



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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LINDA COOK Film Critic

Since 1987, Linda Cook, of Davenport, Iowa, has reviewed movies for The Quad-City Times newspaper. Since 1992, she has reviewed movies on NBC affiliate KWQC-TV, and appears on WVIK-FM. Beyond reviewing movies, Ms. Cook also teaches English, math and criminal justice at the college level, having served on the faculties of Kaplan University, Brown Mackie University, and Hamilton Technical Institute. She is a reporter for the Quad-City Times. She received her Bachelors of Arts Degree from Monmouth College and her Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from St. Ambrose University. Her master's thesis in criminal justice examines how women criminals and police officers are portrayed in contemporary film. Her memberships include the House Rabbit Society and more than 20 other animal-protection organizations; the Society for Professional Journalists, numerous criminal-justice associations and St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church. She and her husband share their home with their six adopted rabbit companions.



Linda Cook became a film critic when in 1986 the Quad City Times film critic quit the job. Linda, who was working as a reporter at the time approached her editor and boldly proclaimed, "I can critique films." She was given the opportunity to "give it a try" and has been on the job ever since and is now a voting member of the Film Critics Choice Awards.

Linda chose to speak about how movies got to be the way they are. She began by asking club members to name their all-time favorite movies. Everything from the God Father to Ben Hur, to Wizard of Oz to Casablanca. She noted that most of the choices were pre-1968 movies. Which, she said was a time when we didn't have to worry about what language we might hear or sights we might see. Everyone of all ages were welcome to the movies. She indicated that was because from 1930 to 1968 films were regulated by the Motion Picture Production Code (popularly known as the Hays Code after its creator Will H. Hays). That code placed strict restrictions on what could and could not be said and/or shown in American produced movies. It lasted until then 1968 when in reaction to the influx of foreign films which were not governed by the Hays Code, it was replaced by the Motion Picture Association of America's rating code system. The new code system opened the door to virtually any language and any scene the producers chose to show. The major change was that rather than viewers being guided by what the Code thought should be seen, it now became the viewers' obligation to educate themselves on the ratings and to monitor ourselves. Unfortunately, Ms. Cook noted that most people pay little attention to the codes and children are often exposed to very adult language and scenes of graphic violence and sexuality. She left deciding which system is best to us and noted that there has been a long-standing argument as to whether the Hays Code represented "standards" or "censorship". Linda noted that there are many excellent PG films and urged people to become familiar with the rating system and to "vote" with our dollars. If we find certain types of films offensive, just don't go. Hollywood, Ms. Cook says, responds to dollars. Linda's reviews can be seen in the Quad City times and heard weekly on Paula Sands Live.

November - December Calendar

- Dec 27 - Linda Cook – Film Critic
- Jan 3 - Melissa Hagerty – Rebound Exchange Student - Spain
- Jan 5 - "Wine Down" at the Grape Life Wine Store and Lounge. 6:00pm
- Jan 9 - Joint Meeting with Kiwanis Mayor's State of the City
- Jan 17 - Katie Benson and the RIHS Orchestra
- Jan 24 - TBA
- Jan 28 - Rotary Mobile Food Panty Project
- Jan 31 - TBA



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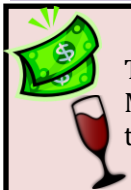
Club Notes & Announcements!

□ **Welcome Guests!** At today's meeting Rock Island Rotary welcomed Virginia Johnson, wife of Rotarian, Don Peterson. Exchange daughter Agata Burzinska was present enjoying her Christmas break from school. Rock Island Rotary always welcomes guests, particularly prospective members! Invite a friend next week!!

□ **WINE DOWN AFTER THE HOLIDAYS!** Our fellowship of "Wining Rotarians" invites all Rotarians to "Wine Down" at the Grape Life Wine Store and Lounge on Thursday, January 5, 2017. The fun begins at 6pm with the Phat Kat Jazz Ensemble playing at 7pm. No cover, just come enjoy the fun, music, and your favorite wine or other adult beverage.

