



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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TING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

GROUP O Bob Ontiveros

Robert Ontiveros is the Chairman of Group O, a company he founded in 1974. As Chairman, Ontiveros oversees the entire Group O family of companies, which is composed of marketing, packaging and supply chain divisions. Ontiveros has grown Group O to more than 1,500 employees across 40 national locations, making it one



of the largest Hispanic-owned businesses in the United States. Ontiveros learned about the large-scale packaging industry early in his career. After seven years with Dun & Bradstreet, Ontiveros joined a small family-run packaging company, where he developed his entrepreneurial drive coupled with important business values, eventually leading to the development of his own firm, Bi-State Packaging. Bob's leadership is evident by his numerous honors, including: **Order of Lincoln** — the state of Illinois' highest honor, recognizing his professional and community achievements; **Outstanding Community Leadership** — State of Illinois Comptroller; U.S. Department of Commerce — **Legacy Award**; Minority Business Hall of Fame —

Inductee; **Lifetime Achievement Award** — National Minority Supplier Development Council; **Lifetime Achievement Award** — Chicago Minority Business Development Council; **Lifetime Achievement Award** — Negocios Now; **Honorary Doctorate** — Augustana College. Ontiveros is an active member of both the Illinois and U.S. Hispanic Chambers of Commerce, along with a number of other community and business organizations. An Illinois native, he dedicates time to serving as a board member for the Boys & Girls Club of the Mississippi Valley, as well as being a Junior Achievement whole school sponsor, which supplies classrooms with educational materials. He also supports many organizations throughout the Quad Cities, including Niabi Zoological Association, Community Healthcare and many more. Bob resides in Moline, Illinois, with his wife Blenda. Now semi-retired, Ontiveros has turned over much of the day to day company operation to his children and to employees, many who have been with him since Group O was formed 43 years ago. Ontiveros credited his success to his immigrant heritage and growing up poor. He noted that the first building his company occupied was rented for \$100 a month. He said that was good, because he had no money! How did he grow from nothing to a company now doing over \$750 million in annual sales? Ontiveros says by "embarrassing change" and "looking for things that need to be done and figuring out how to do it". His attitude has always been "Yes I can: and "I can do it". He stressed that you can't wait for someone to give things to you. Ontiveros lamented that there is a great shortage of workers. He said, "everyone is looking, companies all over are trying to hire". The shortage is "People who want to work". He said Group O is a "Can Do" company. He also said that now is the time for opportunity with exciting things happening. Mr. Ontiveros credited his grandfather for inspiring him to succeed. He said his grandfather immigrated from Mexico in 1918 and proudly displayed his grandfather's and parents' old and worn naturalization certificates. He said grandpa worked from dawn to dusk every day. He also credited the help of other business men with helping him when problems arose. He places high value on networking and urged us to network with others more often. He identified Rotary as an excellent place for networking. At 79 Bob Ontiveros still shows the enthusiasm and drive that made him one of America's top Hispanic businessmen and built one of our areas finest businesses. This was another inspiring program highlighting what can be accomplished with drive and hard work.

Oct. – Nov. Calendar

- Oct 24 - Linda Bower –
Linguisticsystems
- Oct 24 - Nominating Committee
11:30 Meeting
- Oct 26 - Earl Hanson Birthday Books
- Oct 31 - Tom and Wanda Hanson
Old time Radio Hour –
The Bickerton's
- Nov 7 - Molly Shattuck –
Attracting Millennials to
Rotary
- Nov 14 - RME – The New Bix
Beiderbeck Museum
- Nov 21 - Pastor Willers – Salem
Lutheran Church –
Thanksgiving
- Nov 28 - RIHS Orchestra
- Dec 5 - Rocky Chamber Singers
- Dec 6 - Rotary Holiday Party
Circa 21 – ELF The Musical
- Dec 9 - Salvation Army Bell Ringing



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Apr – May: Dave Geenen
June – July: Justin Peterson/
Bill Groh

Club Notes & Announcements!

□ **WELCOME GUESTS!** Rock Island Rotary was pleased to welcome guests at today's meeting. Scott Shattuck, spouse of Molly attended as did Taylor German, a guest of Tom Hammar. Alleman Jr. Rotarians, Patrick Schmitt and Amber Guzzo attended along with our lovely exchange daughter, Pitchayapa "Pat" Rungrueng, from Thailand. Guests are always welcome at Rock Island Rotary. Prospective members are our favorites!

□ **NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING** – at 11:30 just prior to next week's meeting. Stan Coin, Clarence Darrow, Carrie Crossen and Fred Houlton are reminded to attend with Chair, Frank Lambert.

□ **BIRTHDAY BOOKS** – October 26 is the next Earl Hanson Birthday Books. Arrive at 2:15 and be done before 3pm.

