



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

Adult Education

English Learners & GED



Glenda Nicke, Dean of Adult and Continuing Education at Black Hawk College was guest speaker at Rock Island Rotary today. In 2011, Rock Island, recognizing that many refugees and immigrants were settling here, conducted a series of public dialogues, "Changing Faces: Refugees and Immigrants in Rock Island." Glenda participated in this project from the very start. As a result of these meetings, Quad City Alliance for Immigrants and Refugees (QCAIR) was formed. QCAIR is a clearinghouse for vital services for these residents. QCAIR has formed Action

Teams, and Glenda heads the Education/ESL team. Glenda was named the Rock Island 2012 Citizen of the Year in the education category. In 2016 she received the Illinois Workforce Partnership Individual Leadership Certificate of Recognition. Nicke joined the Workforce Development Board of Rock Island, Henry, and Mercer Counties in October 2001. The board oversees Partners in Job Training and Placement, the organization that nominated her for the recognition. As the college's dean of adult and continuing education, Nicke oversees adult education programming at the college's facilities in Aledo, East Moline, Kewanee and Rock Island as well as the college's Business Training Center and the Professional and Continuing Education Department. Nicke initially coordinated the Optional Education program, working with youth who had dropped out of traditional high schools. Over time her role in the workforce system widened to include adults and dislocated workers who were returning to school with lower basics skills.

Ms. Nicke is a graduate of Augustana College and earned her graduate degrees from the University of Illinois. Her interest in adult education came from seeing the impact it had on a "favorite" cousin who attended Eastern Iowa Community College. Her first job in education was at Black Hawk College. She noted that early on Adult Education was primarily funded through grants. Black Hawk was one of the most successful and prolific in grant writing and grew to be one of the three largest adult education programs in the state. Subsequent cuts in funding have reduced the program in size, but they still serve over 1,400 students each year. Since 1973 Black Hawk's adult education program has awarded 9,513 GEDs and 1,663 high school diplomas. Nicke mentioned that initiatives of the City of Rock Island lead to the New Adult Learning Center which she called a beautiful facility and a success. The Learning Center offers four distinct programs: the GED program; Adult Basic Education; High School Credit Programs; and English as a 2nd Language program. Next fall a new program in Health Care will be offered. Ms. Nicke stressed that Adult Education impacts lives. Today the program's focus is on employment and job preparation. She shared several "success" stories and concluded saying, "this is why I do what I do". Thank you Glenda for an interesting and informative program.

March – April Calendar

Mar 21 - TBA
Mar 28 - Anita Zemba-Schadt - Dementia
Apr 4 - Bert Blood Scholarship
Apr 11 - Chris Britton - Poetry
Apr 18 - Rotary Awards Program
Apr 25 - Wes Llewellyn – Restaurant and Hospitality
May 2 - Earl Hanson Inspire Choir
May 9 - TBA
May 16 - Dr. David Markward
"Free the Teachers!"



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2016-17

July – Aug: Kyle Vietti
Sept – Oct: Dave Geenen
Nov – Dec: Gary Rowe
Jan – Feb: John Wetzel
Mar – Apr: Julie Gelaude
May – June: Bob Swanson

Club Notes & Announcements!

- ☐ **WELCOME GUESTS!** Rock Island Rotary was pleased to welcome Mary McNeil a prospective member and guest of Dave Geenen. Kit Miller was a guest of the Budget Priorities Committee. Also in attendance was Agata Burzinska, our lovely Rotary Exchange daughter. Rotary always welcomes guests, particularly prospective members! Invite a friend next week!!
- ☐ **NOMINATIONS ARE NEEDED OUR 2017 AWARDS.** See the attached nomination form. Just one more weeks to get them in! Have questions, call Chris Lemon.
- ☐ **SERVICE OPPORTUNITY** – Still a few good Rotarians needed! Our Club is partnering with the Heart of Hope Food Pantry. Volunteers are needed Thursdays 6 to 7:30pm just once a month. Contact Al Metz or Steve Morenz to volunteer!
- ☐ **FELLOWSHIP OF WINING ROTARIANS** will gather on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at the Grape Life Wine Store and Lounge, Davenport. The fun begins at 6pm with live music at 7pm. No cover, just come enjoy the fun, music, and your favorite wine or other adult beverage.
- ☐ **WE ARE INVITED** to join the Moline Rotary for an evening of murder, mystery, and dinner! It's a Rotary fundraiser on April 8th at City View Celebrations, 701 12th Street in Moline. Cost is \$60 per person. Email Kimberly.Crane@Tyson.com for tickets. The talented local theatre troupe, It's A Mystery, will be in charge of the mayhem. All proceeds will benefit local community needs.
- ☐ **PROGRESS REPORT.** Bud and Bob have been making the rounds presenting our Water Project to area clubs. So far East Moline, Geneseo, Moline, and Quad City Rotary Clubs have all joined us and bought filters.
- ☐ **Have Items for our Newsletter?** Email items for publication to Bob Swanson at bobdebswanson@att.net.

