



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



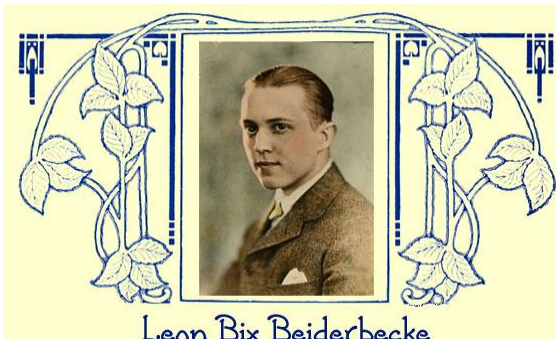
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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

NEW

Bix

Museum



Leon Bix Beiderbecke

Jim Peterson, a cousin of Bix Beiderbecke was our guest speaker at today's Rotary meeting. Mr. Peterson showed a short video of Bix with clips from his records, made some 90 years ago. Peterson was a founder of The Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Society created in 1972, in Bix's hometown of Davenport, Iowa. The first Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival, was held that same year. The catalyst for formation of the Bix Society came in 1971 when Bill Donahoe's, Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Band of New Jersey travelled to Davenport to visit Bix's boyhood home, sites where he'd played, and to pay musical tribute over his grave in Oakdale Memorial Park. On August 3, 2017 a permanent museum and archive to preserve the memory of the world-famous Bix Beiderbecke and his music opened in its new home at the River Music Experience in Bix's hometown of Davenport, Iowa. Born in Davenport in 1903, Leon "Bix" Beiderbecke gained fame as a self-taught jazz cornet player with a unique sound. Considered a musical prodigy, and gifted with both perfect pitch and a phenomenal musical memory, Bix could pick out tunes on the piano by the time he could reach the keys. Bix heard jazz when his brother came home from the service and bought a Victrola. Bix fell in love with the recordings of Tiger Rag and Skeleton Jangle. He borrowed a cornet from a neighbor and taught himself to play. The riverboats with musicians from New Orleans also brought jazz music up the Mississippi River and to Davenport. Bix's parents thought Jazz was a bad influence and sent Bix to Lake Forest Academy to get him away from the Riverboat's "bad" influence. Bix quickly discovered that Lake Forest was just a short jaunt from Chicago and he found that jazz was the rage there. Bix later returned to Davenport and formed his first band and at the age of 19. He was highly successful and later joined the "Wolverine Band" and after that the Gold Cat Band. In 1927 Paul Whiteman asked Bix to join his band, which was considered the top big band in the country. Already prominent, Beiderbecke played with jazz greats Jean Goldkette, Bing Crosby, and Hoagy Carmichael. Along with Louis Armstrong and Muggsy Spanier, Beiderbecke was one of the most influential jazz soloists of the 1920s. He wrote the compositions "In a Mist", "Candlelights", "In the Dark", "Flashes", and "Davenport Blues". At only 28 years old, Bix died in 1931 in Queens, New York. Pneumonia was the official cause of death, however alcoholism was the root cause of his health failure. The new museum honors the life and music of the Bix Beiderbecke and features many original artifacts related to Beiderbecke and his colleagues, as well as a life-size figure of the cornetist in a recreation of the bandstand at Hudson Lake, Indiana. Bix spent the summer there in 1926 playing with the Goldkette Orchestra. Visitors can see original instruments played by Bix, including the only piano Bix owned (a Wurlitzer Baby Grand Piano). The museum takes the visitor chronologically through the life of Bix Beiderbecke. His music is featured throughout the museum, along with videos, interactive displays, and photos—many shown for the first time. The entire museum evokes the era of the 1920s. Normally charging \$5 for admission, during the holiday season the admission is free. It is located in the lower level of the Redstone Building, home of the River Music Experience. Hours of operation are 10am to 5pm on weekdays and 10am to 2pm on Saturdays.

Nov. – Dec. Calendar

- Nov 2 - Board of Directors Meeting
- Nov 21 - Pastor Willers – Salem Lutheran Church – Thanksgiving
- Nov 28 - RIHS Orchestra
- Dec 3 - Rotary Ramble 5K
- Dec 5 - Rocky Chamber Singers
- Dec 6 - Rotary Holiday Party
Circa 21 – ELF The Musical
- Dec 9 - Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- Dec 12 - Dr. Nestor A. Ramirez, President Illinois State Medical Society



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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 to today's meeting, Mark Zimmerman, a visiting Rotarian from the Davenport Club; Alleman Jr. Rotarians, Alyssa Carpita and Spencer Smith along with our exchange daughter, Pitchayapa "Pat" Rungrueng, from Thailand. Prospective member Charles Butler attended with Rock Island High School Jr. Rotarians, Luc and Max Saintfort. Guests are always welcome at Rock Island Rotary. Prospective members are our favorites! Have you invited anyone lately?

□ **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. Sign up or contact chairman, Mike Locander, to volunteer. The entry form for participating in the race/walk is in this issue!

□ **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!

□ **TIME IS SHORT** – For making your reservations for our Holiday Party at Circa 21. You know your spouse deserves a night on the town and nothing is more elegant and special than the Circa 21 Salon Party, Buffet Dinner, and live professional theater. Don't be a Scrooge – Join the fun! Email bodebswanson@att.net or call Bob at 738-3476 and let him know how many tickets you want! Be sure if you want to go, that you bring your money and dining coupon if you want to use it, to next Tuesday's meeting. Make checks out to "Rock Island Rotary". For a couple with a coupon, the cost is \$59.38.

□ **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 cash and a bottle of fine wine from the Lo Milani Collection. The first lucky ticket was held by Steve Morenz who took the cash and donated the entire pot to the Rotary Foundation. Mel Rambo was our second lucky winner and he took home a 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!

TRIVIA NIGHT FUN = FUNDS FOR EARL HANSON SCHOOL!

Last Friday over 200 showed their support of Rotary and Earl Hanson School by attending our annual Rotary Trivia Night fundraiser at the Milan Camden Center. The competition was fast and furious with the food and laughs in great supply. Adding to the evening was a 50/50 drawing and an outstanding array of silent auction items donated by Rotary members and supporters. Rotary and Earl Hanson school were the real winners! Thanks to Kathy Trone and the committee for a job well done!



Mr. Trivia kicked off the evening with questions ranging from sports penalties to celebrity couples, Iowa or Illinois, TV commercials, movie songs and more!



A portion of this year's silent auction items.

Just part of the largest crowd yet! (24 tables)



FOUNDATION MINUTE

Rotary has added two service partners that offer clubs new ways to collaborate with other organizations and strengthen their projects. They are Habitat for Humanity and the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness.

Habitat for Humanity has a long history of working with Rotarians and Rotaractors to build homes for families in need, and provides opportunities for hands-on community service. Their values are closely aligned with that of Rotary, and the desire to help others run deep in both organizations.

This is very much the same with the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness. Both Rotary and the Agency bring together government and non-governmental agencies, academics and private providers to plan and implement sustainable eye care programs. They promote greater awareness of the need for eye clinics and blindness prevention activities.

Working together and networking accomplish Rotary's theme of "Making a Difference." Your contribution to The Rotary Foundation enables this to happen. Thank you for your generosity

GOT YOUR DINING BOOK??

The 2017-18 book costs \$35 and contains over 350 coupons redeemable at 150 LOCAL 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!
- -Not expensive to buy!
- Introduces you to new restaurants!
- Coupons are good until Oct. 31, 2018
- Save money with every coupon!



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

VETERANS - YOUR SACRIFICE IS NOT FORGOTTEN



At the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month, in 1918 fighting between the Allied Forces and Germany stopped, putting an end to the bloodshed of World War I per the terms of an armistice agreement signed in France that same day. World War I — the "War to end all wars" was over. On the one-year anniversary of the armistice agreement, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation commemorating Nov. 11 as Armistice Day. The celebrations were to include parades, public meetings and a two-minute suspension of business at 11 a.m. The proclamation read: "... Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations ..." World War I was not the war to end all wars, and lawmakers believed that veterans from World War II and the Korean War also deserved their own day of remembrance. So, on October 12, 1954, President Eisenhower signed a bill changing the name of Armistice Day to the more inclusive Veterans Day, a holiday to thank all who had served the United States of America. Eisenhower's proclamation said: "On that day (Nov. 11), let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom, and let us reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain." Rock Island Rotary salutes the brave veterans in our club and throughout our nation. We are free because of you! THANK YOU FOR SERVING.

Sign up deadline is next Tuesday, November 21st.

Reserve by return email now and pay at next week'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



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.



Be a Phantom Runner support the Rotary Ramble 5K 2017

\$20 gets you an official race day t-shirt with our new groovy logo.

(White polyester tech short sleeved shirt)

Keep it for yourself or purchase t-shirts for gifts to friends and family.

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Quantity _____ Total # of shirts _____ x \$20 = _____ amt. due

Small _____
Medium _____
Large _____
X-Large _____
XX – Large _____ add \$2.00 for XXL

Payment to Rock Island Rotary
Checks or Cash

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Frank Lambert, representing the Nominating Committee, reported the following slate of officers and directors for election to the 2018-2019 Rotary Year, taking office July 1, 2018.



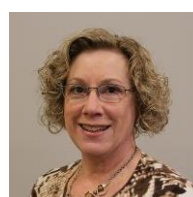
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Mark Mayeski



2nd Vice Pres,
Angela Campbell



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Anne McGlynn



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Carrie Crossen



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Bob Swanson



Sgt. At Arms (Co)
Vic Boblett



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Tammy Weikert



Director 1 Yr.
Sarah Gorham



Director 1 Yr.
Sara Cross



Director 1 Yr.
Justin Peterson



Director 2 Yr.,
Bill Stengel



Director 2 Yr.
John Oliger



Director 2 Yr.
Kathy Lelonek



Director 2 Yr.
Rick Emery



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