□ **TREE PLANTING DAY – October 28th** with Living Lands and Waters Signup at the Sergeant's Table. We'll be planting acorns from 9am until noon. Come when you can, stay as long as you want. See John Phillips for details.

□ **MARK YOUR CALENDAR** – Our first "Rotary Ramble" 5K race will be on Sunday, December 3rd. We'll need runners, walkers, and helpers to pull off a successful race and fundraiser. Chairman Mike Locander will be providing more details in the near future. Keep tuned in!

□ **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! 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!

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

□ **Have Items for our Newsletter?** Email to bobdebswanson@att.net. If you attend a Rotary event and take pictures, please also email or text them to Bob. The newsletter is much better with lots of photos!

FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Today's raffle featured fine wine from the Lo Milani Collection and cash. The first lucky number was held by John Slover. John took the cash and donated the entire pot to our local Rotary Club Foundation. Sarah Cross was our second lucky winner and she took home a fine bottle of Cabernet Sauvignon. Keep in mind, the proceeds from our raffle go to the Rotary Foundation to help carry on good work worldwide.

Thanks to all who participated!



WORLD POLIO DAY – NEXT TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

For the first time, Rotary's World Polio Day celebration heads to the West Coast of the United States. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, one of our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, will host the annual event at its campus in downtown Seattle, Washington, on 24 October. Only 11 new cases of polio caused by wild poliovirus have been reported this year, all in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

At the 2017 Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Bill Gates renewed and increased his foundation's pledge to match, 2-to-1, all contributions to The Rotary Foundation that are designated for polio eradication efforts. Rotary's commitments and pledges from world governments and corporate donors, counted along with the Gates Foundation's pledge, have made the campaign to eliminate polio worldwide \$1.3 billion stronger.

If you have been considering starting a Paul Harris sustaining membership for yourself or other family member, why not take the leap and do it on World Polio Day at our October 24th meeting? You need only donate \$100 and the Gates Foundation will add \$200, that along with our Club's matching funds will have you well on your way to a full Paul Harris Fellow designation. Just let Bud Phillis know that you want to get started. Let's see how many new Paul Harris sustaining members we can introduce on October 24th. If you have questions, Bud will be happy to help.

FOUNDATION MINUTE

Conflict and violence displace millions of people each year. Half of those killed in conflict are children and 90% are civilians. Rotary International refuses to accept conflict as a way of life. Its projects provide training that fosters understanding and provides communities with the skills to resolve conflicts. Through its service projects, peace fellowships and scholarships, our members are taking action to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education and unequal distribution of resources.

100 Peace fellowships are offered each year at the seven Rotary Peace Centers around the world. One thousand students have graduated from this program. 36% of them are now working in nongovernmental organizations, 15% in government agencies, 8% are teaching, and 6% are with United Nations agencies. The remaining students can be found working in the World Bank, journalism, police and law enforcement.

Many of our clubs are active in bringing peace to the world by improving quality of life. Its People for People Foundation has helped 10,000 families afford food, clothing, rent, utilities, medications and other necessities.

A Rotaract club in the Philippines conduct anti-bullying campaigns in schools to teach children how to handle conflict peacefully from an early age. And in the State of Louisiana local Rotary members address the issue of domestic violence by subsidizing a shelter that provides subsistence to over 500 women a year.

Your generous contribution to the Rotary Foundation allows this happen. Thank you.



Rock Island Rotary Environmental Project



In response to the charge given to all Rotary Clubs by our International President, Ian H.S. Wiseley, asking every Rotary club to plant a tree for each of its members between the start of the Rotary year on 1 July and Earth Day on 22 April 2018, Rock Island Rotary has partnered with Living Lands & Waters. Here are the details for our project: on Saturday, Oct. 28 at 9AM - Noon we will meet at the Living Land & Waters Tree Nursery, 6000 Eastern Avenue in Davenport. Park in the Eastern Branch of the Davenport Library at 6000 Eastern Avenue. We will then plant acorns from Bur Oak, Swamp White Oak and Red Oak trees. Our trees will be harvested in two years and made available to Park Departments, Forest Preserves, community groups and citizens to plant throughout our area. We need to plant about 100 trees, but once we get going, who knows how many we can do! Sign-up sheet at the Sergeant at Arms table.

Contact John Phillips for more information. 309-428-5495 or phillinsiohn99@gmail.com

GOT YOUR DINING BOOK??

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 are 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!!

