list. Rock Island Rotary always welcomes guests, particularly prospective members! Invite a friend next week!!
- **Reindeer Ramble** – Sunday, December 4th starting at 9am from the IBEW Hall just across the street on the South side of South Park Mall. Rotarians are needed to run, walk, or just help and learn what goes on. Next year our Club will become the sponsors of the Run. Entry Forms available from Mike Locander and at the Sergeant at Arms table.
- **Angel Tree** sign-up began today. There are still a number of "Santas" needed to ensure that all Earl Hanson students have a great Holiday season. Sign up next week to help make a kid's Christmas merry!!
- **Membership and Budget Priorities Committees** will both meet at 11:15 next week just prior to our regular club meeting. Please try to attend.
- **Foundation Committee** will meet December 6th at 11:15. Members Chuck Austin, Clarence Darrow, Gary Rowe, Bill Green, Don Peterson, and Carrie Crossen please try to attend.
- **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 Bud Phillis, who took the cash and immediately donated it to the Rotary Foundation. Frank Lambert was the lucky winner of the Milani wine.

Thanks again to all who participated!

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 47 – WE HAVE 100 SEATS HELD!!!

50 Things Every Rotarian Should Know About Rotary

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

15 - SHARING ROTARY WITH NEW MEMBERS

Are you aware of the responsibility or obligation most Rotarians fail to perform? Paying their dues? Attending meetings? Contributing to the club service fund? Participating in club events and projects? No-none of these!

Of all the obligations a person accepts when joining a Rotary club, the one in which most Rotarians fail is "sharing Rotary." The policies of Rotary International clearly affirm that every individual Rotarian has an "obligation to share Rotary with others and to help extend Rotary through proposing qualified persons for Rotary club membership." It is estimated that less than 30 percent of the members of most Rotary clubs have ever made the effort to propose a new member. Thus, in every club, there are many Rotarians who readily accept the pleasures of being a Rotarian without ever sharing that privilege with another qualified individual.

The Rotary policy on club membership states: "In order for a Rotary club to be fully relevant to its community and responsive to the needs of those in the community, it is important and necessary that the club include in its membership all fully qualified prospective members located within its territory" One merely has to glance through the yellow pages of the local telephone directory to realize that most clubs have not invited qualified members of all businesses and professions into Rotary

Only a Rotarian may propose a customer, neighbor, client, supplier, executive, relative, business associate, professional or other qualified person to join a Rotary club. Have you accepted your obligation to share Rotary? The procedures are very simple, and everyone must know at least one person who should belong to Rotary.

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

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!

RINGING THE BELLS!

On Saturday, December 3rd, our Rotary club will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army! We reserved both doors at the Hy-Vee in Rock Island on 18th Avenue from 10am to 4pm and have Rotary volunteers for 2 people at each door for every shift! Thanks to those who volunteered!! If anything comes up that will prevent you from keeping your assigned time, be sure to let Mark Mayeski know. If you can be a "backup" in case someone cancels, email Mark at mark.mayeski@edwardjones.com.



Foundation Minute

Every day Rotarians are improving lives in communities around the world through thousands of service projects. Here are a few:

Affordable drinking water in purification stations has been supplied to 8,000 people in North Cambodia by Rotary clubs there.

Rotaract university students mounted a campaign in Zimbabwe for breast cancer awareness.

In Nigeria, a Rotary club donated food items, clothes and toiletries to prisoners in Keje Prison to commemorate World Humanitarian Day.

And through a joint partnership with the Rotary Club Osada East and the Hospice of San Jose in the Philippines solar energy was provided for a school for special children.

These projects happen thanks to your donations to the Rotary Foundation. Thank you.

TRIVIA NIGHT A FUN AND SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER!

Club members and Rotary supporters gathered at the Milan Community Center last Friday for our annual Rotary Trivia Night. In addition to a fun 10 round game of trivia hosted by "Mr. Trivia". Organizers also provided a long row of tables filled with great silent auction items. In all, seventeen tables of competitors filled the room and enjoyed an evening of great food, fun, and fellowship. Thanks to Kathy Trone and her committee for a great event!



WHO'S THE SMARTEST OF THEM ALL?

At last Friday's Trivia Night, teams from several Rotary Clubs squared off to determine which Rotary Club is the smartest (in Trivia at least)! When the dust had settled and all the scores tabulated, ROCK ISLAND ROTARY proved to be champion. Bringing home the traveling trophy was the team of Sue and Bob Cassatt (Bob is taking the photo), Tom and Ann Showalter, Matt Douglas, Jack Wiese, Jim & Kim Moran, exchange daughter, Agata Burzynska, and Bruce Peterson (who left before the photo was taken).



ATLANTA – 2017 Rotary International Convention!

Join the deluxe Motor Coach 8 day/7-night trip!
Leave Friday, June 9th Spend the night in Louisville
Arrive Atlanta Saturday afternoon 4 Nights in the Crown
Plaza Ravinia Hotel in Atlanta.
Convention Opening ceremonies Sunday June 11th
Closing Ceremonies Wednesday June 14th
Leave Atlanta Wednesday and drive to Nashville
Two nights in Nashville with all day Thursday to
sightsee, shop, attend shows, etc.
Leave Nashville Friday morning June 16th and
return to the Quad Cities. All transportation and hotels
included! Let Steve Morenz know if you're interested!



\$1480.00* per single/ \$1830.00* per couple

(*Cost may vary slightly when hotel rates in Louisville and Nashville are finalized - does not include convention registration or meals)



WE ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE FUN!!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1 at 5:30PM – 8:30 PM

Details

Come join the RAH Club and jaunt through Downtown Moline wearing your Ugly Christmas Sweater! Each stop will be movie-themed and we'll be playing some holiday theme minute-to-win-it games with chances to win some great prizes! Appetizers will be provided!!

Tickets are \$15 in advance (via tickets or Eventbrite) or \$20 at the door.

There are 4 stops that you're welcome to come to at any point throughout the night.

Barrel House from 5:30-6:30

Bierstube from 6:30-7:30

Bad Boyz 7:30-8:30

Steel Head Tavern for the After party!

The proceeds are benefiting the QC Homeless Veterans Outreach Center! If you really want to be extra nice, we'll be collecting toys for Operation Toy Solider that will be donated to local military families!

BizTown Volunteers Needed

Anne McGlynn is signing up volunteers to serve as BizTown advisors on March 3rd. However, all advisors must attend a 1 hour training session. There are two training sessions offered, one is this **Thursday at 5pm**, the second is **February 9th at 5pm**. Both sessions are at BizTown in Davenport. If you can help. Contact Anne.

BIRTHDAY BOOKS THIS THURSDAY

Earl Hanson Birthday Books presentation is this Thursday, November 17th at 2:30pm. We need Rotarians to sign and give out the books and to share a "treat" with the November birthday children. You might even get to hear Fred Houlton entertain on his harmonica! Just show up at Earl Hanson if you can help!