



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

PRES. BRUCE

Rock Island Rotary entered our 104th year under the leadership of Bruce Peterson, the 102nd Rotarian to hold the position as Rock Island club president (two held the office for two terms, Emerson Fisher, 1917-19 and Jeff Dismar, 2006-08). Bruce began his comments by thanking his wife, Sue, for her support and encouragement and thanking the club for giving him the opportunity to serve as president. He then spoke of the loss suffered by the club with



the untimely death of member, Chuck Austin. The balance of his talk centered on the upcoming year. He began by reminding us of the phrase, "The Power of One", noting that one dedicated and hard working person has great power. He then said for Rotary, multiply the power of One by 1.3 million. He then reviewed how much Rotary International has done for the world, particularly in the battle to end Polio. He noted that along with the Gates Foundation, Rotary has rid the world of the deadly disease in all but two countries; and the battle there continues. On the local scene President Bruce set a goal to build our Augustana Scholarship Endowment to \$20,000 so that a meaningful scholarship can be given each year from the earnings. Currently the endowment has a balance of \$7,000 and will soon be increased with club funds to \$10,000. He asked club members to consider making a contribution during the coming year. He expressed continued support for our Earl Hanson Partnership including the Birthday Book program, the Pumpkin Patch field trip, and the Angel Tree Christmas donation program. He noted that Fred Luckenbill will continue our Dining Book fundraiser and noted that last year \$1,000 was raised. Bruce said that our Trivia Night fundraiser will be held on November 11th and he encourages all Rotarians to participate. In December he said our Rotary Ramble 5K Run will be one of our major fundraising events of the year and asked that all members help in one way or another. December will also see us continue helping the Salvation Army by manning the kettle and ringing the bells. President Peterson then announced that our club has successfully obtained a Rotary District grant which will support the Youth Hope Creative Arts program. Bruce invited Rotarians to sit in on practice performances of the student poets to offer support and encouragement. Continuing his summary of upcoming events the president urged continued support for the Heart of Hope Food Pantry by donating plastic grocery bags and manning the Pantry on Thursday nights. Continuing our efforts in Literacy, Bruce announced that 10 mini libraries have been build and will be needing paint and a stock of books prior to their placement at Rock Island schools and community sites. He noted that our club will continue hosting Jr. Rotarians from Rock Island and Alleman High Schools and reminded members that these student leaders are also the future of Rotary. He thanked our members for always making the students feel welcome and included in members' conversations. Bruce stated that the club will again host the "A Little Off Key" fundraiser in March and urged members to participate. He pledged support for continuing the Entrepreneur & Enterprise program at Rock Island High School. He said the club will also continue honoring our community's finest with our annual Award Banquet; and our Budget Priorities Committee will continue financial support of local projects and organizations with a \$7,500 budget for next year. He noted that our strong backing of the Birdies for Charity program will help continue the growth of our local club foundation. In conclusion president Bruce reminded us that Rotary is not a spectator sport! We all must do our part to ensure the continued success of our club! It appears our club is in good hands for the coming year! Best of luck to President Bruce and the new Board of Directors.

June - July Calendar

July 18 - Heart of Hope
July 25 - Lee Vasquez, Hispanic
Chamber of Commerce
Aug 1 - TBA
Aug 8 - TBA
Aug 15 - TBA
Aug 22 - Dist. Gov. Steven Kuhn
Aug 29 - TBA



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Aug – Sept: Fred Luckenbill
Oct – Nov: Tom Hammar
Dec – Jan: John Wetzel
Feb – Mar: Gary Rowe
Apr – May: TBA
June - July: Justin Peterson/
Bill Groh

Club Notes & Announcements!

□ **WELCOME GUESTS!** Rock Island Rotary was pleased to welcome the following guests at today's meeting: Regina Haddock of the Quad Cities Dress For Success organization. Virginia Johnson, spouse of Rotarian Don Peterson; and, Sue Peterson, spouse of our new club president, Bruce Peterson. Rock Island Rotary thanks guests for joining us and hope you enjoyed your visit!

□ **ON GOING SERVICE OPPORTUNITY** – In Rotary, some members are able to give money, others can give time. Service Above Self can manifest itself in many ways. 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. Don't throw them away, bring them to Rotary!

□ **NEW ROSTERS AVAILABLE** – Our 2017-18 Club Roster Book is now available. Members can pick up a copy at the Sergeant At Arms table. One free to each member.

□ **NEW E-MAIL & CELL PHONE** – Please make a note in your new Roster Book, Mike Locander has a new e-mail address: mikelocander@gmail.com and new cell phone too: 309 - 430 - 8699.

□ **BIRDIES FOR CHARITY** – Kevin Koski gave the happy final report! Our goal was 45 pledges for a total of \$1.45 per birdie. Rock Island Rotarians came through with 46 pledges and a total of \$2.15 per birdie. Thanks to all who joined the campaign. All proceeds will go to our local club foundation.



