



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

ALTERNATIVES!

Guest speaker at today's Rock Island Rotary luncheon was Kathy Weiman, CEO of Alternatives for Older Adults. Alternatives for the Older Adult served more seniors than ever before this past year (more than 15,000) with no increase in resources or funding support. Specifically, seniors received many outcomes across a variety of programs including:

-Savings to Illinois taxpayers of more than \$20 million by supporting older adults with



home and community based services, (vs. more costly nursing home care.); 85% of identified victims of elder abuse, neglect or exploitation helped develop interventions to prevent further issues; 84% of caregivers felt more confident in their role because of support provided; 76% of verified complaints from nursing home residents were resolved; 71% of older adults had a reduced level of risk for financial exploitation after referred to the money management program; 93% reported improved health due to activities at the Bridges Senior Center. The main programs offered are Care Coordination, Protective Services, Ombudsman, Caregiver Support, and Money Management. Kathy shrugged of the pressure of having five of her Board of Directors in the audience and gave an interesting report on the impact of Alternatives on our community. Currently the agency is serving over 12,000 elderly citizens. Alternatives has a workfors of more than 1,600 and is the 9th largest employer in the region. These employees pay \$5.5 million in state and local taxes, \$1.5 million in the Quad City area. They calculate the total impact to the region to be more than \$139 millioin. At a time when state funding is shaky at best, Alternatives sits in a rather precarious position relying on the state for approximately 80% of their funding. Ms. Weiman pointed out that Alternatives provies a return on Investment to Illinois taxpayers of 2.5 to 1. Savings are calculated based on the cost that would be incurred if the elderly receiving services from Alternatives enabling them to remain in their homes were forced to move into nursing home care. Currently Illinois is supposed to provide Alternatives with \$21,408.852 in funding. If those citizens served by Alternatives were forced into nursing home care the cost to Illinois would be \$153,048.168. With regard to services, Ms. Weiman stated that Alternatives has been officially designated by the state to provide care coordination for the elderly, including home inspections, money management assistance, and referrals to various service agencies. They have also been given the task of investigating reports of abuse, neglect and exploitation; and they serve as ombudsman for elderly residing in nursing homes. Ms. Weiman also mentioned that volunteers are needed to assist with the money management portion of their services. Thank you Kathy for an informative and well presented program, you did yourself proud in front of your "bosses" in our audience!

April – June Calendar

- May 30 - Mike Thoms – Vision for Rock Island
- June 6 - Dr. Joseph Rives, Western Illinois Univ. Quad Cities
- June 13 - John Gripp and Todd Winter. Rock Island Parks & Recreation
- June 20 - Lee Jackson - Niabi Zoo
- June 27 - Steve Morenz – A look at the past year
- July 4 - NO MEETING
- July 11 - President Bruce Peterson Looking Forward



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2016-17

July – Aug: Kyle Vietti
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Nov – Dec: Gary Rowe
Jan – Feb: John Wetzel
Mar – Apr: Julie Gelaude
May – June: Bob Swanson

Club Notes & Announcements!

□ **WELCOME GUESTS!** Rock Island Rotary was pleased to welcome Eric Long, a prospective member and guest of Justin Peterson. Tom Hanson was a guest of Bud Phillis and Henry Deidrich was a guest of Dave Geenen. We were also pleased to welcome visiting Rotarian, Duncan Cameron, from Naples, Florida. Rock Island Rotary thanks guests for joining us and hope you enjoyed your visit!

□ **SERVICE OPPORTUNITY #1** – 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!

Used but sound plastic bags are needed too. 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!

□ **SERVICE OPPORTUNITY #2** – Rock Island Rotary will be providing manpower for a Mobile Food Pantry at the 2nd Baptist Church in Rock Island. Rotarians are needed from 9:30 until about 1:00pm. If you can't give the entire time, come for what you can! Our job will be to help patrons get food parcels to their cars. As many as 40 volunteers will be needed. Make it a family affair and bring your spouse, family members, and friends.

□ **ROTARY NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK** – Is set for Thursday, July 6th. Mark your calendar now to save the date. We'll have reserved seating, a pre-game social, and our President will throw out the first ball! The Bandits have promised plenty of promotion for Rotary, plus a beautiful evening of baseball, hotdogs, and your favorite outdoor beverages! Reserved seat tickets are available at the Sergeant's table. Get yours next Tuesday!

□ **NEW CLUB ROSTER BOOK** – Members should have received an email asking you to review and update your listing. Please promptly reply. New photos for those wanting them will be taken at our next few meetings.

IT'S BIRDIES TIME!



Our Birdies for Charity drive is underway. All pledges will go to our Club's local Foundation. Making your donation through Birdies for Charity means the Foundation will receive your full donation PLUS matching funds from the John Deere Foundation (last year a 10% match). Kevin wasn't present today to stir the troops but let it be known, we still have a long way to go to reach our goal. Pledge forms are at the Sergeant's table.

CHOOSE YOUR COMMITTEE!

It's time for each of us to select which Rotary Club committees we would like to serve on for the coming year. You will find a copy of the preference sign-up sheet on the last page of today's newsletter. Feel free to use it or make a copy and give your complete sheet to Bruce Peterson at next week's meeting.