FOUNDATION MINUTE

The statistics are sobering: Intimate partner violence is the most common type of violence against women, affecting 30% of women worldwide, according to a 2013 World Health Organization report. As many as 38% of women murdered are committed by an intimate partner.

Recognizing the desperate need for domestic-violence services in their communities, Rotary clubs throughout Australia and New Zealand are fundraising and partnering with various charities to raise awareness and work on prevention and victim support:

The Rotary Club of Maryborough, Victoria, Australia is changing attitudes about domestic violence and generating positive community response with its multifaceted approach. It began as a social media campaign and now includes community educational programs, and publicity events that have reached millions. They developed a program called SAFE - Support, Advice, Facilitation and Early Intervention which is a collaborative approach that gives everyone in their communities a role in addressing family violence.

The Rotary Club of Brighton, Victoria, Australia, launched Violence Free Families in 1995 after a local child's violent death. The club raised more than \$750,000 for the program, which was endorsed by their district and supported by all 70 district clubs and Women in Rotary.

The Path of Hope Foundation, a joint venture between the Salvation Army and the Rotary Club of Perth, Western Australia, provides safe accommodations for those fleeing family violence. It also offers guidance and resources to help families overcome trauma and rebuild their lives.

Contributions to the Rotary Foundation makes the happen. Thank you.

STILL TIME --- Register for our District Conference
Fri, Apr 28, 2017, 4:00 PM – Sun, Apr 30, 2017 at Noon
Starved Rock State Park

FUN is guaranteed for all who can attend! Rock Island Rotary will be presenting our water project at the Friday evening dinner. The support of fellow Rock Island Rotarians will be greatly appreciated.

Highlights:

Friday: Golf, Dixieland Jazz & Foundation Dinner!

Saturday: Literacy Breakfast, Youth Program, Presidents' Dinner & Zydeco entertainment!

Sunday: Future Vision, Resolutions & Young Professionals Summit!

For a lot more info including the registration link, **CLICK HERE!** www.rotary6420.org !

Rock Island Rotary will reimburse up to \$100 of your registration cost!

FOUNDATION RAFFLE



Today our raffle featured cash and wine from the Lo Milani cellar. Sam Wray won the cash and donated it to our Exchange daughter, Agata. Al Metz won the wine. It was determined he was old enough to take it home to wife, Cathy.

Thanks to all who participated!

CHURCHES UNITED SUPPORTED



Budget Priorities Chairman, Frank Lambert presented a \$1,000 donation from Rock Island Rotary to Churches United. Kit Miller, Churches United's Shelter Program Manager. The money will be used to support Winnie's Place. A Shelter Ministry for women with or without children who are homeless or victims of violence.

Mark Your Calendar Rotary Night at The Ball Park – Thursday, July 6th

50 Things Every Rotarian Should Know About Rotary

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

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From stamp collecting to wine appreciation, the hobbies of Rotarians are as diverse as the membership itself. Yet, among the more than one million Rotarians worldwide, an amateur-radio enthusiast or a chess player is bound to find others who share the same passions. But Recreational Fellowship members share more than just their common interest in sport diving or Esperanto; they share an interest in fellowship and service and in promoting world understanding. As such, it's no wonder that the International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians donates the profits from ski events to The Rotary Foundation or that the Flying Rotarians help ferry medical personnel and supplies.

One has only to look at the types of Vocational Fellowships to recognize how they differ from their recreational counterparts. With Rotarians united by their shared professional interest in such fields as Hospital Administration and Finance/Banking, it's obvious that Vocational Service is as important a concern as international fellowship to the members of these groups. Members exchange technical information and seek opportunities to employ their expertise in service not just to their own communities and countries, but to their professions as well. For example, the Ophthalmology International Vocational Fellowship organized a professional seminar on the subject of eye surgery in developing countries.

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

Our favorite Finn is waiting for someone to take him out to lunch for St. Urho's Day on March 16th. You get to celebrate chasing the grasshoppers out of Finland and drink purple beer. Call Kevin: 788-6007. He claims you will also enjoy one full year of good luck! -- Interested in buying a bridge? Call 426-3862.

A LITTLE OFF KEY

A LOT OF FUN!

On Thursday, March 9th Rock Island Rotary and the Rotary After Hours clubs co-sponsored a fun filled fundraiser at Davenport's River Music Experience. Rotarians from many other area clubs along with non-Rotarian friends were treated to great music and laughs galore! The consensus of opinion was that the two pianists/singers/jokesters, one from Las Vegas and the other from Omaha, providing the show far exceeded the bar set by their predecessors! It was unfortunate that more of our members were unable to attend! Judge for yourself, whether it looks like those in attendance had a ball!!



President Steve, always a great sport, shows off his best Elvis Moves!



Sue Cassatt joins the fun!



Fun Lovers Surround the Pianos



More fun than Tax Returns, right Tom?



