



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

Bert Blood Scholarship



April – May Calendar

Apr 11-Chris Britton - Poetry
Apr 18-Rotary Awards Program
Apr 25-Wes Llewellyn – Restaur-

ant and Hospitality
May 2-Earl Hanson Inspire Choir
May 9 -TBA
May 16-Dr. David Markward,
“Free the Teachers”

Pictured from the left are **John Wetzel** RI Rotary, **Shelby Ledbetter**, **Steve Morenz** President RI Rotary, **Brittany Olson**, **Jenny Garner** – University of Illinois Extension Office, and **Cole Whisman**.

45th Bert Blood Scholarship Celebrates – 4H

The Rock Island Rotary Club honored the 45th Anniversary of the Bert Blood Rural-Urban scholarships on Tuesday, April 4th at the weekly club meeting. The event honors Rotarian Albert “Bert” M. Blood, a Rock Island businessman and former educator who served as the superintendent of two school districts. He passed away in 1973 at the age of 101 years old. Blood had a great interest in the welfare of young people and had served as chairman of the Rock Island Rotary Club’s Rural-Urban Day committee from which the scholarship was born. Bert Blood Committee Chair John Wetzel thanked John Neary, Ardo Holmgrain and Tom Showalter for their help coordinating the event. Jenny Garner of the University of Illinois Extension office, thanked Rotary for making this one of the best collaborations in the area. Presentations by all of the scholarship winners highlighted their adventures with 4-H and their individual awards. They spoke about their path to success with many milestones in their learning which included the development of leadership skills, self confidence, responsibility, and time management skills. They also expressed a desire to serve others and a willingness to share their knowledge with a younger generation. The Rock Island Rotary is very proud to present these scholarship awards to such a great group of deserving individuals.

This year’s award winners were: **Courtney Wiedenmann** and **Shelby Ledbetter** \$1,000 each, **Brittany Olson** \$1250, and **Cole Whisman** \$1500.



FOUNDATION RAFFLE



Today’s Winners – **John Daly** won the money (\$34) and donated it to the Foundation. **Linda Golden** won a bottle of wine.

Club Notes & Announcements!

Welcome Guests: Agata Burzinska our exchange student from Poland, Noelle Ledbetter, Shelby Ledbetter, Becky Buckrop, Cheryl Geitner, John Flaherty – Univ. of Illinois Extension, Cole Whisman, Beth Whisman, Jim Whisman, Brittany Olson, Tammy Olson, Rob Olson, Geoff Manis, Jacob Ellis RIHS, Camryn Comodore RIHS, Sid Boelens Alleman, Elena Denton Alleman, Judy Scarpinato – Alleman, Mark McQuate club guest, Chris Elsberg 4-H Board of education.

New Member Orientation rescheduled for **Tuesday May 2nd 11:30 am** before the regular meeting with **Kathy Trone**.

Fellowship of Wining Rotarians April 20th at **The Grape Life** anytime after 5:00 pm. Please join the fun.

Heart of Hope Food Pantry service opportunity Thursdays 6:00 – 7:30 pm see **Al Metz** or **Steve Morenz**
Also seeking morning volunteers if available on Thursday from 7:30 – 9:30 am.

Rotary Night at the Ball Park – Thursday July 6th at Modern Woodmen Park

Mobile Food Pantry event in Rock Island – Saturday July 8th at Second Baptist Church RI.

Rotary



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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



EARL HANSON BIRTHDAY BOOKS

The Rock Island Rotary Club is alive and well again at Earl Hanson! Thanks to **Mary Fislar, Tricia Barron, Billy Puckett, Vic Boblett, Angela Campbell, Chuck Austin, Ruth Lee, and Anne McGlynn** - PLUS prospective member **Mark McQuate** for coming to Earl Hanson last Thursday to sign books for the kids with March birthdays!

April's Birthday Book signing is scheduled for April 27 - mark your calendars for 2:20PM at Earl Hanson School, 4000 9th St., Rock Island. You will make a small person's day.

Let **Tammy Weickert** know you are coming.

MENTORS NEEDED!

One of the great things that distinguishes our club from many others is our program for mentoring new Rotarians. It's a way to ensure that new members feel welcomed and quickly learn about our Club and Rotary International. We've been fortunate to induct a number of new members over the past year and have several currently in "the pipeline", scheduled for induction in the very near future. Unfortunately, we are low on members willing to act as mentors for these new Rotarians. So, we're calling on all members to step up. No qualifications needed other than willingness to be a friend, to answer questions and to share our Rotary experience! Will you help? If so, just let President Steve or Vice-President Bruce know. THANKS!!

50 Things Every Rotarian Should Know About Rotary

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

35 - ROTARY AND THE UNITED NATIONS

During and after World War II, Rotarians became increasingly involved in promoting international understanding. In 1945, 49 Rotary members served in 29 delegations to the United Nations Charter Conference. Rotary still actively participates in UN conferences by sending observers to major meetings and promoting the United Nations in Rotary publications. Rotary International's relationship with the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) dates back to a 1943 London Rotary conference that promoted international cultural and educational exchanges. Attended by ministers of education and observers from around the world, and chaired by a past president of RI, the conference was an impetus to the establishment of UNESCO in 1946.

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



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!



Water filter Funds

President Steve Morenz was very happy to Report today that we have received more funds From donations to provide 4 more water filters to areas in need. The efforts of Rotarians so far has us currently up to a **total of 40 filters** being sent. Keep the funds rolling in so we can meet our goal of 50 filters. **Good work Rotarians !!**



2017 Awards Luncheon



The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 18th and will start on time at 12 noon. Please make sure to arrive early for this meeting and to enjoy the Awards presentations.

Come join us for a delicious meal, fun and fellowship with 4-Hers!

Pork Chop Dinner & Pie Auction Fundraiser Thursday, April 6

4—7 pm, Milan American Legion

Meal Deals: Dine in or Carry out!
Grilled Pork Chop \$8 or Grilled Hot Dog \$5
Includes Kitchen Cooked potato chips,
baked beans, applesauce, dessert and drink!

*Bid on a pie to take home
in the Silent Auction*

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY EXTENSION
4-H EDUCATION FOUNDATION

All proceeds support 4-H and Extension
programs in Rock Island County.



ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT HOMELESS WOMEN & CHILDREN

WINGS for the FUTURE

Charity Event

Thursday, April 27th

5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

226 17th St. RI Holiday Inn, Rock Island

Music By:

Coleman Harris

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Get it registered.com

Until April 14th

TICKETS \$45

Enjoy wings, beers, beverages, appetizers, and more!

To purchase tickets, visit www.sjtw.org,
OR call Ann @ 309-788-0692
OR email Theresa @ felgert22@msn.com

Ask Anne McGlynn!