

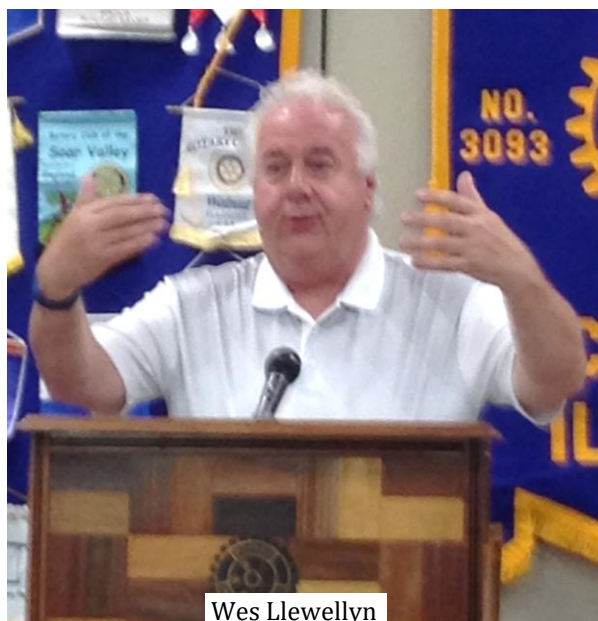


Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

Restaurant Stories



Wes Llewellyn

Guest speaker at today's Rock Island Rotary meeting was Wes Llewellyn. Mr. Llewellyn told of his 30+ year career in the restaurant business. A native of Pittsburgh, Llewellyn started at the "bottom" washing dishes as his first job in the food industry. Eventually he was hired

by the Johnson – Koenig Group as a trainer and restaurant manager. His career spanned stints at the Boars Head, the Iowa Power House, the Plantation (later Velies) and the Geneva Country Club. He now spends his time teaching restaurant management at Scott Community College and coaching golf at Black Hawk College. His presentation

April – June Calendar

- 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
- June 6 - Dr. Joseph Rives, Western Illinois Univ. Quad Cities

consisted primarily of recounting humorous experience that occurred during his time as manager of the Plantation and a final fifteen minute question and answer session. Recalling Plantation experience Llewellyn noted that the manager he replaced had been murdered in the Plantation. It was a huge three story mansion and could be a very eery place to be alone at night. He considered obtaining a permit to carry a gun, but on the advice of his bosses, Dave Koenig and Al Johnson, opted for a "panic button". That was a device similar to a garage door opener that overrode the phone lines and sent a direct signal to the police. He carried it religiously for some time, but eventually relegated it to a shelf in his office. He told of having a buddy visit him after hours and asking the friend to wait in his office while he turned out lights and locked doors. After completing those tasks he and the friend left the building, only to be confronted in the parking lot by police with guns drawn. Llewellyn assured them that all was in order since he had just checked the building and locked up. The police agreed and all departed. As he drove away still trying to figure out what happened, Wes asked his friend if he happened to notice a garage door opener looking device in the office. The friend said he had seen it and thought it might open a secret panel in the house, but said he pushed it several times and nothing opened! On another occasion in the middle of the night their motion sensor alarm system signaled police that someone was in the building. Police arrived on site and did a thorough search of the building. In an old 3rd story storeroom, they found a cash of old gambling equipment, including roulette and craps tables and various other equipment that had been stored there for decades dating back to the days of prohibition. The police told Wes they needed to confiscate what they found. The next day he informed his bosses and Mr. Koenig became incensed that the equipment, which might be valuable, had been taken. He stormed down to the Moline police station, went directly to the chief and gave him a piece of his mind. The chief responded by arresting Koenig, normally a quiet and unassuming man, for possession of gambling materials. It was a fun and interesting program!



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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 Judy Scarpinato of Alleman Catholic High School and Elena Denten and Sid Boelens, Alleman Jr. Rotarians. We were also pleased to welcome back Duncan Cameron, a visiting Rotarian from Naples, Florida who will be with us through the summer months. 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** met on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at the Grape Life Wine Store and Lounge, Davenport. Although attendance was relatively small, the music was great, the snacks tasty, and the wine fabulous. Watch for the next FWR get together and join the fun!

□ **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!

□ **HELP IS NEEDED** to transport students to RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) training. We have nine students hoping to attend. Mike Locander will drive some, but more volunteer drivers are needed. We need rides from Rock Island to Oregon, IL on Friday, May 5th leaving at 2:30 or so, and rides back from Oregon on Sunday, May 7th with the kids available for pickup at 11am. If you can help, contact Mike Locander 309-314-3564 or mlocander@qconline.com.

□ **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.

□ **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! If you go just for the Friday Foundation Dinner to see Sam and Hilde honored your entire costs is covered.

FOUNDATION MINUTE

Kudos to Rotary for its fight to end Polio! A new book has been published in the field of public health highlighting Rotary's role in the global effort to wipe out polio. It places it in the context of humanity's relentless struggle to contain the world's epidemics. Entitled, "Health of Nations: The Campaign to End Polio and Eradicate Epidemic Diseases," the author Karen Bartlett surveys the global landscape of epidemics past, present and future. "Who decided to rid the world of polio? Not politicians or global health organizations ... the starting gun was fired by Rotary International, a network of businessmen more used to enjoying convivial dinners, raising money for local good causes and organizing floats to carry Santa Claus around suburban neighborhoods at Christmas." (We have come a long way!)

