



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

WPA Helped Build Our Cities!



Dr. Jeff Hancks, former Rotary Youth Exchange student to Denmark and now Executive Director of International Programs and Professor of Regional Studies at Western Illinois University was guest speaker at today's Rotary meeting. Jeff spoke about the WPA and CCC Programs with emphasis on projects in and around the Illinois Quad Cities. Dr. Hancks noted that the programs were

created in response to the Great Depression. It was President Roosevelt's goal to provide public works to assist people and to create jobs. The WPA was established in 1935 by bringing together some 40 smaller federal programs. The rules of the program were that 90% of the workers hired had to come from the relief rolls. State and Local governments determined the projects and then applied for federal funding. \$10.1 billion was provided in federal money, matched by \$2.8 billion in state and local funds. That sum equals more than \$232 billion in today's money. The money was spent 37% building highways, 11% on parks and playgrounds. 11% went to "white collar" jobs such as teachers and librarians. Another 10% went to women for sewing and canning food. 9% was used to build schools, courthouses, and recreation buildings. 9% built sewers and public utilities. 4% was spent on conservation projects. 2% built municipal airports and transportation projects. 2% went for sanitation projects such as mosquito control. 2% was spent on the Arts including music, painting, sculpture, and mural creation. Miscellaneous other projects received the final 1% of the funds. In total more than 2 million workers were employed through the WPA during the period from 1935 to 1940. 175,000 were employed in Illinois. Through the WPA, 651,000 miles of road were constructed along with 124,000 bridges and viaducts. 125,000 public buildings, 32,000 stadiums, and 4,200 utility plants were constructed. The WPA built or improved 1000 airports. Adult education was provided to 350,000 citizens and 125,000 arts items were created. Turning attention to our state and local area, Hancks stated that the Chicago subway "red line" system was one of the largest WPA projects. Another project in the region was White Pines State Park in the Dixon/Morrison area. Locally Rock Island High School and Longfellow Elementary School were WPA projects, as was Lock and Dam 15, the world's largest roller dam. Turning to the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps), Dr. Hancks noted that the program was established to provide jobs for unemployed urban youth. They worked on mostly rural projects including reforestation, parks, reservoirs, and stringing telephone lines. Again locally, the CCC built the Blackhawk Historic site, including the lodge and museum. In summary Hancks said the WPA and CCC were highly successful and made a long lasting impact on our country. We appreciated the excellent program and were pleased to welcome back another one of our great outbound Rotary Exchange students, Dr. Jeff Hancks. Thank you for sharing with us today!

Sept. – Nov. Calendar

- Sep 19 - Toni Lucas – Rotary Friendship Exchange
- Sep 26 - Ruth Lee – Africa Trip
- Oct 3 - Joe Witty – Happy Joes
- Oct 10 - Doug Hultquist QCBT
- Oct 17 - Bob Onteveros – Group O
- Oct 24 - Linda Bower – Linguisystems
- Oct 31 - Tom and Wanda Hanson Old time Radio Hour – The Bickerton's
- Nov 7 - Molly Shattuck – Attracting Millennial's to Rotary
- Nov 14 - RME – The New Bix Beiderbeck Museum
- Nov 21 - Pastor Wellers – Salem Lutheran Church – Thanksgiving
- Nov 28 - RIHS Orchestra



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Club Notes & Announcements!

□ **WELCOME GUESTS!** Rock Island Rotary was pleased to welcome five guests today including our exchange daughter, Pitchayapa Rungrueng, “Pat”, from Thailand. Joining Pat were Alleman Jr. Rotarians, Addie Pulley and Brendan Hird; Denise Clark from the Two Rivers YMCA; and, Visiting Rotarian Duncan Cameron from Naples, Florida. Guests are always welcome at Rock Island Rotary. Prospective members are our favorites!

