



# Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

## PIONEER FOOTBALL



Todd DePoorter, head football coach for the Alleman Pioneers was today's guest speaker. Todd began coaching football in Alleman's Booster Boys program in 1984. In 1988 he joined the high school coaching staff as an assistant freshman coach. Now 29 years later he is the head varsity football coach for the "Pioneers". In Chris Lemon's introduction he mentioned how much passion Todd has for his sport, players, and school. Todd reinforced that passion, revealing

that on his wedding day he went to practice rather than on a

honeymoon! Todd's ties to Alleman go back even further noting that he was both a student and a player for the Pioneers. He then attended Augustana College where he also played football. Coach DePoorter noted that his love of both the sport and Alleman is partly due to the school's ongoing commitment to service. He pointed out that his football athletes are strongly encouraged to perform service and said that this past summer his team spent a day moving 400 old desks out of Alleman and moving 400 new ones in to take their place. His team is also involved in the "Out of the Dark" program with the mental health foundation; and, the SPEC (Special People Encounter Christ) program at the school. His update on this year's Pioneer team included telling Rotarians about the Pioneers participating in the Notre Dame University summer passing league and getting an "insiders" tour of the historic Notre Dame locker rooms and trophy areas. DePoorter was also quick to report that it is a pleasure to coach "Great kids from great families". He said parents are very involved with the youngsters and that the kids are quick to learn and are willing to do what they are asked to do. For the coming season Todd says that the number of athletes in the program is down, but those they have are very talented. He said avoiding injury will be critical to the success of the team. He also noted that several new coaches have joined his staff, bringing a fresh look and at times challenging, in a positive way, some of the long-standing practices of the team. DePoorter said that being a small school, students are encouraged to participate in multi-sport activities and frequently coaches cross the lines from sport to sport helping each other as assistants. In conclusion coach DePoorter mentioned the negative publicity football has received in recent years and pointed out that Alleman began concussion protocol testing two year before it became a state requirement. He said Alleman has always taught shoulder tackling and blocking and strongly supports the "Heads Up" tackling program. His final comment was that the Western Big 6 Conference has significantly changed over the past few years, with fewer teams emphasizing the running game and more going to the "spread" passing style of offense. He intimated that Alleman will continue their rugged style of "run the ball"! Over the past two weeks we've been treated to programs by both the Alleman and Rocky head football coaches. It is gratifying to note that our kids and local football programs appear to be in very capable hands! Thanks Todd for a very interesting and informative program.

### Aug. – Sept. Calendar

- Aug 21 - Regular Board Meeting
- Aug 22 - Board meeting with District Governor. 11am.
- Aug 22 - Dist. Gov. Steven Kuhn
- Aug 29 - Debbie Anselem – QC Times Publisher
- Sept 5 - Dr. Mike Oberhaus – "State of the Schools" Joint Meeting w/Kiwanis
- Sept 12- Jeff Hancks – The WPA
- Sept 19 - Betty Clementz – District 6420 Friendship Exchange
- Sept 26 - Ruth Lee – Trip to Africa, Water Project Report
- Sept 28- Fellowship of Wining Rotarians – Grape Life



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## Program Chairs 2017-18

Aug – Sept: Fred Luckenbill  
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Feb – Mar: Gary Rowe  
Apr – May: Dave Geenen  
June – July: Justin Peterson/  
Bill Groh

## Club Notes & Announcements!

□ **WELCOME GUESTS!** Rock Island Rotary was pleased to welcome Jesse Hullou, guest of Al Metz. We also welcomed our very special Exchange daughter, Pitchayapa Rungrueng, “Pat”, who arrived from Thailand just this past Sunday. We had the pleasure of hosting three visiting Rotarians, Mark Zimmerman from Davenport, Iowa; Duncan Cameron from Naples, Florida; and William McCullough from the Iowa Quad Cities Rotary Club. Rock Island Rotary thanks guests for joining us and hope you enjoyed your visit!

□ **NEW ROSTER BOOKS 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.

□ **MEETING WITH DISTRICT GOVERNOR** – All Board members will meet with our District Governor at 11am, just prior to our regular meeting on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mark your calendar!

□ **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. The food pantry goes through 160 bags each night!

□ **PUMPKIN PALOOZA** – Save October 4<sup>th</sup> for our annual trip to the Pumpkin Patch with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders from Earl Hanson School. Sponsors are needed. \$100 to be a sponsor. Contact Angela Campbell. To volunteer to help with the kids at the Pumpkin patch, contact Tricia Barron.

□ **Have Items for our Newsletter?** Email items for publication to Bob Swanson at [bobdebswanson@att.net](mailto:bobdebswanson@att.net).



### FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Today’s raffle featured fine wine from the Lo Milani Collection and CASH! Jeff Dismer was the first lucky winner. He took the cash, and handed it to Pat our new Exchange daughter. Bill Stengel held the second lucky ticket earning him the wine.

Thanks to all who participated!



### *Fellowship of Wining Rotarians*

**What is it?** Last year the Fun Committee came up with the idea of hosting purely social get togethers for Rotarians and the Fellowship of Wining Rotarians was born. Typically held at The Grape Life Wine Store and Lounge in Davenport, they are just fun get togethers. People start gathering any time after 5pm and live jazz combo entertainment begins at 7pm. There is no meeting, no cover, no

membership requirement. All Rotarians (from any club), spouses, significant others, and friends are invited to join the fun and raise a glass of fine wine or your favorite beer/spirits. Cheese, crackers and other snacks are available. It’s just a fun and relaxed, kick back in a comfortable social setting.

**When is it?** The next two gatherings have been set. First, we’ll gather on **Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**. The second gathering will be **Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**.

**Where is it?** The Grape Life Wine Store and Lounge, 3402 Elmore Avenue, Davenport.

**Who is invited?** You Are!!

**So Be a Winner – Come Join the Wining!**



## Foundation Minute

A 40 second Commercial!! - Rotary's tomorrow depends on what we do today. Promote a better world beyond your lifetime by including The Rotary Foundation's Endowment Fund in your estate plan. The principal of a gift to the Endowment fund is never spent, so a portion of the earnings will always be available for Foundation programs. You are invited to join those who have already committed to improve and enrich the lives of people around the globe through a gift to the Endowment Fund!

The Rotary Foundation is known for its commitment to effective programs that make a real difference in people's lives. A gift from your estate to the Endowment Fund can provide ongoing financial support for one or more Rotary service areas, as if you were continuing to make annual contributions in perpetuity.

Need help with the paper work. Contact any of your fellow Rock Island Rotarian attorneys or financial planners.

Thank you.

## *A Very Special Guest Arrives*

This past Sunday marked the arrival of Pitchayapa Rungrueng, who goes by the name "Pat". She is our new Youth Exchange daughter from Thailand. Rotarians were on hand to welcome Pat to America and the Quad Cities when her plane touched down at 10pm at the Quad Cities International Airport. Undoubtedly exhausted and tired after hours and hours of flights and plane transfers, the lovely young lady was genuinely happy to reach her destination and looked forward to her first night in the USA at her host family home with Denise and Mike Maynard. Be sure to meet Pat, say "Hello", and give her a true Rock Island Rotary welcome.



Greeted by her host family,  
Future classmates/friends,  
And Rotarians, Pat's big smile  
Lit up the Quad City  
International Airport!



## WHY DO WE DO YOUTH EXCHANGE?

Rotary Youth Exchange builds peace one young person at a time.

Students learn a new language, discover another culture, and truly become global citizens. Exchanges for students 15 to 19 years old are sponsored by Rotary clubs in more than 100 countries.

### What are the benefits?

Exchange students unlock their true potential to:

Develop lifelong leadership skills

Learn a new language and culture

Build lasting friendships with young people from around the world

Become a global citizen



### How long do exchanges last?

Long-term exchanges last a full academic year, and students attend local schools and live with multiple host families.

Short-term exchanges last from several days to three months and are often structured as camps, tours, or homestays that take place when school is not in session.

### What are the costs?

Room and board are provided, as well as any school fees. Each program varies, but students are usually responsible for:

Round-trip airfare

Travel insurance

Travel documents (such as passports and visas)

Spending money and any additional travel or tours

### Host an exchange student?

Hosting an exchange student can be incredibly rewarding for your family, bringing an international experience directly into your home. Host families provide room and board and share their lives with exchange students, involving them in family, community, and cultural activities. All host families are screened and trained. For more details talk with Jeff Dismer, Exchange Chairman.



"During my year in Brazil, I was a representative of Australia, of my family, and of Rotary. Doing something bigger than yourself, it humbles you." [Joel Jackson, former Youth Exchange student from Australia](#)



"Before, I would never be able to make a conversation with a person I didn't know. Now, I can proudly say it isn't like that anymore. I can go up to people. I have become more open, more mature." [Varda Shah, former Youth Exchange student from India](#)



"To meet up with my classmates and host families after 50 years has been simply amazing. Through Rotary Youth Exchange I had such a precious chance and a fabulous experience. Thank you." [Yoko Sekimoto, the first Youth Exchange student from Japan](#)