The author explains how the world community doubted both the idea of a campaign targeting a single disease and Rotary's capacity as a volunteer organization to execute it. Bartlett states, "Polio eradication is a twentieth-century dream, conceived by idealists and driven by big international institutions and mass mobilizations of volunteers, working together to make a better world for all ... It must succeed or fail, however in a twenty-first century marked by factionalism, religious intolerance and rising inequality."

How different our image is today as we are almost there. Only 5 cases have been reported this year to date!! Your contribution and support has enabled this to happen. Thank you.



IT'S BIRDIES TIME!

Our Birdies for Charity drive is underway. All pledges will go to our Club's local Foundation. By making your donation through Birdies for Charity the foundation will receive matching funds from the Deere Foundation. So far, Kevin reports just 7 of our 100 members have pledged!

Pledge forms available at the Sergeant's table.



FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Today's raffle featured CASH, a Tadlock original WALNUT BOWL, and a Milani Cellar fine WINE. Vic Boblett won the bowl, Bud Phillis won the cash and donated it to the Rotary Foundation. Bill Stengel won the wine.

Thanks to all who participated!

50 Things Every Rotarian Should Know About Rotary

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

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The Rotary International float in the annual Tournament of Roses Parade is undoubtedly the largest public relations project of the Rotary clubs of the United States and Canada. Since 1924 a Rotary float has been entered 18 times including every year since 1981. The famous Pasadena, California, parade is seen by an estimated 125 million people via worldwide television.

Funds for the construction of the Rotary parade entry are voluntarily given by Rotarians and clubs in the U.S. and Canada. The cost of designing, constructing and flower covering a Rose Parade float begins at about \$120,000.

A multi-district Rotary committee in Southern California coordinates planning of the Rotary float and provides hundreds of volunteer hours of service. The Rotary float must portray the annual parade theme, usually depicting one of the worldwide service programs of Rotary International.

Each New Year's Day, Rotarians take pride in seeing their attractive float and realize they have shared in its construction by contributing a dollar or two to this beautiful public relations project.

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

FOR THOSE ATTENDING OUR DISTRICT CONFERENCE THIS WEEKEND ...

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE...

All Activities at the Starved Rock Lodge, Utica, Illinois

FRIDAY

GOLF! Senica's Oak Ridge Golf Course ...Tee-Times 10-11 am

MINI-GOLF if available...o/w FRISBEE GOLF at LaSalle Rotary Park! 1:00

REGISTRATION OPENS! Starved Rock Lodge Great Hall 4:00 pm

DIXIELAND JAZZ! In the Great Hall from 4:30 –5 & 5:30 - 6:30 pm

WELCOME & GOLF AWARDS! in the Starved Rock Room - 5:00 pm Introducing RI President's Representative Larry Dimmitt and Lois, and RI Vice President Jennifer Jones and Nick!

FOUNDATION DINNER honoring PDGs and Foundation Donors 6:30 pm (Same & Hilde Wray to be honored) and

Bud and Bob making our Water Project Presentation

GOVERNOR'S RECEPTION – and your HURRICANE is on US! 9:00 - ?

SATURDAY

LITERACY BREAKFAST! Buffet 7:30 -9 am;

Program & Awards 9-10:15 am

YOUTH REGISTRATION in Great Hall opens at 10:00 am

YOUTH PROGRAM at front fire-pit (or in Hennepin Room) 10–11:45 am

ELECTION OF DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION 10:30 AM

PUBLIC IMAGE AWARDS & TOP BRASS PANEL DISCUSSION 10:45-11:45

YOUTH EXCHANGE FLAG PARADE 12:00 NOON

MUFFALETTA / DELI LUNCH (ROTARIANS & STUDENTS) 12:00 – 1:00 pm with Guest Speaker RI Secretary General John Hewko!

YOUTH LEADERSHIP PRESENTERS – OUR FUTURE! 1:00 – 2:45

EXPLORE! Ghost Tour Hike , Zydeco Dance 101, or Magical History Tours 3-4:30

SOCIAL & CASH BAR in the Great Hall! 5:30 pm

(YOUTH PIZZA PARTY! Hennepin Room – 6:00 pm)

PRESIDENTS' DINNER! Honoring Presidents, Celebrating Rotary! 6:30 pm

ZYDECO w/ CREOLE STOMP! Entertainment -- straight from Illinois' "Bayous!" 8:15

RECEPTION & SOCIAL IN THE GREAT HALL 10:30 - ?

SUNDAY

HONORING THE PAST, CHALLENGING THE FUTURE! Buffet 7:30 -9 am with Morning Wakeup by RI VP Jennifer Jones!

RESOLUTIONS & PROGRAM 9 – 10:30 am in the Starved Rock Room

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS SUMMIT 9-10:30 am in the Hennepin Room

COMING TOGETHER! Joint Closing Session & Farewell 11:00 - Noon

& FOR THOSE STICKING AROUND....

AND STILL IN A LOUISIANA MOOD.....

WE RECOMMEND CONNECTING FOR LUNCH AT THE CAJUN CONNECTION!

(ON US 6 NORTH OF UTICA)

REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED! If you missed it, don't make the same mistake next year. It's fun, it's educational, it's entertaining, and it's ROTARY!