



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

Earl Hanson Elementary Our Adopted School



Dan Logan, principal at Earl Hanson Elementary School was our guest speaker at today's Rock Island Rotary meeting. Rock Island Rotary has enjoyed a long-time relationship with Hanson as our "adopted" school. Our club conducts periodic collections of vital school supplies, provides monthly "Birthday Books" to students, organizes and funds an annual Pumpkin Patch fieldtrip,

provides weekly speaker book donations to the school library,

provides funding for Visiting Artists, sponsors an annual Christmas Angel Tree, helped fund and volunteers for the JA BizTown fieldtrip, and members of our Literacy Committee have donated many hours assisting in cataloging and shelving books in the school library. The Club has also provided a Chess coach and classroom volunteers for the school. Mr Logan mentioned each of these and gave a sincere "Thank You" to our club; referring to Rotary as, "Our favorite partner!". Now in his second year as Principal, Mr Logan has proved to be a strong and enthusiastic leader and great Rotary partner. In describing the school, Logan noted that they have 416 students representing multiple races and cultures. 26.9% are African, 38.9% white, 8.8% Latino, 16.1% Asian, and 8.9% multi-racial. 17% of the students are "English Learners", meaning that they entered school either unable to speak English or English was not their primary language. 75% of the students are from "low income" families. Mr. Logan also noted that Earl Hanson Elementary is unique in the many programs it offers. The school housed the school districts "Gifted Program" for advanced students. It also houses the District's emotionally challenged discipline issue students, as well as programs for typical elementary children. Mr. Logan also emphasized that Earl Hanson is the district's first "Community School" meaning that it is a full service facility providing much more than the typical school day activities. Hanson offers an weekly Karen School for it's large Karen speaking student body. This was initiated to ensure that these children don't lose their ability to speak Karen and also provides teaching about the Asian culture from which they came. Another part of the Community School program is an on site Food Pantry. The Hanson food pantry currently provides food supplies to 10 families reaching 47 individuals. Plans are to expand the program in the future. Another aspect of being a community school is having trauma informed staff ensuring that staff members have received special training for recognizing and providing appropriate assistance when trauma strikes students. Yet another part of being a Community School is Hanson's enhanced family night activities. Numerous events invite, include, and welcome family members into the school where they can interact with staff members, and become comfortable accessing school resources. Logan mentioned that a number of the Hanson students have breakfast, lunch, and dinner at school. Thanks Dan Logan for a great program. We're proud to be your partner!

March – April Calendar

- Mar 14 - Glenda Nicke - Adult Ed, ESL and GED
- Mar 21 - Pam Hawman—Christian Care
- 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



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2016-17

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Jan – Feb: John Wetzel
Mar – Apr: Julie Gelaude
May – June: Bob Swanson

Mark Your Calendar

Rotary Night At The
Ball Park – Thursday,
July 6th

Club Notes & Announcements!

□ **WELCOME GUESTS!** Rock Island Rotary was pleased to welcome a plethora of guests today! Father Mirabelli introduced Noel Huntley, a Jr. Rotarian from Alleman High School. Saying goodbye were Austin Trask, Brady Smith, and Alexandra Axup, Jr. Rotarians from Rock Island High School. Exchange daughter, Agata Burzinska, attended today, as did visiting Rotarians, Mark Zimmerman of the Davenport Club and Tiffany Stott of the RAH Club. Special guests were members of the Rock Island High School Interact Club including: faculty sponsor Wade Weber, President Jada Black, Vice-President Lauren Bell, Secretary Gahrii Lee and members Alexandria Schmidt, and Jorge Duarte. Last but not least were representatives of Jordan Elementary School EarlyAct Club including their faculty adviser, Jennifer Heckenkamp and members, Anna Mickelson and Alexis Engels. Rotary always welcomes guests, particularly prospective members! Invite a friend next week!!

□ **NOMINATIONS ARE NEEDED OUR 2017 AWARDS.** See the attached nomination form. Just two more weeks to get them in!

□ **NEW SERVICE OPPORTUNITY** – 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.

