



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

Saluting our Best!



Vic Boblett Speaks About Leadership

Fellow Rotarian, and former Rock Island Head Football Coach was the keynote speaker for Rock Island Rotary's 2017 Awards Banquet honoring the top two students from Alleman High School, Rock Island High School and Augustana College; two outstanding community leaders, and the Rock Island

Rotary's A. T. Peara Service Above Self Award winner. Boblett, with a distinguished coaching career spanning 4 decades served as an assistant coach on four state championship high school teams and four Division III College National Championship teams. As a head coach he is Rock Island High School's all time winnest coach with a record of 170 wins and just 60 loses. His Rock Island teams won 13 conference championships including an unequalled record of 7 consecutive Western Big 6 titles. 17 of his 21 Rocky teams qualified for the Illinois state playoffs many advancing to the quarter-finals, semi-finals, and state championship game. For his comments today, Vic chose to identify the 10 traits of great leaders he had observed during his career. He said great leaders **manage expectations**. They make sure that expectations are challenging but realistic. Second, great leaders understand there is no substitute for hard work. They possess **a tremendous work ethic**. Great leaders demonstrate **great compassion** for those around them. He noted that skill vary greatly among people. Some have computational skills, others musical skills, some linguistic skills, some artistic, others have mechanical skills, still others possess athetic skills. Boblett said good leaders vallue all skills and help individuals within their organization discover and develop their own unique talents. Great leaders **never stop learning**. Successful leaders almost always studied those successful leaders from the generation in front of them. Great leaders are **not afraid to fail**. They are always prepared to take reasonable risk with the opportunity arises. Vic confessed that at times **leadership can be lonely**. In those situations leaders must have the confidence to make important decisions. Most great leaders are **tremendous at interpersonal relationships**. To be successful, people in the organization must have confidence and respect for the leader. A key to building great interpersonal relationships and gaining that respect is caring. Boblett said his favorite education quotation is, "Kids, anybody for that matter, do not care how much you know until they know how much you care". Great leaders possess **perspective and persistence**. Adversity is simply a disguise for new opportunity, Boblett said, adding that sometime as loss or disappointment is a good thing. Great leaders **surround themselves with great** people; people who will challenge you to get better, but will be loyal when things get tough. Vic's final observation regarding great leaders was the they **have great faith and belief in what they were** doing. He concluded his remarks by encouraging all to figure out why were were put on this earth; once you do and follow that purpose you will never "work" a day in your life! Thanks Vic Boblett for an inspiring keynote address.

April – May Calendar

- Apr 25 - Wes Llewellyn – Restaurant and Hospitality
- May 2 - Earl Hanson Inspire Choir
- May 9 - Dr. Chester Lien, CEO Arrowhead Ranch
- May 16- Dr. David Markward "Free the Teachers"
- May 23- Kathy Weiman, Alternatives for Older Adults
- May 30- Mike Thoms – Vision for Rock Island



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2016-17

July – Aug: Kyle Vietti
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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 Diane Phillis, wife of Bud Phillis; Chris Boblett, wife of Vic Boblett; Debbi Swanson, wife of Bob Swanson; Mark McQuate, a prospective member; Mark Zimmerman, visiting Rotarian from the Davenport Club; and our 2017 Exchange Daughter, Agata Burzinska from Poland. Also in attendance were Kai Swanson of Augustana College; Sophia Ries Augustana student honoree, Lynn Ries, Sophia's mother; Michael Daniels Augustana student honoree and his parents Tom and Becky Daniels; Judy Scarpinato of Alleman Catholic High School; Lucy Adlfinger, Alleman student honoree and her family, Matt, Nancy, Doreen, and Frank Adlfinger; Augie Darrow, Alleman student honoree and his parents Clarence M. and Sara Darrow; Griffin Evans, Rock Island High School student honoree and his parents, Doyle Evans and Heike Ehlers; Austin Trask, Rock Island High School student honoree and his parents, Shawn and Michelle Trask. Louie Alongi, Community Service honoree and his wife Linda Alongi; and Gerry Huiskamp, Excellence honoree, with his wife Colleen and son, Jim Huiskamp, and business associates Toni Gasper (a Milan Rotarian), Dave Emerick (an East Moline/Silvis Rotarian), and Jodie Behrens (a Moline Rotarian). Rock Island Rotary thanks you for your attendance and hope you enjoyed your visit!

☐ **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. If evening is a problem a Thursday morning opportunity is also available! Contact Al Metz or Steve Morenz to join our team of volunteers!

☐ **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.

☐ **SAVE YOUR PLASTIC BAGS** – To help with our Heart of Hope Food Pantry service project, use but sound plastic bags are needed for distribution of food. Rather than throwing away your used bags, bring them to Rotary or if you have volunteered to work at the Food Pantry, take bags with you!

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

STILL TIME - BUT NOT MUCH! -- 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. If you can't go for all, go for part!

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 cost!