□ **SAVE THE DATE** – Saturday January 28th is the date of our next service project. On that date, we are sponsoring a Mobile Food Pantry at the 2nd Baptist Church in Rock Island. Rotarians are needed from 9:45 until about 12:30pm. If you can't give the entire time, come for what you can! Our job will be to help patrons get food parcels to their cars. Rotary is the sponsor of the event, so the ball is in our court. As many as 40 volunteers will be needed. Make it a family affair and bring your spouse, family members, and friends. The only requirement is the strength to carry groceries or pull a wagon loaded with groceries from the Church to cars. See the flier included in this newsletter.

□ **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. Howard Beck won the cash and donated it to the Rotary Foundation. Jeff Dismer was the lucky winner of the wine. Thanks again to all who participated!

50 Things Every Rotarian Should Know About Rotary

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

21 - OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

Most Rotarians are successful professional and business executives because they hear opportunities knock and take advantage of them. Once a week the opportunity for Rotary fellowship occurs at each club meeting, but not all members hear it knocking.

The weekly club meeting is a special privilege of Rotary membership. It provides the occasion to visit with fellow members, to meet visitors you have not known before, and to share your personal friendship with other members.

Rotary clubs which have a reputation of being "friendly clubs" usually follow a few simple steps: First, members are encouraged to sit in a different seat or at a different table each week. Second, Rotarians are urged to sit with a member they may not know as well as their long-time personal friends. Third, members invite new members or visitors to join their table just by saying: "Come join us, we have an empty chair at this table."

Fourth, members share the conversation around the table rather than merely eating in silence or talking privately to the person next to them. Fifth, Rotarians make a special point of trying to get acquainted with all members of the club by seeking out those they may not know.

When Rotarians follow these five easy steps, an entirely new opportunity for fellowship knocks each week. Soon Rotarians realize that warm and personal friendship is the cornerstone of every great Rotary club.

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

OFFICERS ELECTED TO LEAD ROCK ISLAND ROTARY FOR 2017-2018

Congratulations to the officers elected to serve Rock Island Rotary starting July 1, 2017



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CAN YOU REMEMBER?



Rotary will meet on Monday, January 9th in a joint meeting with Kiwanis to hear mayor Dennis Pauley's final State of the City Address. There will be no Rotary meeting on Tuesday, January 10th. 2nd Vice-President, Sue Cassatt has promised fines for any Rotarian that shows up on Tuesday! Mark your calendar and don't miss the mayor's speech on Monday, January 9th.

ROTARY THANKS OUR CATERERS



Today, Rock Island Rotary thanked Mark and Michelle, our weekly caterers from Bridges Catering. Mark and Michelle do a fantastic job each week in preparing our room and buffet table and seeing to our every need. President, Steve Morenz presented a "gratuity check" to the duo on behalf of our club. Thank you, Mark and Michelle!

THANKS, FROM AGATA



Our Exchange Daughter, Agata Burzinska asked for a moment at the mic today and expressed her joy at experiencing her first American Christmas. She noted that in Poland the holiday it typically more oriented around family and church. Agata really enjoyed the festive American celebration and said she was surprised at all the gifts she received from her adoptive family. She also thanked our Club who filled our Christmas card to her with cash.



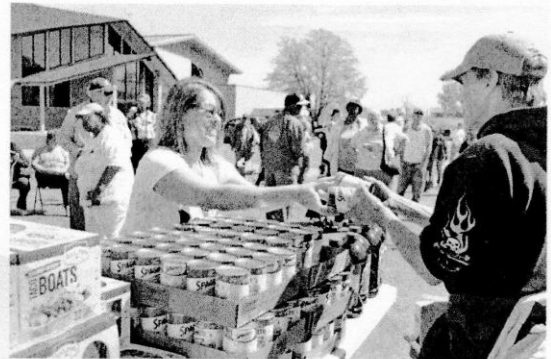
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RIVER BEND MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Saturday Jan 28

Second Baptist Church

919 6th Ave, Rock Island, IL

- Registration is from 10:15am-11am
- Food Distribution begins at 11:00am
- Please do not arrive before 10:15am
- Distribution will be indoors, unless of beautiful weather
- Laundry Baskets are great for the Mobile Food Pantry
- Be prepared to wait as the process can take up to 2 hours

Thank you to all the volunteers who make this event possible!



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**THIS IS OUR SERVICE PROJECT. 40 VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!
SIGN UP AT THE SERGEANT'S TABLE. FAMILY MEMBERS CAN HELP
TIME FRAME IS 10AM TO 1:30PM – WORK ALL OR WORK PART!!**