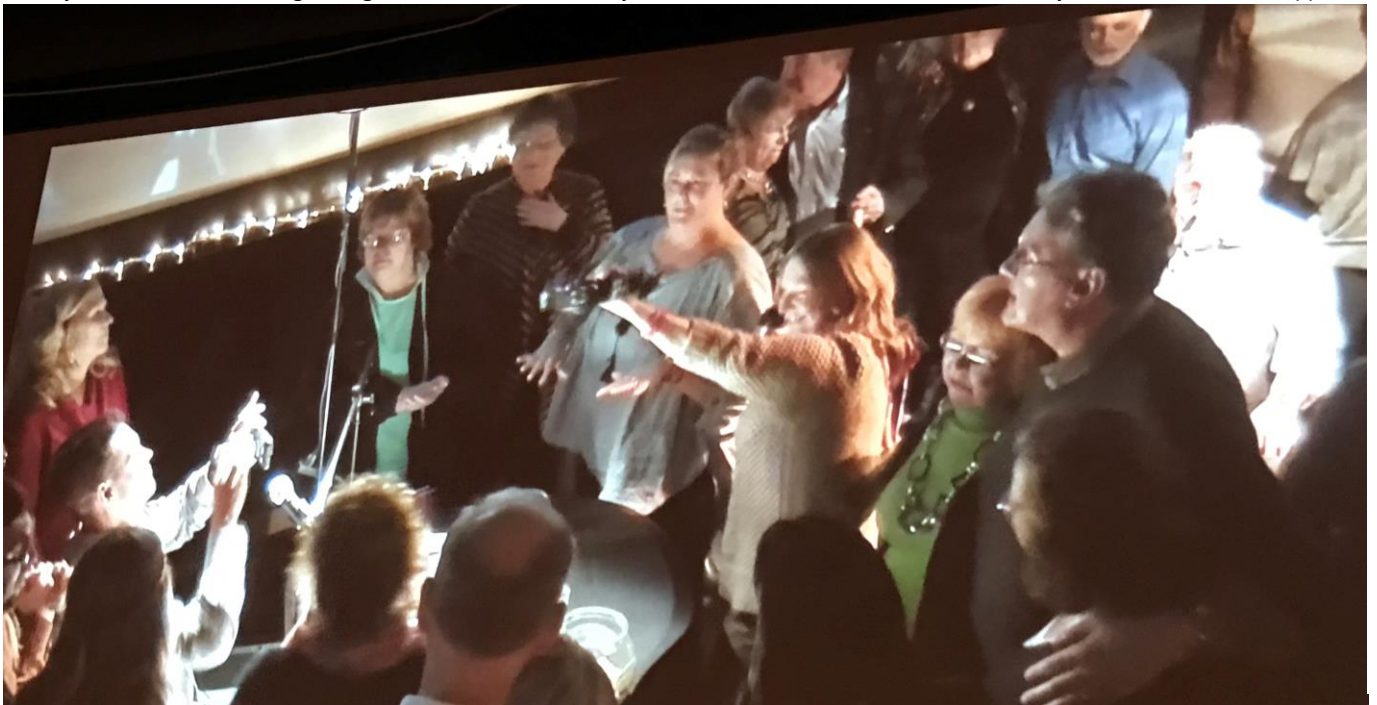
Kathy, Ruth, and Steve Sing Along



Tremendously Talented Entertainers!!



Tom, Larry, Steve, Frank and Fred Applaud!



So, what do you think? Fun? And supporting Rotary's Great Work! Don't Miss It Next Year!!



ROCK ISLAND ROTARY CLUB 2017 Awards Committee

Rock Island Rotary's annual Awards Luncheon is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 18th**. The Awards Committee seeks nominations for the following awards:

1. **Excellence:** Recognizes distinction or superiority in a field of endeavor. This can be for a single accomplishment or for achieving high standards of achievement or performance over as sustained period of time.
2. **Community Service:** Recognizes individuals or organizations who have worked effectively for the betterment of our community.
3. **A.T. Peara Award for Service Above Self:** Recognizes the Rock Island Rotary member who has exhibited the dedicated service and faithful commitment to the ideals of Rotary that were personified by A.T. Peara, for whom the award is named after.

The first two awards are open to any individual or organization that has demonstrated excellence or worked for the betterment of the Rock Island community. The excellence award applies to all lines of work and to all ages.

The A.T. Peara Award is limited to current members of Rock Island Rotary.

To ensure that our committee has adequate time to evaluate, consider, make the selections, and have awards prepared, the deadline for nominations is March 21st. Please consider making one or more nominations using the lower portion of this form. Additional copies are available if you need them. We greatly appreciate your participation and assistance.

Submit Nomination to: Carrie Crossen or by e-mail to ccrossen@choosethechief.com

NOMINEE NAME: _____ **Your Name:** _____

Nominated for (be sure to indicate):

_____ Excellence _____ Community Service _____ A.T. Peara Award

Reasons in support of your nomination:
