



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

We Are Inspired!



The program for today's Rock Island Rotary meeting was the Earl Hanson Inspire Choir under the direction of Jean Mercer. The Inspire Choir is a volunteer after-school activity open to Hanson students 3rd through 6th grade. The group has a community

April – June Calendar

- 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

service goal and frequently perform at nursing homes and community activities. The choir led off with the "Coo Coo Clock" folk song, a fun way to get the vocal chords warmed up! They then moved into a four set selection of inspirational and motivating songs. The first was "You Can Count On Me", a song released in 2010 by Bruno Mars that teaches about trust and loyalty. The inspiring words include, "You



can count on me like one two three / I'll be there / And I know when I need it I can count on you like four three two / You'll be there...." That was followed by "Powerful Voices", with lyrics proclaiming that we each possess a powerful voice and need to make powerful choices to make the world better each day. Third in the group

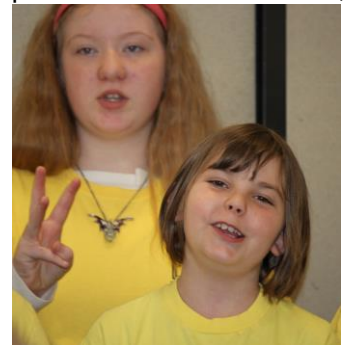


was "Birds Don't Just Fly", from the motion picture **Zootopia**. The song proclaims that birds don't just fly, they fall down and get up! The message comes through clearly, don't be afraid to try new things, don't be afraid of failing, don't give up and don't give in. The final selection in the motivational quad was "Intentional Life",

which urges us to live life on purpose, have goals, and strive to make life count for something more than your own self-gratification. The group concluded their



program with a rousing performance of "R-O-T-A-R-Y, That Spells Rotary". Many Rock Island Rotarians joined in and treated the kids to a ovation fitting the star performance they provided! Thank you students and Mrs. Mercer, and Principal Dan Logan. Also, thank you Tammy Weikert, our club liaison to Earl Hanson School, and thanks to



Tricia Barron and Anne McGlynn for leading the way in our ongoing partnership with Hanson school.



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Club Notes & Announcements!

☐ **WELCOME GUESTS!** Rock Island Rotary was pleased to welcome Alleman Catholic High School Jr. Rotarians, Nate Eder and Conner Boyd and Rock Island High School Jr. Rotarians, Aaron Crose and Jerry Hacker. Virginia Houlton attended with hubby PDG Fred Houlton. We were also pleased to welcome visiting Rotarians, Duncan Cameron, from Naples, Florida, and Mark Zimmerman from Davenport, Iowa. Last but certainly not least on the guest list was our lovely exchange daughter, Agata Burzinska from Poland. Rock Island Rotary thanks all guests for joining us and we 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!

☐ **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.

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

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

PAUL HARRIS RECOGNITION

Charles O. “Chuck” Austin, III, like his father before him, is a long-time Paul Harris Fellow. Chuck is now making donations to honor his grandchildren as Paul Harris Fellows. Today, Foundation Chairman, Bud Phillis, presented Chuck with a jeweled Paul Harris pin recognizing Chuck passing the \$2,000 mark in donations.



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, and a Milani Cellar fine WINE. Tammy Weikert won the cash and donated it to the Rotary Foundation. Tricia Barron won the wine.



Thanks to all who participated!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – MAY ROTARIANS!

Angela Campbell	May	5	Ruth Lee	May	6
Roger Hungerford	May	14	Susan Cassatt	May	21
Mark McQuate	May	24	Jay Stanley	May	29



DISTRICT CONFERENCE FUN & EXCITEMENT

Starved Rock State Park



The 2017 District 6420 Conference was in full swing on Friday, April 28th, complete with Dixieland Band and beads at historic, Starved Rock State Park Lodge. Rock Island Rotary was well represented in multiple respects. When past District Governors were honored at the Foundation Banquet, Ruth Lee and Fred Luckenbill with wife Nancy were among the honored former executives. When recognition turned to donors to the Foundation, Ruth Lee and Sam, with wife Hilde Wray,

were cited as Major Donors. When Paul Harris Fellows were recognized, Ruth, Sam, Hilde, Fred, Nancy, Bud and Diane Phillis, and Bob and Debbi Swanson were honored. When the program turned to presentations of four selected inspiring projects in the District, Bud and Bob gave the details of our club's water filtration project, along with a live demonstration of the filter. The highlight of the presentation however was when Sam Wray came out of the audience and presented Bud with **another \$10,000 donation** for our project! Sam and Hilde have now passed \$20,000 in support for the project. Sam & Hilde received a well-deserved standing ovation! After the meeting, many in attendance showed their interest by sampling our filtered water and taking home one of our project brochures.

