



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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THANK YOU, MAYOR, DENNIS PAULEY

Today Rock Island Rotary joined Rock Island Kiwanis to hear Mayor Dennis Pauley's final "State of the City" address, prior to retiring from the mayor's position. Pauley, a member of Rock Island Rotary since 1990, gave a detailed and upbeat report. He began by recognizing that he has had the pleasure of working with a good team of councilmen representing all areas of the city. He noted that during the past year the city lost its city manager and three department heads. Randy Tweet, the director of public works was named interim city manager, John Griep was named Director of Parks & Recreation; Jerry Jones was hired as Director of the Martin Luther King Center; and Chandler Pool was named Director of Community Economic Development. The city was also able to again maintain a balanced budget for 2016-17 and did so with no increase in the property tax rate. He also noted that the current rate is below the 2012 city property tax rate. The city also fully funded its pension commitments and came into the current fiscal year with a surplus. Reviewing advancements made during the year Pauley noted that the Rock Island City website was updated to make it more user friendly and attractive. Tablet technology was provided to the fire department allowing them to do fire inspections more efficiently. The Inspections and IT departments were relocated to the old police facility, making good use of that space. The City Library tracked 240,000 visits to their facilities and added more on-line selections increasing their offerings to over 6 million. The library also initiated a new summer reading program in conjunction with Spring Forward which served kindergarten through 6th grade students this past summer. They plan to expand the program for 2017. The Martin Luther King Center served 2,000 youth during the year and through all its programs reached over 18,000 citizens. Mayor Pauley reported that the Park Department cut expenses by \$300,000 without laying off any personnel. The department hosted 13 free concerts during the past year. The Hauberg Center received many needed improvements including tuck pointing, exterior painting, and yard and landscaping work. In the fire department, a new pumper truck has been purchased and will go into service in 2017. Radar was added to the fire department's rescue boat making it much more effective for emergency service. The police department completed the move into their new facility early in 2016 and utilizing their new Community Room now offer a Community Crime Prevention meeting the 3rd week of each month. The city has also purchased body cameras which police will begin using in 2017. The Public Works department had a busy year of street maintenance, catch basin replacement, and brick repair. \$800,000 was spent on concrete replacement and over \$400,000 in hot asphalt replacement. 16,000 square feet of sidewalk was replaced and 11,000 square feet of gravel alleys were upgraded with asphalt topping. In development, 8 new homes were constructed in the city and many new businesses were opened and/or expanded. Planning for the future includes reconstruction of 18th Avenue from 17th street to the Moline border. 38th Street will be reconstructed from 18th Avenue to Blackhawk Road. The Lincoln Park canons will be reinstalled after being refurbished and the Lincoln Park gazebo will receive a new roof. A new playground with quality, safe youth equipment is planned for Douglass Park. Thanks Mayor Pauley for a great report and all your years of service.

November - December Calendar

Jan 17	- Katie Benson and the RIHS Orchestra
Jan 24	- TBA
Jan 28	- Rotary Mobile Food Pantry Project
Jan 31	- TBA
Feb 7	- Sandy Koester Band and Rotary Blood Drive
Feb 14	- TBA
Feb 21	- TBA
Feb 28	- TBA



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Club Notes & Announcements!

□ **Welcome Guests!** At today's meeting Rock Island Rotary welcomed Charles Butler from Rock Island High School; Brian Gustafson, a guest of John Neary; and Richard Yerington and Mike Wennekamp, guests of Christy Filby. Rotary always welcomes guests, particularly prospective members! Invite a friend next week!!

□ **BIZ TOWN** – The final training for Biz Town volunteers will be at 5pm on February 9th in the Biz Town Center in Davenport. The actual Biz Town Rotary event will be on March 9th.

□ **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 10:00 until about 1:30pm. 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.

□ **FINAL DATE** for signing up to volunteer for our Rotary Mobile Food Pantry will be at next Tuesday's meeting, January 17th. We need lots of help, please check your calendar and if you can devote an hour or two on January 28th, sign up to help!

□ **NEXT FELLOWSHIP OF WINING ROTARIANS** social event will be in early April. More details will follow in the future. Thanks to all who attended on January 5th.

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

Foundation Minute

Rotary members are committed to fighting and preventing diseases. In fact, 15 of 26 Rotarian Action Groups or RAGS, which help Rotary clubs and districts carry out community development and humanitarian projects, are focused on disease prevention and treatment. One of the RAGS called The Rotarians for Family Health and AIDS Prevention helps clubs and districts plan and implement large-scale projects to provide access to health-related education, preventive health care, and treatment. The group's signature Rotary Family Health Days program is an annual campaign involving hundreds of sites in four countries in Africa, and in India, that provide free health care services to thousands of people in underprivileged communities.

An action group called The Food Plant Solutions Rotarian Action Group focuses on addressing malnutrition, hunger, and food security through the use of readily available local food plants. This self-sustaining solution can enable people of limited means to feed themselves and their families.

Another Rotarian Action Group deals with diabetes. It assists clubs and districts with projects focused on diabetes education, identification and treatment especially among children in developing countries, while raising awareness of the disease throughout the Rotary world.

Your contribution to The Rotary Foundation helps these action groups accomplish so much!
Thank you for your generosity.



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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!!**

50 Things Every Rotarian Should Know About Rotary

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

23 - DISTRICT GOVERNOR

The Rotary district governor performs a very significant function in the world of Rotary. He or she is the single officer of Rotary International in the geographic area called a Rotary district, which usually includes about 45 Rotary clubs. The district governors, who have been extensively trained at the worldwide International Assembly, provide the "quality control" for the 27,000 Rotary clubs of the world. They are responsible for maintaining high performance within the clubs of their district.

The district governor, who must make an official visit to each club in the district, is never regarded as an "inspector general." Rather, he or she visits as a helpful and friendly adviser to the club officers, as a useful counselor to further the Object of Rotary among the clubs of the district, and as a catalyst to help strengthen the programs of Rotary.

The district governor is a very experienced Rotarian who generously devotes a year to the volunteer task of leadership. The governor has a wealth of knowledge about current Rotary programs, purposes, policies and goals and is a person of recognized high standing in his or her profession, community and Rotary club. The governor must supervise the organization of new clubs and strengthen existing ones. He or she performs a host of specific duties to assure that the quality of Rotary does not falter in the district, and is responsible to promote and implement all programs and activities of the Rotary International president and the RI Board of Directors. The governor plans and directs a district conference and other special events.

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

We've been challenged!



Rotary Putt-A-Round Challenge to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Quad Cities
January 19th 5:30pm to 7:30pm \$25 Donation Per Golfer
If interested in Playing notify Steve Morenz