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

FOUNDATION RAFFLE



Today our raffle featured cash and wine from the Lo Milani cellar. Steve Morenz won the cash and donated it to the Rotary Foundation. Student guest Jada Black won the wine, but due to age, immediately passed the prize to Interact faculty sponsor, Wade Weber!

Thanks to all who participated!

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 MINUTE

The Rotary Foundation's district and global grants support Rotarian's efforts to change lives and serve communities within their own neighborhoods and throughout the world.

In 2015-16 the Foundation approved 494 district grants, and the program awards totaled \$25.5 million. These grants supported smaller scale, short-term projects related to the Foundation's mission.

And during the same year the Foundation approved 1,165 global grants, which totaled \$70 million. These grants fund large-scale international activities with sustainable and measurable results that support Rotary's six areas of focus. Activities include humanitarian projects, scholarships and vocational training teams.

Your contribution to The Rotary Foundation enables this to happen. Thank you.

INTERACT DONATES TO US!!



Interact Pres. Jada Black and V-Pres. Lauren Bell told of two fundraisers the Interact Club held this year. First, a Bingo

Fest and later a Valentine's Day, "Crush for Your Crush" event. Interact donated their \$200 profit to our Club for use in our various service projects. Thanks, Interact for your dedication and hard work.



Sponsor Wade Weber and members of the Rocky Interact Club.

Moline Rotary Murder MYSTERY Dinner

5pm Sharp! | Saturday April 8, 2017

\$60/per person

At City View Celebrations

701 12th St

Moline, IL 61265

For ticket information email

Kimberly.Crane@Tyson.com Join Moline Rotary for an evening of fun and good food as we follow clues to help us find the murderer among us. The talented local theatre troupe, It's A Mystery, will be in charge of the mayhem. All proceeds will benefit local community needs. The cost \$60 per person or \$400 for a table of 8.

50 Things Every Rotarian Should Know About Rotary

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

31 - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

Each May or June, Rotary International holds a worldwide convention "to stimulate, inspire and inform all Rotarians at an international level." The convention, which may not be held in the same country for more than two consecutive years, is the annual meeting to conduct the business of the association. The planning process usually begins about four or five years in advance.

The RI board determines a general location and invites cities to make proposals. The conventions are truly international events which 20,000 to 40,000 Rotarians and guests attend. All members should plan to participate in a Rotary International convention to discover the real internationality of Rotary. It is an experience you'll never forget.

Coming up this year, June 10 - June 14, the Rotary International Convention is in Atlanta, Georgia. It's an easy trip by car or air! Don't miss this nearby opportunity to be a part of the most exciting and moving Rotary experience you will ever attend!

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

ROTARIANS MAN JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT BIZ TOWN FOR EARL HANSON STUDENTS

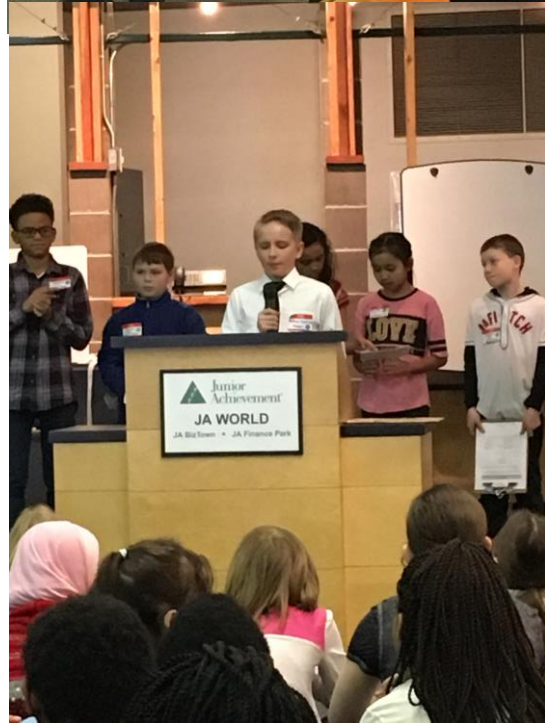
On Friday, March 3rd members of Rock Island Rotary provided the manpower to ensure Earl Hanson Students had an opportunity to experience BIZ TOWN to its fullest extent. The bank, stores, and administrative offices were in full operation as the students had the chance to earn and spend money and to operate businesses, pay wages, and manage the "city's" business. Rotarians were on hand to provide guidance and advice as needed, but for the most part the kids run the day. Club members who not only spent the day working the Biz Town project, but also attended pre-event training were: Angela Campbell, Dave Geenen, Kathy Lelonek, Anne McGlynn, Steve Morenz, Billy Puckett, Bill Stengel, and Tammy Weikert. The pictures below give a good idea of Biz Town in action.