□ **MARK YOUR CALENDAR – Thursday, September 28th** is our next Fellowship of Wining Rotarians at Grape Life Wine Store & Lounge. Gather any time after 5pm, live music starts at 7. Libation and snacks available! November’s Wining get together will be Thursday, **November 9th**

□ **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 4th for our annual trip to the Pumpkin Patch with the 1st and 2nd 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.

□ **PAINTING TOMORROW!** - Help is needed to paint the “Little Libraries” we are donating to area schools. Meet at the former Lincoln Elementary School, 2100 – 6th Avenue. Rock Island at 3:30pm TOMORROW! Contact Dan McNeil or Anne McGlynn if you have questions.

□ **ANOTHER DATE TO SAVE** – December 6th is the date of this year’s Rotary Holiday Party at Circa 21. “Elf” is the show. Dining Books save money!

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



FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Today’s raffle featured fine wine from the Lo Milani Collection and CASH! Lucky Tammy Weikert had the first winning number and opted to take the wine. The second winner was held by Alleman Jr. Rotarian, Brendan Hird, who happily accepted the cash! Don’t forget the proceeds of our raffle go to the Rotary Foundation to help carry on the fight against Polio, provide sanitation and clean water to the third world, and foster international peace through numerous education and exchange programs. Thanks to all who participated!

ROTARY TRIVIA NIGHT – Mark your calendar. November 10th is the date of our 2017 Trivia Night. This is one of our major fundraisers for the year. We need support from all members! How can you support this important fundraising effort?

- Put together a team and join the fun and competition with Mr. Trivia at the Camden Center
- Donate an item for the Silent Auction
- Invite your friends and associates to enter a team
- Ask your company/business for a Silent Auction donation item (They will be recognized)
- Volunteer to help at the event

FOUNDATION MINUTE

The Rotary Foundation is a non-profit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs. It is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

The Foundation was created in 1917 by Rotary International's sixth president, Arch C. Klumph, as an endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world." It has grown from an initial contribution of US\$26.50 to more than \$1billion. It has one of the largest and most prestigious international fellowship programs in the world.

Foundation Programs include:

- Polio Eradication - Rotarians have mobilized by the hundreds of thousands to ensure that children are immunized against this crippling disease and that surveillance is strong despite the poor infrastructure, extreme poverty and civil strife of many countries. Since the PolioPlus program's inception in 1985 more than 2.5 billion children have received oral polio vaccine. To date, 209 countries, territories and areas around the world are polio-free. Pakistan, Nigeria and Afghanistan are the only remaining countries with endemic polio. Rotary has contributed \$1.7 billion to global polio eradication.
- Humanitarian Grants Programs - Disaster Recovery facilitates club efforts to support disaster preparedness and recovery.
- District Simplified Grants- Provides support for short-term service activities or humanitarian endeavors of districts in communities locally or internationally. This program began in 2003-2004 and, projects in 44 countries at a cost of \$5.2 million were awarded.
- Health, Hunger and Humanity Grants - Provide support for large-scale, two- to four-year projects that improve health, alleviate hunger, or promote human development. Since 1978, projects in 74 countries have been funded at a cost of \$74 million.
- Matching Grants- Provide matching funds for the international service projects of Rotary clubs and districts. Since 1965, more than 20,000 Matching Grants projects in 166 countries have been funded at a cost of more than \$198 million.
- Educational Programs- Scholarships: Founded in 1947, the Ambassadorial Scholarships program was the largest non-governmental and most international scholarship program in the world. Scholars studied in a country other than their own where they serve as unofficial ambassadors of goodwill. Over 37,000 scholars from some 110 countries received scholarships at a cost of almost \$446 million. Scholarships are now funded by district and global grants and are offered directly through Rotary clubs.
- Group Study Exchange - These annual awards are made to paired Rotary districts to provide travel expenses for a team of non-Rotarians from a variety of vocations. Rotarian hosts organize a four- to six-week itinerary of educational and cultural points of interest. Since 1965, almost 48,000 individuals in more than 11,000 teams from more than 100 countries have participated at a cost of \$85 million.
- Rotary Peace Fellowships - Up to 100 fellows are selected every year in a globally competitive process based on personal, academic, and professional achievements. Fellows earn a master's-level degree or a professional development certificate in peace and conflict studies at one of six Rotary Peace Centers at leading universities in Australia, England, Sweden, Japan, the United States and Thailand.

Your support of the Rotary Foundation makes all of this possible!

Please Complete Your Member Survey and get it back to Sue Cassatt and the Membership Committee: The power of the club lies in our members. It's important to know what's on the minds of our club and we want you to be aware we are open for change. What is your ideal experience? Everyone needs to complete the survey to express your opinion. We will share the results with the club and then develop an action plan that builds on your likes and dislikes. Please contact the membership chair, Sue Lerschen-Cassatt regarding questions. Slerschen-cassatt@firststateil.com 309-644-0101. Thank you for investing a few moments in the future of our great organization. **The Survey was emailed to you 2 weeks ago! If you need another copy notify Bob Swanson.**

THEY'RE BACK!!

Once again Rotary is pleased to offer our Quad City Dining Book, not only for your dining pleasure, but also as an important Club fundraiser. The books cost \$35 and contain over 350 coupons redeemable at 150 LOCAL restaurants, offering substantial discounts at the area's top-quality restaurants. The Circa 21 Coupon alone will save you more than the cost of the book and can be used at any time, even for our club's annual holiday party! Books will be available at next Tuesday's meeting. Make your check out to "Rock Island Rotary".

- Dining Tour books make great gifts!
- Introduces you to new restaurants!
- Save money with every coupon!
- Not expensive to buy!
- Coupons a good until Oct. 31, 2018



For every book purchased Rock Island Rotary receives \$10! Every member should have at least one! Get yours at next Tuesday's meeting!!

District 6420 Rotary Foundation Dinner

Nov 04, 2017 4:45 PM

The Foundation Dinner is a celebration and recognition of District 6420 Rotary member's and their support for The Rotary Foundation. The dinner is open to all district members who want to learn about The Rotary Foundation. Deadline for Registration is October 28th, all reservations must be pre-paid.

4:45 p.m. Social Time (cash bar)
5:45 p.m. Welcome -- DG Steve Kuhn
5:50 p.m. Rotary Moment -- DRFC Ruth Lee
6:00 p.m. Dinner (see menu below)
7:00 p.m. Recognitions
7:30 p.m. Program

Preliminary Program
Polio Plus -- Paul Stromborg, Chair
Annual Fund Officer -- Michelle Gasparian
Keynote -- PDG and PRID, RI Foundation Trustee --
Mary Beth Growney Selene
Closing DG Steve Kuhn and DRFC Ruth Lee

Plated Meal: Entree Options selected at table (If vegetarian option is required, Contact Betty Clementz)

MENU: Salad, Bread and Rolls, Two center plate entrees: Apple and Brie Stuffed Chicken Breast or Beef Medallions, Baby Red Potatoes, Fresh Vegetables, Dessert, Coffee and Tea

Location: Brandywine Banquets, 441 IL Route 2, Dixon, IL The cost per meal is \$42.50

Register Online at: <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50144> Click Foundation Banquet in "Upcoming Events"

ROCK ISLAND ROTARY SUPPORTS TWO RIVERS YMCA PROGRAM



Frank Lambert, our Budget Priorities Committee Chair presents Denise Clark of the Two Rivers YMCA with Rock Island Rotary's donation of \$750 to be used for the YMCA "Y Solutions", a mentoring program for at-risk students in Rock Island middle and high schools. Guidance counselors select students who have the ability to become leaders. Y Solutions provides a safe place for these students to develop good character that in turn will develop them into leaders. The goals of this program are for youth to receive nice education as an essential foundation for success, have a noticeable change in attitude and behavior, set goals, and have an improved outlook on life.