



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

NEW ZEALAND



Dr. Bruce Peterson, former member of our club and currently a member of the River Cities Rotary Club provided our program today, telling of his recent travels throughout New Zealand in a rented RV camper. A recurring theme throughout Dr. Peterson's talk was the lush vegetation found all across New Zealand, A nation made up of two large islands, creatively called the North and South Islands. (In reality the islands do have names, the North Island is Te

Ika-a-Māui, and the South Island is Te Waipounamu. We see now why North

and South are the preferred designations!) There are approximately 600 smaller islands also included as part of New Zealand. New Zealand is a British Dominion, they have a parliament, cabinet, and Prime Minister, however Queen Elizabeth is the head of state, represented by a Governor General. Bruce's vacation started on the North Island in Auckland, the largest city in New Zealand. He and wife, Jan, rented a RV and took off on a 21-day, 2,400 mile trip through the country. Bruce noted that every community had a central garden and each seemed to try to out do neighboring communities with plush flower beds, fountains, and landscaped walkways. He also mentioned that the people of New Zealand were very welcoming and happy to greet Americans. Their rest stops, similar to our RV parks, but much larger and better equipped provided indoor kitchen facilities, eating areas, laundry facilities, and the usual RV hook ups for water, electricity, and sanitation. Of note was the extreme cleanliness of all the facilities. People make great use of the rest stops, but are diligent in cleaning up after themselves. Dr. Peterson equated the New Zealand climate to southern California. Temperatures are moderate and rainfall is tropical. Crossing from the North Island to the South Island required a 3½ hour ferry boat trip. The southern Island is dotted with snow covered mountains with glaciers in the far south. Seals, penguins and whales are common sites. The most common site however are sheep, New Zealand, with a 4.7 million population is the home of 24 million sheep. Cattle and Elk are also raised throughout the country. Bruce's interesting travelog took us through lush gardens, a mighty rewood forest, and along paths leading to picturesque water falls and ocean side light houses. The Petersons found New Zealand provided many excellent hiking trails, scenic foot bridges, and excellent wine. He particularly emphasized that New Zealand wine was outstanding. For recreation Bruce says the Rugby is the sport of choice with youngsters beginning with "touch" rugby and then advancing to the no pad, heavy contact of full out rugby. For those desiring a less combative sport, rowing clubs are very popular. Zip lining is also popular and Bruce and Jan both tried their hand at that sport. In summary, Bruce, who has traveled through much of the world, summed up his 21 days in New Zealand as the best vacation he has ever had. He encouraged anyone interested to add New Zealand to the "bucket list" and make the trip. Which he said is much more comfortable and pleasant with the introduction of the new Boeing 787 super jets. Thank you Bruce for sharing your vacation with Rock Island rotary! As an added attraction, Bruce provided information on an upcoming Rotary Tour of New Zealand, a copy is attached with this newsletter.

Jan - Mar Calendar

- Jan 23 - President, Steve Bahls – Augustana Today
- Jan 25 - Quad-City Wide Rotary Membership Recruitment Event at St. Ambrose Univ.
- Jan 30 - TBA
- Feb 6 - Rotary Blood Drive
- Feb 13 - TBA
- Feb 20 - TBA
- Feb 27 - TBA
- Mar 6 - TBA
- Mar 13 - TBA
- Mar 20 - TBA
- Mar 27 - TBA



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Club Notes & Announcements!

- **WELCOME GUESTS!** Rock Island Rotary was pleased to welcome Alleman Jr. Rotarians Hunter Hodge and Claire Schaecher; Rocky Jr. Rotarians Ty Lewis and Geneva Fessler, Our exchange daughter Pat Rungrueng, and one visiting Rotarian; Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport Club. Guests are always welcome at Rock Island Rotary. Prospective members are our favorites!
- **QUAD-CITY WIDE ROTARY MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT EVENT.** Thursday, January 25, 2018, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM CST at the St. Ambrose Rogalski Center, West High Street, Davenport, IA. This is an opportunity for Quad City Rotarians to invite guests/potential members to learn about the work of Rotary in our community and beyond. Learn more about the effort to build a Miracle Field in our community and Rotary's leadership role in the project. Be inspired by Challenger League athletes and their families and endorsement messages from area Mayors. Draft beer, appetizers, and a cash bar will be included with admission.
- **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!
- **NEW CLUB CONSTITUTION** will be voted on at our January 30th meeting. Please review the copy attached with this mailing.
- **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 MINUTE

According to Rotary International the African country of Nigeria has only one physician for every 2,500 individuals. In rural communities, people seeking health service have to make long, arduous trips to find treatment which results in many not receiving care. While it would be ideal to get more doctors in remote regions, it would take years.

