



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



Guest speakers at today's Rock Island Rotary luncheon were **Dr. Joseph Rives**, WIU Vice President, over-seeing the Quad Cities campus and Planning, and **Paul Plagenz**, Quad Cities Campus Director of Development



April – June Calendar

- 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

Western Illinois State Normal school in Macomb was first chartered in 1899 for teacher preparation in grammar schools. The name was changed in 1957 to Western Illinois University. In the late 1960's the first classes were offered in the Quad Cities. In 2012 the WIU – Quad City Riverfront Campus celebrated its Grand Opening. The Quad City campus serves a unique market that is different than the main campus in Macomb. The average age of students in the Quad City area is 28 years old. WIU currently has 44 major programs. The engineering program in the Quad Cities has a strong enrollment of about 200 students. There are also PHD programs at the Quad City Campus focusing in two areas: Educational Leadership and a study of the Mississippi River. The student population in the Quad Cities represents eight different foreign countries. Dr. Rives was very happy to remind our exchange daughter Agata that there could be a course Study available for her after graduation and then Poland would be represented as well. A strong partnership with WQPT is continually being administered that focuses on similar core values focused on life long learning. There are current challenges facing the university as the state of Illinois currently has \$102 million held back in debt to the school. Dr. Rives is very optimistic for the future of the Quad City Campus which includes phase III of the building plans for this area. A Science / Math and Technology Center will be built along the river in the area known as the Mills. A Cyber Security major will be introduced in the future and educational opportunities to build a stronger relationship with the nation of Israel may also be developed. The Quad City Campus will continue to evolve and adapt to our area and the needs of the community. Online degree programs will be developed as the need and demands are presented and tuition costs should remain at a Consistent rate for students during their entire 4 years of college.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JUNE ROTARIANS!!

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| Rick Seidler | Mike Oberhaus | Jeff Dismer | Mike Locander |
| Val Yazbec | Pete Wessels | John Wetzel | Anne McGlynn |
| John Oliger | Linda Golden | Justin Peterson | James Benson |
| Larry Tadlock | Sarah Gorham | Jim Stanbary | |



Club Notes & Announcements!

Welcome Guests: **Agata Burzinska** our exchange student from Poland and her parents **Dorota and Mr. Burzynska**, **Virginia Johnson** guest of Don Peterson, **Paul Plagenz** guest of Gary Rowe, **Duncan Cameron**, and **Steve Barton** guest of Dave Geenan.

Heart of Hope Food Pantry service opportunity Thursdays 5:30 – 7:30 pm see **Al Metz or Steve Morenz**
Also seeking morning volunteers if available on Thursday from 7:30 – 9:30 am. And grocery bags are still needed.

Rotary Night at the Ball Park – Thursday July 6th at Modern Woodmen Park \$10 tickets are available.

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

Installation of Officers and new members of the Board of Directors --- Tuesday June 27th

Birdies for Charity pledges will be accepted up through the meeting on Tuesday June 27th.



Club of Rock Island

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Sue Cassatt, 2nd VP
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John Phillips, Past President

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Molly Shattuck
Al Metz
Tricia Barron
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Program Chairs

2016-17

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

FOUNDATION RAFFLE



Today's Winners – **Jeff Dismer** won the money and quickly donated it to Agata for her West Coast trip. **Bud Phillis** won a bottle of wine.



CHOOSE YOUR COMMITTEE!

Time is running out for you to select which Rotary Club committees you would like to serve on for the coming year. A copy of the preference sign-up sheet is printed 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. Those members that do not turn in a preference sheet will be assigned to one or more of our committees. To ensure you are involved with areas that are of interest to you, please take the time to fill out the preference form and turn it in!



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). Forms are at the Sergeant's table. June 27th is the deadline.

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. Proceed 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

44- POLIOPUS

PolioPlus is Rotary's massive effort to eradicate poliomyelitis from the world by the year 2005. It is part of a global effort to protect the children from five other deadly diseases as well-the "plus" in PolioPlus. The program was launched in 1985 with fund-raising as a primary focus. The original goal was to raise 120 million. By 1988, Rotarians of the world had raised more than \$219 million in cash and pledges. By 1994, the cash total exceeded \$246 million! These gifts have enabled The Rotary Foundation to make grants to provide a five-year supply of vaccine for any developing country requesting it to protect its children. Grants have been made to nearly 100 countries - a commitment, thus far, of \$181 million to buy vaccine and to improve vaccine quality.

Achieving eradication will be difficult (only one other disease, smallpox, has ever been eradicated) and expensive (estimated cost to the international community is nearly \$2 billion). It will require continuing immunization of children worldwide, and it also must include systematic reporting of all suspected cases, community-wide vaccination to contain outbreaks of the disease, and establishment of laboratory networks. Rotary will not be alone in all these efforts but in partnership with national governments, the World and Pan American Health Organizations, UNICEF and others. Rotary's "people power" gives us a special "hands on" role. Rotarians in developing countries have given thousands of hours and countless in-kind gifts to help eradication happen in their countries.

No other non-governmental organization ever has made a commitment of the scale of PolioPlus. Truly it may be considered the greatest humanitarian service the world has ever seen. Every Rotarian can share the pride of that achievement!

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



Banner Exchange

The parents of our exchange student Agata joined us Tuesday for our meeting. Agata's mother **Dorota** exchanged Rotary banners with club **President Steve Morenz**. In addition to the banner, Dorota brought other gifts to share with Rock Island Rotary (below). She thanked us for the support of the exchange program and for all the friendship given to Agata. She was proud that Agata was recognized as the most improved swimmer at Rock Island HS. It was very clear to her that Agata has become a more mature and confident person as a result of the exchange year spent in Rock Island.



Polish Candy to share



A tapestry made by the girls at the Education Center that is supported by Dorota's Rotary club in Poland.



Agata says goodbye to the fish.



A framed drawing of the meeting place for Dorota's Rotary club back home. The picture and gift is a symbol of the connection to the Rock Island Rotary. Both clubs have a designated meeting place that is next to a nearby river. Our clubs are connected by The Rivers that flow beside us. It is a great gift that will always remind us of our friends from Poland.

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 _____

	Interested	Chair		Interested	Chair
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			Rotaract:		
Recruiting			Earlyact:		
Mentoring			Ambassadorial Scholars:		
Orientation			Blood Drive:		
Budget Priorities:			Awards Luncheon:		
Chair - Frank Lambert			"Fun" Committee:		
Salvation Army Bell Ringing:			Rotary International Foundation:		
Bert Blood Scholarships:			Chair - Bud Phillis		
Invocations/Music Committee:			RI Rotary Club Foundation:		
Fundraising Committee:			Development Committee		
Youth Exchange:			Grant/Project Committee		
Literacy Committee:			Earl Hanson Partnership		
RIHS Entrepreneurship/ Enterprise Class			Rotary Ramble		
Pumpkin Patch					
Global Project					

Rotary 2017-18 Make A Difference

FINAL CHANCE -- ROSTER BOOK PHOTOS -- Bob Swanson will be taking photos prior to and after our meeting on June 13. That will be the final opportunity to have Bob take your picture. If you have a photo and want to use it, you can email it to Bob. Everything goes to the printer on June 15th, so we must either take your photo or receive your own photo by June 14th.