



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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ROCK ISLAND CHAMBER SINGERS BRING HOLIDAY SPIRIT TO ROTARY!

Under the direction of Scott Voigt, the Rock Island Chamber Singers brought their unique vocal talent to Rotary today. An annual event, the Singers kicked off their holiday season with two performance last Saturday, one Sunday, one Monday, and two scheduled for today! By New Year's the Singers will have completed nearly two dozen performances throughout the Quad Cities. Each member of the award-winning ensemble is selected by audition and devote hours of time in rehearsal. All performances are sung by memory with a repertoire of 24-30 selections including madrigals, chamber music, vocal jazz, spirituals, contemporary, popular music, and a broad selection of old favorites and new holiday songs. Twelve different choir members took turns singing solos, each performing with impeccable professionalism. Also featured were a jazz number performed by the male members of the group, followed by a classical presentation by the young ladies. Closing one's eyes it was easy to forget that we were listening to high school students, as evidenced by the standing ovation given by Rotarians after the choir's final number, performed entirely in Latin. Rocky and our community can take great pride in these sixteen youngsters, outstanding ambassadors for our city and our youth. Thank you, Mr. Voigt, accompanist Cheryl Bolt, and the Chamber Singers!!

November - December Calendar

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| Dec 6 | - Foundation Committee
At 11:15am. |
| Dec 7 | - Rotary Circa 21 Party |
| Dec 13 | - Thomas M. Anderson,
Pres. IL State Medical
Society |
| Dec 13 | - Angel Tree Gifts Due |
| 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, Lisa Do and Michael Elliott accompanied by Principal David Hobin; Rock Island High Jr. Rotarians, Chase Spicer and Camille Brune. Pam Lynch from GiGi's Playhouse was a guest of Frank Lambert. Sara Cross, District Executive for the Boy Scouts was a guest of Fred Luckenbill. Judy Nordquist was a guest of husband, Jim Nordquist and Debbi Swanson was a guest of hubby, Bob Swanson. Barbara Parker and Beth Ducey, wife and daughter of David Parker, attended to hear David's grandson sing. Visiting Rotarian were Duncan Cameron from Naples Florida and Rebecca Arnold of eClub One. Rounding out our guest list was our lovely exchange daughter, Agata Burzinska from Poland. Rock Island Rotary always welcomes guests, particularly prospective members! Invite a friend next week!!

☐ **Angel Tree DEADLINE** – All gifts must be turned in no later than next Tuesday's Rotary meeting. If you have gifts and are not going to attend the meeting you must contact Anne McGlynn or Tricia Barron and arrange to get your gifts to them. Thanks again to all who took an Angel. We covered all 48 students on the tree! Your generosity will help ensure a smile on a child's face on December 25th! ☐

☐ **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.

☐ **CHECK OUT** our Rock Island Rotary website at www.rirotary.com. There you can find back issues of our Newsletter, a photo gallery of Rotary activities, and up to the date information on Rock Island Rotary. Information on how to join our Club is also available on our website.

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

Foundation Minute

As we enter our season of giving, reflect upon and celebrate all that Rotarians have accomplished within our communities and the world. Your selfless contributions of time, talent and treasure are making a true difference in the lives of people around you and those on earth.

Your continued support enables The Rotary Foundation to pursue its mission of advancing world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty. Because of the commitment of Rotarians like all of us, Rotary has made significant progress toward achieving a polio-free world, building peace, providing clean water, supporting maternal and child health, promoting education and growing local economies. Together we are providing sustainable solutions to "do good in the world."

Your financial contribution is so important for the continuance of Rotary's mission. Please consider a gift this year – if you haven't already – and perhaps one larger than last year's in celebration of The Rotary Foundation's 100th Year. Your contribution is so important. Thank you.

RINGING THE BELLS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY!

Thanks to chairman, Mark Mayeski and a crew of dedicated Rotarians, the donation kettles were manned at both doors of the Rock Island HyVee last Saturday. The Salvation Army has 9,347 centers of operation that provide counseling, shelter and other assistance to 30 million people last year. They served 70 million meals. They're on the front of social service delivery including disaster relief. Along with the Rotary International Foundation, the Salvation Army is one of the top rated charity organizations in the world. Thanks to our volunteers!



Club Treasurer, Carrie Crossen has new contact information:

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50 Things Every Rotarian Should Know About Rotary

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

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In many Rotary clubs throughout the world, wives of male members are affectionately called "Rotary Anns". This designation was never one of disparagement, but rather grew out of an interesting historical occasion.

