



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

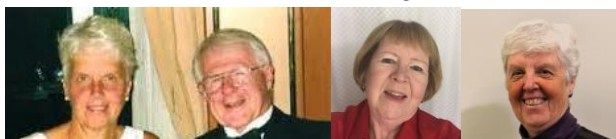
Ruth Lee Reports: Water Filters In Kenya!

Today Rock Island Rotarians were treated to an outstanding program presented by our own Ruth Lee. Ruth, Mary and Dick Fislar, and Marcy Bell just returned from their trip to Africa where they visited several of the schools in Kenya that have received LifeStraw water filters from our water project. Ruth was introduced by Sam Wray with wife Hilde in attendance. Sam and Hilde were instrumental in getting the project off to a fantastic start with their personal donation of \$20,000.00. Ruth made a few opening remarks and then showed a 12 minute video that told the story in an upclose and personal way. We saw and heard several teachers thanking Rotary for providing the water filters and explaining how critical it is to the health and well-being of the children. We learned that children bring jars of water from home, collected from roof runoff and pour it into our filters. Then they enjoy the filtered, safe and clean water for washing and drinking. We saw hundreds of school children at several schools gathered to greet our visiting Rotarians and expressing their personal thanks. We learned that some of the older boys at the schools were designated as overseers of the filters, charged with the responsibility of keeping the units clean and in good working order. One of the school officials noted that since it was learned that their school now has safe, clean water, their enrollment had significantly grown with families bringing their children to the school. In one case a school of about 200 that received three water filters (adequate for serving 210 students for 3 years) had swelled to over 400 students. Ruth noted that the reception for our travelers was most gracious with children entertaining them with singing and dancing. The most telling part of the video however was an closing sit down discussion by Ruth, Mary, Dick, and Marcy where each gave their own perspective of what they had experienced. Such phrases as "Life changing experience", "I will never forget ...", "Sometimes nothing was said, but the smiles told how much they appreciated our gift", made it abundantly clear that our effort to promote and support this project is truly what Rotary is all about. Marcy added, "there is more work to do". I suspect every Rotarian viewing the video had an imense feeling of pride when the camera joomed in on one of the filters and our American Flag sticker, with the Rotary Emblem and the words "Rotary Clubs of Western Illinois and Eastern Iowa", came clearly into view. If you happened to miss today's meeting or would just like to see the video again, you can find it by holding your control button down and clicking on the following Youtube link: <https://youtu.be/05ByqtETbAg>. Thank you Ruth for an inspiring program and as Sam said in his introduction, thanks to all Rotarians in our club and surrounding area clubs that have contributed to this project!

Sept. – Nov. Calendar

- Sept 28- Birthday Books 2:15pm
- Sept 28- Fellowship of Wining Rotarians at the Grape Life
- Oct 3 - Doug Hultquist QCBT
- Oct 10 - Joe Witty – Happy Joes
- Oct 14 - Rotary Grant Training Seminar. 9am-Noon at CGH Medical Center, Sterling, IL
- 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 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

Mary, Dick, Ruth, and Marcy





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BIRTHDAY BOOKS

This Thursday, September 28th will be our Birthday Books celebration for children at Earl Hanson Elementary School. Please come help Molly Shattuck hand out books to the children who are celebrating September birthdays. Arrive by 2:15 and be done in about 30 minutes. You'll love the kids and the treats too!



Club Notes & Announcements!

□ **WELCOME GUESTS!** Rock Island Rotary was pleased to welcome many guests today including our exchange daughter, "Pat", from Thailand. Joining Pat were Alleman Jr. Rotarian, Addie Pulley; Hilde Wray, wife of Sam; Diane Phillis, wife of Bud; Nancy Luckenbill, wife of Fred; Dick Fislar, husband of Mary; Vincent Thomas, guest of Jim Stanbury; Jessey Hullon, guest of Al Metz; Rajabu Mmende, guest of Linda Golden; and visiting Rotarian Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport Club. Guests are always welcome at Rock Island Rotary. Prospective members are our favorites!

