



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

Club Assembly

Today with 5° weather outside, Bruce Peterson led us in our first Club Assembly during in his term as club president. He began with a quick review of some of the donations made by our club to date this year. He mentioned \$2,000 given to the Children's Therapy Center; \$1,500 donated to Youth Hope; \$3,750 given in scholarships through our Bert Blood Scholarship program; \$4,000 donated to Rotary Youth Exchange expenses; \$1,000 in club funds provided for the Pumpkin Palooza field trip for Earl Hanson 1st and 2nd grade students (plus more raised by Tricia Barron and sponsorships); \$3,000 donated for literacy projects; and, \$7,500 given in community grants through our Budget Priorities Committee. President Bruce also suggested changing the name of the Budget Priorities Committee to the "Community Grant Committee". Noting that this committee would like to pump more into our community, Bruce discussed the possibility of adding a Rotary sponsored carnival as a new major fundraiser. Bruce then turned the mic over to Tom Hammar for a preliminary report on our audit. Tom said our books are in outstanding shape and complimented club treasurer, Carrie Crossen for outstanding, detailed monthly



Dec. - Jan. Calendar

- Dec 19 - "Better Business Bureau of the Quad Cities: Seasonal scams to be aware of."
- Dec 26 - Club Assembly - Led by President Bruce
- Jan 2 - Pam Hauman - Christian Care
- Jan 8 - **MONDAY, JOINT MEETING WITH KIWANIS**, Mayor Mike Thoms, Annual "State of the City" address
- Jan 9 - No Meeting
- Jan 16 - Dr. Bruce Peterson, "Traveling New Zealand in an RV!"
- Jan 23 - President, Steve Bahls - Augustana Today
- Jan 30 - TBA



reports to the Board. Next up was Dr. Bud Phillis for an update on the Rotary International Foundation. Bud reported that in the past year there were less than 50 cases of polio world-wide. He also stressed that the push in on to totally eliminate the disease. To that end the Gates Foundation has extended it's 2 for 1 matching promise for all Rotary contributions toward polio eradication through 2018. Dr. Phillis as took the opportunity to kick off our own Club pledge campaign to stamp out polio. Pledge cards will be available at next week's



meeting. Pledges can be spread over the next three years, which will coincide with the time needed to certify the elimination of polio. Following Dr. Phillis, Mark Mayeski stepped to the mic to tell us about our Rock Island Club Foundation. Unlike the International Foundation, our local Club Foundation can only donate funds for local projects that will benefit the citizens of Rock Island. The fund is managed by a Board of Rock Island Rotarians. They are assisted by two committees; the Development Committee seeks ways to obtain additional donations to the foundation. The Projects Committee seeks out and screens projects for the Foundation to support. In the past the Club Foundation has given \$10,000 to help establish the Rock Island High School Entrepreneurship program; and \$6,500 to Spring Forward Learning Center in support of their summer reading program. For both the International and Club Foundations, club members can arrange for automatic monthly account withdrawals to fulfil desired donation. President Bruce completed the program advising the club of efforts to update and amend our Constitution and By-laws with particular emphasis placed on developing new avenues of membership including corporate memberships and expanded honorary memberships.





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Aug – Sept: Fred Luckenbill
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Dec – Jan: John Wetzel
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 our one and only guest also a visiting Rotarian; Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport Club. Guests are always welcome at Rock Island Rotary. Prospective members are our favorites!

☐ **DID ANYONE FIND BUD PHILLIS' COAT?** It is still missing after it was mistakenly taken by another Rotarian several weeks ago. It is a London Fog style coat and has the name "BUD PHILLIS" inside the right lapel. Please check what you took home!

☐ **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! **THERE WILL BE NO FOOD PANTRY December 28th or January 4th.**

☐ **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!

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

An application for membership has been received from Cindi M. Gramenz. Ms. Gramenz is employed as a Grant Writer/Development Coordinator for Christian Care. Her membership sponsor is Kathy Lelonek. She is a member of the Scott Country Veterans Commission and Bridging the Gap Stand Down Board. She serves on the DeLaCerde House Board of Director in Rock Island who provides housing for those living with HIV/AIDS. She enjoys golf and bike riding. Please address comments to President Bruce Peterson and/or 1st Vice-President Sue Cassatt

FOUNDATION MINUTE

Foundation Chairman, Bud Phillis made the first pledge for our new End Polio Drive. Pledge cards will be available at next week's meeting. Here's what to expect. Please be thinking about what you can do to help win this critical battle.



Polio is 99.95% eradicated. The remaining 0.05% will take time and dollars. Rotary has been outstanding in leading the eradication effort. As a Rotarian, I pledge to help Rotary eliminate the last 0.05% of polio cases.

- ☐ \$300 over 3 years ☐ annually (100) ☐ semi-annually (50) ☐ quarterly (25)
☐ \$700 over 3 years ☐ annually (233) ☐ semi-annually (117) ☐ quarterly (58)
☐ \$1000 over 3 years ☐ annually (334) ☐ semi-annually (167) ☐ quarterly (84)
☐ \$_____ as a single pledge ☐ \$_____ for _____ years

Rotarian name _____ Return by _____

Name: _____
Address: _____
Amount Pledged: _____

Pledges will count toward Paul Harris Fellow recognition and for the Gates Foundation 2 for 1 match.



FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Today's raffle featured cash and a bottle of fine wine from the Lo Milani Collection. The first ticket drawn belonged to Tom Hammar who opted for the cash and promptly donated winning to the Rotary Foundation. Past President, Steve Morenz held the second drawn ticket and he happily took the Milani wine. Members please keep in mind that all profits from each week's raffle go to support Rotary's work throughout the world. Your generosity is appreciated. Thanks to all who participated!

RIGHT ISLAND ROTARIANS JOIN THE RAH CLUB'S "Jingle Jaunt Ugly Sweater Pub Crawl" on November 30th!

Proceeds from the event were donated to the Miracle Field being constructed in Davenport which will provide a safe facility for special needs children.

Among other Rock Island Rotarians who came out to support the RAH Club, were two of our past presidents and their spouses. Here with "naughty" wife Dawn VandeMoortel are Steve Morenz and the "nice" former president, Anne McGlynn with spouse Fred. You'll have to speak with Steve and Anne to find out how the labels were earned!



Sam & Hilde Do It Again!



Last week Sam Wray called Bud Phillis and asked him to stop out to the Wray home to talk about our Water Project which supplies Lifestraw filters to school children in Kenya. Upon arrival, Sam and Hilde presented Bud with a \$10,000 donation for the project. That was the third such donation the Wray's have made to the project. Sam & Hilde not only have been the catalyst for our project, but can take personal responsibility for providing safe, filtered water for more than 7,000 children in rural Nairobi, Kenya. Neither Sam nor Hilde look for any accolades for their generosity, but we would be remiss not to recognize that the Rotary spirit runs deep and strong through the Wray home. Thank you, Sam and Hilde!



ROTARY CONVENTION

23-27 JUNE 2018

TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA

Downtown Toronto is home to some of North America's most popular attractions, including the soaring CN Tower, Royal Ontario Museum, Ripley's Aquarium, and the Hockey Hall of Fame — as well as a wide array of fantastic restaurants, art galleries in gorgeously restored distilleries, and a thrilling entertainment district. But hidden treasures are waiting to be found beyond the city's center in fascinating neighborhoods such as:

- Casa Loma — Tour the majestic gardens and great halls of Toronto's renowned Gothic castle.
- Kensington Market — Explore the legendary outdoor market located in this highly photogenic district.
- Distillery District — Marvel at some of Toronto's oldest architecture while enjoying unique galleries, boutiques, and cafes.
- Yonge and Dundas — Revel in the last double-decker theatres in the world at the Elgin and Winter Garden Theatre Centre.
- St. Lawrence Market — Try a truly diverse selection of foods at this bustling marketplace.
- High Park — Restore yourself in the beautiful parks, ponds, and stage productions of the city's largest green space.

The rich histories and diverse cultures of more than 140 visitor-friendly neighborhoods converge in Toronto, where Rotarians will find inspiration on every block, in every street, and around every corner. A vibrant quilt of communities