



# Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

## Rotary Friendship Exchange

**Toni Lucas** from the River Cities Rotary Club joined us for a presentation about the plans in place to bring back the Rotary Friendship Exchange. It's like the Youth Exchange program for grownups. A chance to make new friends by immersing yourself into a different culture. Rotarians stay at the homes of Rotarian hosts for about a two week period of time. Expenses are the responsibility of each individual traveling Rotarian. It is customary to bring a gift from your home country and local area to give your host a symbol and understanding of your home.



Usually Rotarians will travel in groups of 10-12. The country selected for the exchange location is determined in advance by a select committee within our District. Locations could be internationally or within the USA. It is a great program that can build global and cultural understanding, and also expand the international Rotary network. Build lifelong friendships and promote the work being done on Rotary's 6 areas of focus.

## Sept. – Nov. Calendar

- Sep 26 - **Ruth Lee – Africa Trip Water Project Report**
- Oct 3 - Joe Witty – Happy Joes
- Oct 10 - Doug Hultquist QCBT
- Oct 17 - Bob Ontiveros – Group O
- Oct 24 - Linda Bower – Linguisystems
- Oct 31 - Tom and Wanda Hanson Old time Radio Hour – The Bickersons
- Nov 7 - Molly Shattuck – Attracting Millenials to Rotary
- Nov 14 - RME – The New Bix Beiderbeck Museum
- Nov 21 - Pastor Willers – Salem Lutheran Church – Thanksgiving
- Nov 28 - RIHS Orchestra



Thursday September 28<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 pm start



**The Grape Life Wine Store and Lounge**

**The Fellowship of Wining Rotarians**

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## Officers

Bruce Peterson, President  
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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!** Mark Zimmermann, Rebecca Arnold, Rohan Genge guest of Dave Geenan, Ann Ring guest of Anne McGlynn, Bob Devrieze guest of Kathy Lelonek, Addie Pulley and Brendan Hird from Alleman and Pat our Youth Exchange daughter.

☐ **ON GOING SERVICE OPPORTUNITY**—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!

☐ **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.

☐ **Piano Player** – If you would like to play piano and join the rotation of skilled musicians before a Rotary meeting please see President Bruce.

☐ **Fislar Cookout – Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> ... watch for details.**

☐ **Tree Planting Day – October 28<sup>th</sup>** with Living Lands and Waters.

☐ **Davenport Rotary's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Wing Fest September 30<sup>th</sup>**  
3pm – 6pm  
**New Miracle Field at 53<sup>rd</sup> and Eastern in Davenport**  
Contact **Mark Zimmerman** for tickets

☐ **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!  
**Student guest Addie Pulley** won the money which totaled \$25 and Rotarian **Larry Tadlock** won the bottle of wine.

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 10<sup>th</sup> 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

### Foundation Minute for Week of September 17

More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. That's 17% of the world's adult population. Rotary's goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. It supports education for all children and literacy for children and adults. It does this by taking action to empower educators to inspire learning at all ages. It encourages the sharing of knowledge and experience with educators and other professionals who work with vulnerable populations. It supports education through scholarships, donations and service projects around the world. In Afghanistan, Rotary members opened a girl's school to break the cycle of poverty and social imbalance. Rotary members in Detroit partnered with *ProLiteracy Detroit* to recruit and train tutors, after a study showed that more than half of the local adult population was functionally illiterate. The *SOUNS* program in South Africa, Puerto Rico and the US teaches educators how to improve literacy by teaching children to recognize letters by sounds instead of names. And Rotarians in Lebanon are providing clean, fresh water to every public school, so students can be healthier and get a better education. When you teach somebody to read, they have that for a lifetime. It ripples through the community, one by one.

**Your continued financial support of the Rotary Foundation allows this to happen. Thank you.**  
**Financial Support Needed: Rotary Club of Ensenada in Mexico needs financial assistant to purchase computers for an orphanage and school. Contact: Octavio Sanchez: [octavioosprecision@gmail.com](mailto:octavioosprecision@gmail.com)**

**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](mailto: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! 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 [www.rockislandrotary.com](http://www.rockislandrotary.com) 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"



**Jay McEvoy** earned his Blue Badge by completing his new member checklist.

Great work **Jay**, and thanks for your eager participation with our club.

## **FISLAR'S FALL ROTARY FLING!**



Dick and Mary Fislar and our Rotary "Fun Committee" cordially invite you and your family to join us at 2210 30th Street, Rock Island (Fislar home) on Saturday, October 7. Time: 4-7 p.m. Brats, burgers, buns and related condiments will be provided. Please bring a dish to share (such as chips, veggies, salad, dessert). Bring your own beverage of choice. In the event of inclement weather, the event will not occur, but we are planning for sunny skies and a nice fall temperature. Sign up at the Sergeants Table!! All Rotarians urged to join the fun! Sign up is essential so we can purchase brats, burgers, buns, etc. in the appropriate



**Budget Priorities presents a check for \$1,000 to a local organization  
St. Joseph the Workers House.**

**Pictured from left to right --- Anne McGlynn and Ann Ring**

### **Rock Island Rotary Supports St. Joseph The Worker House**

St. Joseph the Worker House Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable not-for profit organization. They offer services and transitional housing for homeless women and children in a setting which is home-like, healthy, loving and supportive, and provide connections to local services that assist families. The mission of the House is to provide shelter, basic needs, friendship, empowerment, and hope. Sister Bobby Bussan, Chairman of the Board of the Association, currently operates two houses in Rock Island.