□ **Wining Rotarians – This Thursday, September 28th** Join the fun as our Fellowship of Wining Rotarians gather at Grape Life Wine Store & Lounge. Come 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.

□ **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 7th ... Coming up fast, final sign up next Tuesday!

□ **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.

□ **DAVENPORT ROTARY'S 5th Annual Wing Fest** September 30th 3pm – 6pm. Proceeds to New Miracle Field at 53rd and Eastern in Davenport. Contact **Mark Zimmerman** for tickets

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 RAFFLE

Today's raffle featured fine wine from the Lo Milani Collection, CASH, and a beautiful hand-turned solid walnut bowl made and donated by Dr. Larry Tadlock! Lucky guest, Dick Fislar took home the bowl. Ruth Lee had two lucky tickets and gathered up both the cash, which she donated to the Rock Island Rotary Club Foundation, and the wine, which she did not donate! 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!

FISLAR'S FALL ROTARY FLING!



It's an empty table without you!

Dick and Mary Fislar and our Rotary "Fun Committee" cordially invite you and your family to join us at 2210 30th Street, Rock Island (the 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 quantity. You also can reply to Ruth Lee at rotarianruth@gmail.com if you wish. Let Ruth Lee know how many are coming. Spouses, friends, children, are welcome.

FOUNDATION MINUTE

A Polio Update for the week of September 25th: There have only been 10 cases reported this year of the Wild Polio Virus. The last case was reported in late August in Pakistan. However there have been 47 cases reported of the CVDPV, a form of polio which is caused from a circulating virus, which is common in places where regular Polio immunizations have not been completed regularly. Therefore, children get the symptoms from the vaccination itself. These cases would be far less if places like the Congo and Syria, where both countries are in internal war and conflict, had completed regular immunizations. The polio eradication effort, however, to eradicate the disease within the next three years is still on target!

Further good news: The US Senate has recommended to approve \$59,000,000 towards Polio eradication, and Rotary has committed to raising \$50 million a year for the next three years which will generously be matched 2-1 by the Gates Foundation.

Let's all make a difference and help End Polio Now!! We are almost there. Give generously.



AMETRA TURNS BLUE!

Congratulations to Ametra Carrol-Castaneda who completed all of her new member orientation tasks and turned in her red badge and received her permanent blue Rotary name badge. Ametra joined our club earlier this year and has been an active and well-liked member. She is employed as the Community Organizer for the Community Caring Conference. Be sure to meet her.

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!

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!!

ROCK ISLAND ROTARY JOINS ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Rotary International President Ian H.S. Riseley, as part of his theme "Rotary – Making a Difference", has challenged every Rotary club to make a difference by planting a tree for each of its members between the start of the Rotary year on 1 July and Earth Day on 22 April 2018. Trees remove carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases from the air, which slows global warming. Our Rotary District Governor has asked each Rotary Club in 6420 to meet this challenge by planting trees during this Rotary year.

There is an ongoing established program in our area that makes it easy for our club to join the campaign. Living Lands & Waters is a well-established organization and their tree planting effort has surpassed one million trees! This effort started in recognition of the loss of many of the hardwood trees along our area riverbanks. These trees have strong root systems and do a good job of preventing soil erosion. They also provide a source of food for the native diverse wildlife.

Here are the details for our project:

Date: Saturday, Oct. 28 at 9AM - Noon Volunteers can come and go.

Location: Living Land & Waters Tree Nursery, 6000 Eastern Ave. Davenport, IA

Parking: Parking is in the Eastern Branch of the Davenport Library at 6000 Eastern Ave.

Activity: Volunteers will plant acorns. Bur Oak, Swamp White Oak and Red Oak. These trees will be harvested in two years and made available to Park Departments, Forest Preserves, community groups and citizens to plant throughout our area. The Rock Island Parks Department has used this as a source for trees. Several of our Park facilities suffered serious tree damage during the storm of 2008.

Contact John Phillips for more information. 309-428-5495 or phillipsjohn99@gmail.com