ROTARY HOLIDAY PARTY



Wednesday, December 6th

**Ticket includes: Pre-Show Salon Party with
Complimentary Hoers Devours and Cash Bar (5:00-6pm)
Buffet Dinner (5:45-7:00pm)
Bootleggers Warm-up Show (7:15pm)
Elf The Musical (7:30pm)**

ONE ADMISSION \$47.75

TWO ADMISSIONS \$95.50

TWO WITH DINING BOOK COUPON \$59.38

Tip included (not including deserts & bar)

Circa Subscriber? Pay Just \$3.20 per person for gratuity

Rotarians, their families and friends are cordially invited!

SIGN UP AT ROTARY, OR EMAIL bobdebswanson@att.net



Rock Island Rotary TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, November 10th at 6:30pm

SAVE the DATE and get your team together for Rock Island Rotary's annual fundraiser! Cash prizes, cash bar, 50/50, silent auction and TONS of FUN with MR. TRIVIA!!!

This fundraiser supports Earl Hanson Elementary School.

When: Friday, November 10th, 2017

Where: Milan Community Center, 2701 1st Street East, Milan

Time: 6:30pm START time, doors open at 5:45pm

Cost: \$100 a table, 8 players at a table

Enter by signing up at Rotary or calling Kathy Trone at 309-794-9400 or email Kathy@wesselspc.com.

The Rock Island Rotary Club is challenging all other Rotary Clubs in the QC Area to participate and TRY to win the "Traveling Trophy" for the SMARTEST ROTARY CLUB!

Items are needed for the silent auction. If you or your company/business can donate something, please contact Kathy and let her know what you will be donating.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing!

Rock Island Rotary will man the bells and kettles for the Salvation Army at the Rock Island Hy-Vee on 18th avenue on December 9th. We will be at both the East and West doors. We start at 9:00 AM and need two people at each door. We have the following slots available if you want to reserve early, but please don't reserve a time unless you are fairly certain you can make that date.

9:00-10:00
10:00-11:00
11:00-12:00
12:00-1:00
1:00-2:00
2:00-3:00



Reserve your spot by sending Mark Mayeski an email with the name(s) and time slot requested. Send to mark.mayeski@edwardjones.com. First come, first serve!



Run or Walk and help us Celebrate

The first Annual Rotary Ramble 5K



Dress warm and be Festive !!



- **Rotary Ramble 5 K Run or Walk – Raising Funds for Rock Island Rotary Community Projects**
- **Sunday December 3rd 2017 at 9:00am**

Start and Finish Location – IBEW Hall at 1700 52 Ave. Moline, IL (South of Southpark Mall)

* Fast, Flat and Scenic Course

- **5K Runners – Overall Male and Female Winner Awards**

1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards for these age groups:

0-9, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59,
60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, and 80+

- **Walker Category – Overall Male and Female Winner Awards**

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards for these age groups:

0-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+

- **Food/Drinks and Drawing – Post race at the Awards Ceremony at the IBEW approximately 10:00 am.**

- **Fees / Registration**

5K Runners and Walkers - \$30.00 by 11/25/17 or

\$35.00 on Race Day Morning

Phantom Runner – Shirt Only with no race registration -- \$20.00

(Must provide address and contact info.)

- **Additional Donations accepted for Rock Island Rotary projects.**
- **Packet Pick Up and/or Race Day Registration: 7:15am-8:30am on Race Day**
- **Grand Prize Drawing for a \$200 Visa Gift Card – Pre-Registered Runners Only that have Registered by 11/25/17.
Must be present to win – No exceptions!**
- **Food and Drink – Post Race at the Awards Ceremony – Sandwiches and Desserts and refreshments.**
- **Sponsors – Rock Island Rotary, IBEW, and many more**

Online registration at: https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get_information.php?event_id=128242

- **Official Entry Form – Please Print !!!**

First name _____ Mid _____ Last name _____ Age on race day _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____ Male _____ Female _____ Run _____ Walk _____ Phantom Runner Shirt only _____

Circle Shirt Size S M L XL XXL (add \$2.00 for XXL) Phone # _____ - _____ - _____

Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

e-mail address _____

- **Waiver must be signed and acknowledged:**

In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I for myself, my executors, administrators, and assignees, do Hereby release and discharge the IBEW, Rock Island Rotary, the city of Moline, any sponsors, supporters or volunteers, for all claims, of damages, demands, actions whatsoever in any manner arising or growing out of my participation in the ROTARY RAMBLE 5K run or Walk. I attest and verify that I have full knowledge of the risks Involved in this event, and I am physically fit, and sufficiently trained to participate in this event.

Signature _____ Date _____ (Participant or Parent / Guardian if under 18 yrs. of age.)

Make Checks Payable to Rock Island Rotary / Rotary Ramble and mail entry with payment to:

Rock Island Rotary / Ramble PO Box 4514 Rock Island, IL 61204-4514

No Refunds – Race will be held Regardless and weather conditions may vary.