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

ROCK ISLAND ROTARY SUPPORTS DRESS FOR SUCCESS

Rock Island Rotary made a \$400 donation to Dress For Success Quad Cities. The purpose of Dress For Success is to offer long-lasting solutions that enable women to break the cycle of poverty. Dress for Success is part of a global movement for change, empowering women to obtain safer and better futures. They provide each client with professional attire to secure employment, but are about much more than simply a new outfit. Besides physically equipping the client with apparel and accessories. The program furnishes the client with a confidence that she carries forever and the knowledge that she can actively define her life, the direction she takes and what success means to her. Dress for Success is a stepping stone forward for many women who, for a variety of reasons, have not reached their full potential. They help women dress professionally, develop or

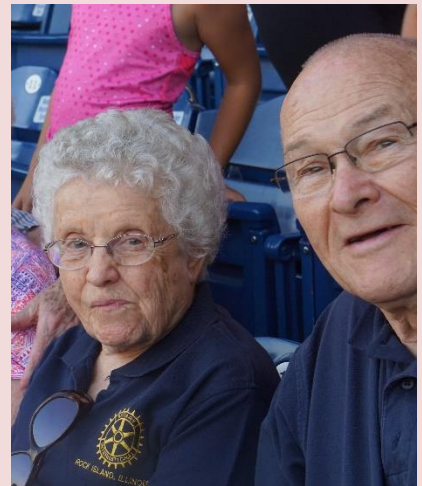


Rotary Budget Priorities Chairman, Frank Lambert presents our donation to Regina Haddock of Dress For Success

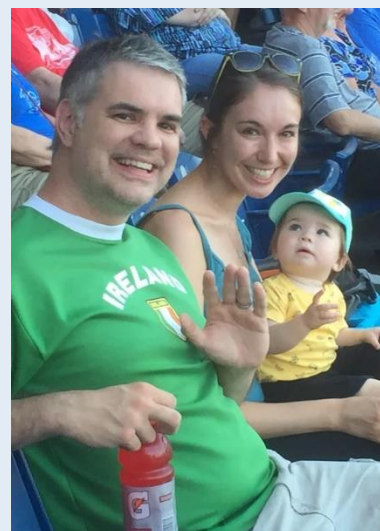
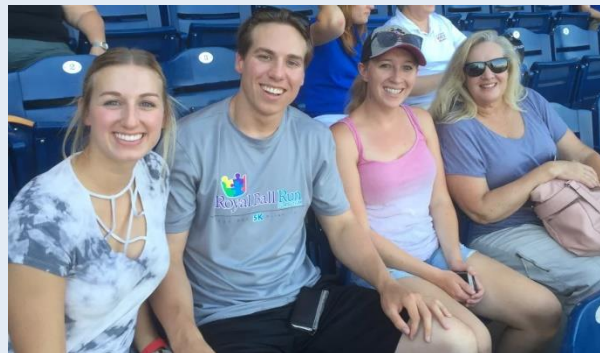
improve the skills associated with life and career success, and encourage them to pursue careers that fulfill them. Volunteer staff work with clients to help choose an interview outfit and also provide guidance and support for the upcoming interview. The program includes help for remaining employed, and provide strategies to nurture professional growth. They also address and strive to eliminate the frustrating obstacles that may arise during a search for employment. Dress For Success also host a "Career Center" where women meet regularly to support and encourage each other through building confidence, networking and discussing workplace-related topics. These meetings help participants stay motivated and optimistic.

ROTARY NIGHT AT THE BALL PARK!

Rotarians enjoyed an evening of beautiful weather, hot dogs, popcorn, and their favorite beverages on Thursday, July 6th. Modern Woodman Park was the venue and the Quad City River Bandits provided the entertainment, pounding Kane County 13-3! The win was the 6th straight for the red-hot Bandits. Undoubtedly, they were inspired by Steve Morenz throwing out the first pitch, and a throng of Rotarians cheering them on from box seats behind home plate!



MORE FUN AT THE BALL PARK!



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MIKE LOCANDER AND STEVE MORENZ



FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Today's raffle featured John Deere Classic tickets and cash. Dr. Larry Tadlock won the cash and donated it to the Rotary Foundation. Jeff Dismer won two tickets to the John Deere Classic. Jim Moran and Jim Nordquist also each won Classic tickets.



Thanks to all who participated!

50 Things Every Rotarian Should Know About Rotary

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

48 - About Community Service'

A community, defined in its simplest terms, is a group of people who have something in common. But in real life, it is something far more complex than that. Each member — every individual, group, organization, and business — draws benefits from the community in many ways. For a community to thrive, each of its members must honor a commitment to contribute to the well-being of the whole by returning those benefits in kind.'

Rotarians recognize the importance of giving back to the community. After all, Community Service is one of the Four Avenues of Service. Every Rotary club and every Rotarian assumes a responsibility to find ways to improve the quality of life for those in their communities and to serve the public interest. When those efforts are effective, they not only contribute to the greater good, they also promote Rotary's positive image.

What makes a community service effort effective? Relevance. A community service project must address a real, current community concern or issue. Rotary clubs should start by surveying their communities to find out where help is needed. Once a club has listened to its community, it can begin to envision effective responses to problems.

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

TURN OUT LOW – BUT ENTHUSIASM HIGH!

On Saturday, July 8th Rock Island Rotarians assisted with a Mobile Food Pantry at the 2nd Baptist Church in Rock Island. Help was needed from 9:30 until about 1:00pm. The church had asked for help to prepare and hand out the food items. Steve Morenz and Tricia Barron answered the call on behalf of Rock Island Rotary. These two tireless workers went above and beyond the call to represent our club! Thanks for your hard work and dedication!



ROTARIANS MOURN LOSS

Rock Island Rotarians were deeply saddened to learn of the tragic death of fellow member, Charles O. "Chuck" Austin, III, on Friday, July 7. True to our Rotary motto, "Service Above Self", at the time of his fatal injury, Chuck was serving as a volunteer setting up for the John Deere Classic at the TPC Deere Run Golf Course. Chuck will be remembered as a tireless volunteer, energetic leader, member of numerous committees, assistant Foundation Chairman, and multi-level Paul Harris Fellow. Our thoughts and prayers go out to wife Ann and the entire Austin family.