The year was 1914 when San Francisco Rotarians boarded a special train to attend the Rotary convention being held in Houston. In those days, few wives attended Rotary events, and until the train stopped in Los Angeles, the only woman aboard was the wife of Rotarian Bru Brunnier. As the train picked up additional convention-bound delegates, Mrs. Ann Brunnier was introduced as the Rotarian's Ann. This title soon became "Rotary Ann." Since the clubs of the West were inviting the Rotarians to hold their next convention in San Francisco, a number of songs and stunts were organized which would be performed in Houston. One of the Rotarians wrote a "Rotary Ann" chant. On the train's arrival at the Houston depot, a delegation greeted the West Coast Rotarians. One of the greeters was Guy Gundaker of Philadelphia, whose wife was also named Ann. During the rousing demonstration, someone started the Rotary Ann chant. The two petite ladies, Ann Brunnier and Ann Gundaker, were hoisted to the men's shoulders and paraded about the hall. The group loved the title given to the two women named Ann. Immediately the same term of endearment was used for all of the wives in attendance, and the name "Rotary Ann" was here to stay. Guy Gundaker became president of Rotary International in 1923 and Bru Brunnier was elected president in 1952. Thus, each of the two original Rotary Arms became the "first lady of Rotary International."

Very few clubs have Rotary Anns, but many have Partners organizations, some are still called "Inner Wheel." The word Rotary Ann can be heard on a rare occasion, and now you know where it came from.

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

WATER FILTER FUND CREATED

Donations from Sam and Hilde Wray have created a special Rock Island Rotary **Water Filter Fund**. Funds in this account will be used to purchase LifeStraw Community Water Filtration units for children in African villages who currently have no access to safe water. Each unit costs \$275 and will supply up to 70 children with pure, filtered water for three years. A replacement filter costing \$75 can recharge the unit for an additional three years! Currently donations from Sam and Hilde have provided 34 units to village schools in rural Kenya. The newly created fund allows fellow Rotarians to join the effort simply by making a check to Rock Island Rotary and noting on the memo line "Water Filter Fund". All donations are fully tax deductible. In the near future, presentations will be made to surrounding Rotary clubs asking them to join the campaign, which arose from our 2013 "Visioning" session when our Club set establishing an international water project as a priority goal. The project is now underway!!

GOT YOUR DINING BOOK & ONE FOR A HOLIDAY GIFT?



The Quad Cities Dining Tour book with over 330 money saving coupons good at over 140 local restaurants makes a great holiday gift! Each book sells for \$35 and Rotary receives \$10 for each sale. Great for those adult family and friends that are so hard to buy for. Everyone loves to eat out and everyone loves to save money! What better gift than 330 free and two for one coupons! See Fred Luckenbill and get your 2016-2017 Quad Cities Dining Tour Books today! Coupons are good until October 31, 2017.



FOUNDATION RAFFLE WINNERS!

Today's Foundation Raffle featured a bottle of fine wine from the Lo Milani Cellar and cash. Cameron Roberts, a member of the Rocky Chamber Singers won the cash, and John Daly took home the wine. Tammy Weikert was in the audience but amazingly didn't win this week!

Thanks again to all who participated!

ROTARY NIGHT AT AUGUSTANA COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Augustana College is hosting a Rotary Night at their men's basketball game **TOMORROW NIGHT**, Wednesday, December 7th. All area Rotarians are invited to attend the game. Rotary members and their families will be admitted free of charge. Just tell the ticket taker, "I'm a Rotarian". The Vikings have been ranked in the top 20 nationally and recently defeated the team ranked 14th. If you enjoy basketball you'll love Augustana's style of team play, in your face defense, and exciting fast paced action.

ROTARY SUPPORTS GIGI'S PLAYHOUSE WITH \$750 DONATION



Gigi's playhouse is the only worldwide network of down syndrome achievement centers. Gigi's Playhouse was founded by Gigi's mom, Nancy Gianni, in Hoffman Estates, Illinois. Their mission is to change the way the world views Down syndrome through national campaigns, educational programs, and by empowering individuals with Down syndrome, their families and the community. They offer free therapeutic and educational programming including FREE literacy and math tutoring, FREE therapeutic based programming, FREE career skills training, and all the tools they need to succeed in life. Our local Gigi's Playhouse, one of 31 nationwide, is located at 3906 38th Avenue in Moline. With no government funding, they are entirely donation and grant supported.

DECEMBER 4th REINDEER RAMBLE TAKES ON ROTARY LOOK!



After 23 years of directing the Reindeer Ramble, Dick and Mary Fislar (past-president of Rock Island Rotary) used the 2016 race as a training ground for our Rotary Club, who will take over directing the race next year. It was a cold and snowy morning with over 100 runners and walkers participating. A very teary eyed Dick Fislar was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from former Rotary president, Mike Locander and the Rock Island Rotary that saluted Dick's 23 years of community service with this event. Dick and Mary also received a Whitey's gift card to celebrate the handoff of the race. The runners and walkers in attendance gave them a standing ovation in appreciation. Next Year Rotary will carry on the great tradition!