FOUNDATION MINUTE

The needs and concerns about opiate use weigh heavily on Rotarians throughout District 7170 in Upstate New York. Last year in response, the District leadership added a discussion session to their district conference agenda so individual Rotarians could articulate their concerns.

The discussion revealed significant disparities in general knowledge related to the field of substance abuse and the availability of prevention, treatment and recovery services among the communities of the district. Recognizing the enormous complexity of the heroin/opiate abuse epidemic, session participants concluded the meeting by requesting that a small core committee of district Rotarians and non-Rotarian professionals with a variety of experiences/skills in substance abuse and other relevant areas were charged to design a plan for a global grant to meet the needs identified in District 7170.

This month, The Rotary Foundation accepted the grant. It will enable the purchase of medical equipment and supplies for the expansion of the Addiction of Broome County, a private, not-for profit corporation that provides outpatient treatment for those affected by chemical dependency. It will also provide drop boxes throughout the district for used medication. A major media campaign will be mounted through the social and print media that will be aimed directly to people affected by the opiate epidemic and will send six students and a counselor from fourteen high schools to the Teen Institute a validated substance abuse prevention program that will empower teen participants to combat opiate use and abuse.

Nineteen clubs - two in India, one in Mexico, another in Canada and one in Skaneateles, NY joined fourteen clubs in District 7170 to make this happen. If only one life is saved the grant will be effective.

Contributions to the Rotary Foundation made this happen. Thank you.

IT'S BIRDIES TIME!



Our Birdies for Charity drive is underway with a goal of \$1.45 in total pledges per birdie. All pledges will be directed to our Club's local Foundation. By making your donation through Birdies for Charity the foundation will receive additional matching funds from the John Deere Foundation. Last year the match was 10%! If you intend to donate to our Club foundation, do it through Birdies for Charity and take advantage of the addition funds donated by Deere! You'll also be in the running for our club's \$50 prize for closest birdies guess and the grand prize of a new car 2-year lease! Pledge forms available from Kevin and at the Sergeant's table.

50 Things Every Rotarian Should Know About Rotary

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

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After the success of Interact clubs for high school- age youth in the early 1960s, the RI board created Rotaract in 1968. The new organization was designed to promote responsible citizenship and leadership potential in clubs of young men and women, aged 18 to 30. The first Rotaract club was chartered by the Charlotte North Rotary Club in Charlotte, North Carolina. In 1994, there were more than 149,000 members in more than 6,500 Rotaract clubs in 107 countries.

Rotaract clubs emphasize the importance of individual responsibility as the basis of personal success and community involvement. Each club sponsors an annual project to promote high ethical standards in one's business and professional life. Rotaract also provides opportunities leading to greater international understanding and goodwill. Rotaractors enjoy many social activities as well as programs to improve their community. A Rotaract club can exist only when continuously sponsored, guided and counseled by a Rotary club. The programs of Rotaract are built around the motto "Fellowship Through Service."

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

AWARDS BANQUET A HUGE SUCCESS!

Thanks to the hard work of our Awards Banquet Committee (Co-chairs Chris Lemon and Carrie Crossen, members Kathi Allison, Clarence Darrow, Christy Filby, Fred Luckenbill, Jim Moran, Billy Puckett, and Larry Tadlock) our 43rd Annual Awards Luncheon came off without a hitch. Flowers adorned all tables and a “packed house” gathered to pay homage to our honorees.

Augustana College Salutatorian and Valedictorian

Alleman Catholic High School Salutatorian and Valedictorian



Pictured with President Steve Morenz from L to R: Michael Daniels, Augustana Valedictorian, Sophia Ries, Augustana Salutatorian, Lucy Adlfinger Alleman Valedictorian, and Augie Darrow, Alleman Salutatorian.

Rock Island High School Salutatorian and Valedictorian

Community Service Award

Excellence Award



Pictured with President Steve Morenz from L to R: Griffin Evans, Rock Island High School Salutatorian, Austin Trask, Rock Island High School Valedictorian, Louie Alongi, Community Service Award Recipient, Jerry Huiskamp Community Excellence Award Recipient.



President Morenz and Sam Wray

Sam Wray, 2017 A.T Peara Award Winner for outstanding service to Rotary. This award is a “once in a lifetime award” and is considered the highest award presented to a Rock Island Rotarian. Sam has served as assistant Sergeant at Arms, greeting members with a smile and a weekly joke for many years. Sam was the catalyst for our Club’s international water project. Through his and wife Hilde’s generosity, more than 2400 children in rural Kenya now have safe, sanitary water for drinking and cooking. Sam has been a Rock Island Rotarian for 42 years and has served on Rotary committees too numerous to name. Sam and Hilde are both Paul Harris Fellows and Sam has been recognized as a Rotary International “Major Donor”.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION SCHEDULED: Chairman Kathy Trone has scheduled a New Member Orientation on Tuesday May 2nd at 11:30am, just prior to our regular meeting. If you are a new member of our club and have not yet participated in an Orientation meeting, you should attend. Orientation will greatly help you become acquainted with Rotary and our club and will ensure that your Rotary membership will be a rewarding experience.