FOUNDATION RAFFLE



Today's raffle featured a Dr. Tadlock walnut bowl, a bottle of wine from the Milani Cellar and cash. Mark Mayeski won the wine; the cash went to Steve Morenz who donated it to the Rotary Foundation; and the coveted bowl went to lucky Jim Stanbary!

Thanks to all who participated!

HELP, HELP!! – BIRTHDAY BOOKS



This Thursday is our final Hanson School **Birthday Books** for the year. We need lots of help because we do all the kids who have birthdays in May and June. Arrive at 2:30 and you'll be done by 3pm. Help make some neat kids very happy!

FOUNDATION MINUTE

We are almost there!! Only five cases of polio have been reported in the world this YEAR! And last week not one single case has appeared on record! But many still are working to eradicate the disease. In Pakistan, a polio surveillance network provides a silent force behind the eradication efforts. In a small health facility in Pakistan's Punjab province, Dr. Ujala Nayyar, a World Health Organization's Surveillance Officer, reviews all doctors' appointments in recent months. She checks every record to look for symptoms that could be signs of polio, like a sudden floppiness in arms, legs, or any part of the body that would indicate acute flaccid paralysis. She makes sure the doctors and the hospital staff, working at the clinic, know what the symptoms of polio are and what they need to do if a child with polio appears.

Dr. Nayyar is part of a network of 47 Polio Eradication Officers in 36 districts of Punjab who work with just one aim: to eradicate polio. More than 47,000 health workers, religious leaders, traditional healers and over 10,000 doctors in Punjab help her team to identify paralyzed children.

Surveillance is one of the key activities of the polio eradication effort in Pakistan. Many innovative approaches are being introduced to help detect where the virus is circulating including surveillance reviews and regular orientation sessions for medical officers and consultants on how to report cases.

Your commitment and generosity to the Rotary's goal of eliminating this horrific disease is appreciated. We still need your help so please consider a generous donation to The Rotary Foundation for this purpose. Just "Google" Rotary's Contribution Form and make your gift today.

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, features 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. We'll have a fresh supply of stickers at next week's meeting!

50 Things Every Rotarian Should Know About Rotary

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

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In 1978, Rotary launched its most comprehensive humanitarian service activity with the Health, Hunger and Humanity Program. The 3-H Program is designed to undertake large-scale service projects beyond the capacity of individual Rotary clubs or groups of clubs.

By 1994, more than 135 different 3-H projects have been approved and undertaken in 49 different countries, with an appropriation at more than \$37 million. The objective of these projects is to improve health, alleviate hunger and enhance human, cultural and social development among peoples of the world. The ultimate goal is to advance international understanding, goodwill and peace.

The first 3-H project was the immunization of 6 million children in the Philippines against polio. As 3-H progressed, new programs were added to help people in developing areas of the world. Now, in addition to the mass polio immunization of over 100 million children in various countries, 3-H has promoted nutrition programs, vocational education, and improved irrigation to increase food production, polio victim rehabilitation and other activities which benefit large numbers of people in developing countries. All 3-H projects are supported by the voluntary contributions of Rotarians through The Rotary Foundation. In years to come the 3-H Program may well be considered Rotary's finest service activity, showing how Rotarians care and are concerned about people in need, wherever they may be.

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

Rotary Committee Preferences: 2017 - 2018

Please choose three committees that you would like to participate in during the upcoming 2016 - 2017 Rotary Year. Please check the column labeled "Interested" if that committee is of interest to you, and please check the column labeled "Chair" if you are interested in leading that committee. Please sign the form and return it to Bruce Peterson. Thank you for your service in the Rotary Club of Rock Island.

Your Name _____

	<u>Interested</u>	<u>Chair</u>		<u>Interested</u>	<u>Chair</u>
Program Committee:			Nominating Committee:		
August-September					
October-November			Public Image Committee:		
December-January			Newsletter:		
February-March			Website:		
April-May			Press Releases:		
June-July			Social Media:		
Membership Committee:			Interact/RILA:		
Chair - Sue Lerschen Cassatt					
Recruiting			Rotaract:		
Mentoring					
Orientation			Earlyact:		
Budget Priorities:			Ambassadorial Scholars:		
Chair - Frank Lambert					
Salvation Army Bell Ringing:			Blood Drive:		
Bert Blood Scholarships:			Awards Luncheon:		
Invocations/Music Committee:			"Fun" Committee:		
Fundraising Committee:			Rotary International Foundation:		
			Chair - Bud Phillis		
Youth Exchange:			RI Rotary Club Foundation:		
			Development Committee		
Literacy Committee:			Grant/Project Committee		
			Earl Hanson Partnership		
RIHS Entrepreneurship/ Enterprise Class			Rotary Ramble		
Pumpkin Patch					
Global Project					

**Rotary 2017-18
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ROSTER BOOK PHOTOS - Bob Swanson will be taking photos prior to and after next week's meeting for anyone who doesn't have a photo for the 2017-2018 Roster Book or who would like a new photo for the book. Arrive anytime from 11:30 to 1:50 for pre-meeting photos. If you miss next week, another photo shoot will be prior to and after our meeting on June 13. That will be the final opportunity to have Bob take your picture. You can also email a photo of your choice to Bob. Everything goes to the printer on June 15th, so don't let this slide!