The honors for our club continued to roll in on day two of the conference with our Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review being selected as the District's best newsletter. In addition, Bob Swanson, newsletter editor, received Honorable Mention for Outstanding Club officer. When the Literacy Awards were announced Rock Island again scored, bring home the top award for Literacy Club Achievement and the top award for Literacy Sustained Excellence. Yet, there is still more – our Website won Honorable Mention recognition and when recognition turned to Foundation Support Rock Island again ranked tops in the District for per capita giving to the Rotary Foundation. Thanks to all members for our Award-winning year!



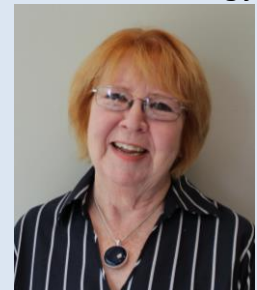
Hilde & Sam Wray



District Governor & Mrs. Scott Shore



Past District Governor
Fred Luckenbill



Past District Governor
Ruth Lee



Bos Swanson Shows Award



Bud Phillis Demonstrates the Filter



Literacy Chairman, Anne McGlynn



Best Newsletter

FOUNDATION MINUTE

On a visit to Southern Nigeria, Dr. James K. Guda of Sebastopol, California and Mike Cook of The Rotary Club of Sebastopol Sunrise learned how hard it can be to bring medical care to the rural areas of Nigeria. They drove 20-30 miles to arrive at a satellite hospital, and it took them an hour to get there. "Big chunks of the road were flooded, and there were people all over the place. We were going through villages and trying not to hit anybody. "

That laborious journey illustrated the reason for their visit – to help make health care available to people in isolated areas. In rural portions of Nigeria, a country with only one physician for every 2500 people, many Nigerians seeking health services have to make trips much more arduous than the drive Cook and Guda undertook. The result is that many people simply don't receive care, and to get more doctors into the remote regions would take years.

However, through a global grant, Gude and the Sebastopol Sunrise Rotarians were able to become a part of a large effort to bring technology to those in need. Called telemedicine – health care can be provided. Telemedicine take doctors to patients from a distance!! It allows physicians to connect with patients remotely, as well as to consult with colleagues all over the world. At its simplest, it consists of a chat via online video, but it can also allow a physician to examine a patient remotely using a robot! This device allows the remote physician to see and examine the patient and even hear the sound transmitted from a stethoscope to aid in making a diagnosis!

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



WATER PROJECT STICKERS AVAILABLE

Newly designed full color stickers were created to be placed on the water filters we are providing for village children in rural Kenya. The sticker, feature the Rotary logo, an American Flag and the inscription, "Rotary Clubs of Western Illinois & Eastern Iowa". Stickers are available from the Sergeant at Arms for \$1. They make great bumper or window stickers. Proceeds to the Water Project.

50 Things Every Rotarian Should Know About Rotary

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

39 - THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'S BEGINNING

Some magnificent projects grow from very small seeds. The Rotary Foundation had that sort of modest beginning.

In 1917 RI President Arch Klumph told the delegates to the Atlanta Convention that "it seems eminently proper that we should accept endowments for the purpose of doing good in the world." The response was polite and favorable, but the fund was slow to materialize. A year later the "Rotary Endowment Fund," as it was first labeled, received its first contribution of \$26.50 from the Rotary Club of Kansas City, which was the balance of the Kansas City Convention account following the 1918 annual meeting. Additional small amounts were annually contributed, but after six years it is reported that the endowment fund had only reached \$700. A decade later, The Rotary Foundation was formally established at the 1928 Minneapolis Convention. In the next four years, the Foundation fund grew to \$50,000. In 1937, a \$2 million goal was announced for The Rotary Foundation, but these plans were cut short and abandoned with the outbreak of World War II.

In 1947, upon the death of Paul Harris, a new era opened for the Rotary Foundation as memorial gifts poured in to honor the founder of Rotary. From that time, The Rotary Foundation has been achieving its noble objective of furthering "understanding and friendly relations between peoples of different nations." By 1954 the Foundation received for the first time a half million dollars in contributions in a single year, and in 1965 a million dollars was received.

It is staggering to imagine that from those humble beginnings, The Rotary Foundation is now receiving more than \$85 million each year for educational and humanitarian work around the world.

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