Elementary school students are not old enough to drive, work, vote or be the boss. But that doesn't stop them from operating banks, managing restaurants, writing checks and voting for mayor at JA BizTown! The program combines in-class learning with a day-long visit full of hands-on activities to help them connect the dots between what they learn in school and the real world.

The JA BizTown on-site simulation takes place at JA World®, a 10,000-sq. foot learning lab located in Davenport.

These photos show Rock Island Rotarians helping the Earl Hanson Students with day to day "running a city" activities. Including at the bottom right, hearing an address by the BizTown mayor, Nathan Hendrickx, a sixth-grade Earl Hanson student.





A LITTLE OFF KEY

a dueling pianos event

hosted by Rock Island Rotary & Twin Rivers Rotary After Hours

Thursday
**March
9th**

**River
Music
Experience**
129 N. Main St., Davenport

7:30pm
doors open @ 6
\$45 – standing only
\$60 – guaranteed seating
both include heavy hors d'oeuvres

Come be entertained for the evening by FunPianos, a traveling dueling pianos group.



Tickets can be purchased online at **Eventbrite**
or
contact Sue Lerschen-Cassatt at 309-644-0101,
SLerschen-Cassatt@FirstStatell.com

Money raised from the event will go to support local youth programs and other Rotary projects!



RUTH LEE RECOGNIZED FOR “INCREDIBLE” FOUNDATION SUPPORT!

Club members greeted Ruth Lee with a very well Deserved standing ovation today as she was recognized by Foundation Committee Chairman, Bud Phillis for reaching the \$50,000 mark in donations to the Rotary International Foundation. In recognition for her generosity, Ruth was presented with a “Major Donor” pin adorned with 3 diamonds. Ruth is a past-president of our Club, a past District 6420 Governor, and currently serves as the Foundation Chair for the district. Talk about “Walking the Walk”, there is no better example or Rotarian worthy of higher praise and admiration. In typical Ruth fashion, rather than bask in her own glory, she used her time to urge others to start or to increase their giving. She emphasized just a few dollars over a long time, can become a significant donation. Thank you, Ruth, and congratulations on receiving Rotary International’s recognition!



STOTT URGES SUPPORT FOR CLUB’S MAJOR FUNDRAISER

In an interesting “turn-about”, Tiffany Stott of the RAH (Rotary After Hours) Club visited our club today to urge Rock Island Rotarians to get behind our own “A Little Off Key” fundraiser. That event is fast approaching – THIS THURSDAY- and is Rock Island Rotary’s primary fundraiser for the year. Unfortunately, ticket sales have been slower than hoped! The RAH Club, who co-sponsors the event with us is urging all of their members to attend or to at least purchase a ticket to support the fundraising effort. Tiffany stressed how much fun the event was last year and urged us to put on a “last ditch” rush, to make this event a success. THERE IS STILL TIME. TICKET INFORMATION IS ATTACHED!



NEW MEMBER PROPOSED –

Mark McQuate has been proposed for membership by sponsor, Dave Geenen. Mark is founder of the “1 Marine – 1 Life” foundation. He was a guest speaker for our club earlier this year. Questions or comments should be directed to President, Steve Morenz or 1st Vice-President, Bruce Peterson.

SOME RECOLLECTIONS FROM LAST YEAR’S “A LITTLE OFF KEY”



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:
