



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



Today Rotarians were treated to holiday music by the Rock Island High School "Pops Orchestra". This group is an extra-curricular program that rehearsed before school (7am) every Wednesday. They are under the capable direction of Katie Benson. The orchestra program has grown by leaps and bounds and now features a full orchestra of more than 60 musicians. The Pops Orchestra consists of about 24 student musicians that split into two units in order to cover all of their performance demands. Mrs. Benson noted that from Thanksgiving until Christmas the group will be performing almost once each day. The group entertaining Rotary consisted of 4 violins, 3 violas, 3 cellos, and 1 string base. Even more impressive is that the students were entirely in charge. Mrs. Benson stated out the outset, "my job is to teach the music", once that is complete it is up to the students to perform. After a brief introduction Mrs. Benson took a seat in the audience and from then on the program was entirely student lead. They began with a John William piece written for the movie "Home Alone" entitled *Somewhere in My Memory*. They followed that with everyone's favorite, *Jingle Bells*. Next came a well done string of Christmas Caroles, including *O Come All Ye Faithful*, *Good King Wenceslas*, *Oh Come Oh Come Immanuel*, *Angels We Have Heard On High*, and *Joy to the World*. The 25 minute concert concluded with *Christmas Eve in Sarajevo*, made famous by the Trans Siberian Orchestra. The students received a well deserved standing ovation from the Rotarian audience. Thank you Mrs. Benson and Rock Island High School for sharing your very talented "Pops Orchestra"!

Nov. – Dec. Calendar

- Nov 30 - Birthday Books at Earl Hanson Elementary
- Dec 3 - Rotary Ramble 5K
- Dec 5 - Rocky Chamber Singers
- Dec 6 - Rotary Holiday Party
Circa 21 – ELF The Musical at Circa 21
- Dec 9 - Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- Dec 12 - Dr. Nestor A. Ramirez, President Illinois State Medical Society
- Dec 19 - TBA
- Dec 26 - TBA
- Jan 2 - TBA
- Jan 9 - TBA
- Jan 16 - TBA
- Jan 23 - TBA
- Jan 30 - TBA





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Bill Groh

Club Notes & Announcements!

□ **WELCOME GUESTS!** Rock Island Rotary was pleased to welcome visiting Rotarians Mark Zimmerman, from the Davenport Club, Rebecca Arnold from eClub One, Tiffany Stott and Steven Cichon, both from the Twin Rivers "RAH" Club; Alleman Jr. Rotarians, Emma Williams and Ryan O'Hern; Rock Island High School Jr. Rotarians, Mykeisha Wells and Morgan Janes. Hilde Wray, spouse of Sam Wray; and last, but definitely not least, was our exchange daughter, Pat from Thailand. Guests are always welcome at Rock Island Rotary. Prospective members are our favorites!

□ **TIME TO HELP!** – Our first "Rotary Ramble" 5K race is this Sunday, December 3rd! If you can volunteer to help with the race, meet at the IBEW Hall, 1700 – 52nd Avenue, Moline (just South of Southpark Mall) at 7am. We need helpers to pull off a successful race and fundraiser. Contact chairman, Mike Locander, if you have questions.

□ **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!

□ **TICKETS FOR OUR HOLIDAY PARTY** at Circa 21. If you did not get your tickets at today's meeting, you may pick them up at next Tuesday's meeting. If you won't be attending the meeting, contact Bob Swanson to make arrangement to receive your tickets. You can email Bob at bodebswanson@att.net or call him at 738-3476.

□ **NEXT BIRTHDAY BOOKS** at Earl Hanson Elementary is this Thursday, November 30th. Arrive at 2:15 and you'll be done and on your way by 3pm. Help has been short the last few times. Please help if you can!

□ **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 ticket drawn belonged to PDG Ruth Lee who opted for the cash and donated the entire pot to the Rotary Augustana College Scholarship Fund. The second ticket drawn was held by one of our Pops Orchestra student guests who wisely, before taking delivery of the bottle, donated the wine to his teacher, Mrs. Katie Benson. All proceeds from our raffle go to the Rotary Foundation to help carry on Rotary's good work worldwide.

Thanks to all who participated!

BIRTHDAY BOOKS THIS THURSDAY!



Molly needs help!

Arrive at Earl Hanson School at 2:15, sign and hand out books, enjoy refreshments, make kids happy, done by 3pm!

THANK YOU

NOVEMBER'S FOUNDATION TUESDAY ROTARIAN DONORS

HOWARD BECK
ANGELA CAMPBELL
JEFF DISMER
STEVE MORENZ

FATHER MIRIBELLI
MELVIN RAMBO
SUE CASSATT

You are invited to join the **RAH CLUB Jingle Jaunt Ugly Sweater Pub Crawl**. Starts at 6pm at the Barrel House in Moline on Thursday, November 30th. Sign up on line for \$15 or at the door for \$20. Appetizers provided. Proceeds go to the Miracle Field for special needs children.

FOUNDATION MINUTE

As a global organization that operates in nearly every country in the world and deals in 29 currencies, Rotary takes stewardship of its funds seriously. Our money is spent on life-changing, sustainable grants, as well as programs and services that support our members' transformative work. We have invested \$3 billion in thousands of projects over the past 100 years.

Donating to The Rotary Foundation means clean water and sanitation - health and hope in areas that were once ravaged by diseases like polio - economic development and new opportunities. Your financial help makes all this happen, and more.

As the holiday for giving fast approaches, we hope that you will consider giving where the need is greatest. Giving to The Rotary Foundation works because Rotary works. Over 90.8% of donations go straight to supporting our service projects. Our 35,000 clubs carry out sustainable humanitarian service projects. Using your donations, we've wiped out 99% of all polio cases. Your donation train future peacemakers, support clean water, and strengthen local economies.

Your donation can save a life and many more.

ATTENTION: Bud Phillis has an empty hanger at home! Someone inadvertently took his London Fog style coat last week. It has his name inside the right side. Please return it before Bud's wife learns he is missing her favorite coat! To avoid a fine, just hang it up and let Bud know it's back!

GOT YOUR DINING BOOK??

The 2017-18 book costs \$35 and contains over 350 coupons redeemable at 150 LOCAL restaurants. 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!!

One of our Best Leaves Us

Rock Island Rotary lost one of our true leaders with the passing of Fred Luckenbill. Fred joined Rotary in 1970 and was proud of his 47 years of perfect attendance. He served as President of our club for the 1980-81 Rotary Year and was District 6420 Governor for 2003-04. Over the years he chaired and served on numerous club and district committees. Fred single-handedly took on the Dining Book project as a Rotary fundraiser and raised thousands of dollars for our club. He sponsored many of our current members and was always ready to help wherever and whenever need. Fred passed away peacefully at 11:30pm on Thanksgiving Day. Fred will be missed. Rest in peace, good friend.



HELP IS NEEDED. PLEASE SHOW UP AT 1700 – 52ND Avenue in Moline at 7am on Sunday to help administer the race. Doors open at 7:30 and the Race begins at 9am. BE THERE!!!!



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



INVITATION TO ATTEND OUR SPECIAL HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION!

**HEART OF HOPE OUTREACH
MINISTRIES**
CORDIALLY INVITES
YOU!

We would be honored to have YOU as our Special Guest!

Learn about the Services we provide

Enjoy Delicious Refreshments

Meet our Advisory Board, our Staff, and the Youth who
visit our Outreach Center

Date & Time:

**Saturday
December 2nd
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

**Updates on our
Outreach Programs**

**Delicious
Refreshments**

**Free Gifts for our
Guests**

**Youth Sharing
Christmas Songs
and Readings**

Where:

**Heart of Hope Outreach
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