To solve this problem, Dr. James Gude of Sebastopol, California and Mikel Cook of the Rotary Club of Sebastopol Sunrise brought technology to bear by using telemedicine. This is the use of information technology to provide health care from a distance –virtually bringing doctors to patients. Thanks to a global grant from TRF, a team of health care professionals from Nigeria has been trained in this process.

Telemedicine allows physicians to connect with patients remotely as well as consult with colleagues all over the world. At its simplest, it consists of a chat via online video, but it can also allow a physician to examine a patient remotely using a robot.

Telemedicine technology and training is used in several hospitals around the world, allowing health care for the underprivileged, for the underserved, in remote areas. Your contribution to The Rotary Foundation enables this to happen.

Thank you.

MARCH 1ST AT THE ESTABLISHMENT THEATER, ROCK ISLAND

A LITTLE OFF KEY

a dueling pianos event

hosted by Rock Island Rotary & Twin Rivers Rotary After Hours

REDUCED PRICE THIS YEAR! \$35 PER PERSON FOR TABLE SEAT. VIP TABLES FOR 4, \$400.



FOUNDATION RAFFLE REPORT

Today's raffle featured fine wine from the Lo Milani Collection, cash, and a 2018 Quad City Dining Book. The first ticket drawn was held by Gary Rowe, who after checking to see that the wine was not a screw off cap, took the cash and donated it to our exchange daughter, Pat. Jeff Dismer had the second drawn ticket and he took the wine cork and all! Larry Tadlock had the lucky third ticket earning him the dining book. Proceeds go to further Rotary's humanitarian work throughout our community and the world. Thank you for participating!

WATER PROJECT UPDATE

To say our water project, providing LifeStraw Filters to rural children in Kenya is a success, would be an understatement! Donations continue to flow in and Bob Swanson and Bud Phillis are ready and eager to make the project presentation to any Clubs that offer us the opportunity. To date we have purchased 135 filters that are serving more than 9,400 children. A number of donors have sent second and third donations to keep the project moving forward. The per unit cost has increased to \$350, but now includes lifetime maintenance and filter replacements for each unit. Three members of our Rock Island Club traveled to Kenya and saw first-hand our water filters in use in village schools. Each filter proudly displays our American Flag, Rotary emblem, and the inscription "Western Illinois - Eastern Iowa Rotary Clubs. They were greeted with great gratitude. In addition to many individual contributions, including three very substantial donations from Sam and Hilde Wray, we now have numerous other clubs joining us in the project and are scheduled to present our project to four more clubs in the coming weeks. At this time, club donations have been received from Rock Island, Dixon, East Moline/Silvis, Moline, Galva, Milan, Erie, Geneseo, and the RAH clubs.



THIRD CALL -- DIRECTORY OF ROTARY BUSINESS AND SERVICE PROFESSIONALS

As we all know, Rotary was founded by Paul Harris primarily as a means of making business and service connections. Born in rural Wisconsin, raised by grandparents in rural Vermont, and eventually being an apprentice at a law office in Iowa, Harris grew up in small town America where people knew and trusted one another. After obtaining a law degree from the University of Iowa, Paul relocated and began his law practice in Chicago where he struggled to know who to call when services or products were needed. He approached several friends he trusted and asked them who they knew that were trustworthy and talented. From this the idea grew into meeting regularly and inviting into their group only those who were recommended by fellow members as the best, brightest, and most honest in their respective professions. Eventually the group became the first Rotary organization. To this day, membership in Rotary is open only by invitation and when new members apply their desire to join is published to all members for comment and approval. It is still the goal of modern Rotary Clubs to admit only the best, brightest, and most honest representatives of their chosen business, profession, or service. Over the years Rotary added community and world service as critical parts of our mission, however making business and service contacts with top local professionals remains an important part of our club's purpose. Unfortunately, to some extent we have gotten away from that aspect of Rotary. To help remedy that situation we have decided to prepare a Director of Rotary Business and Service Professionals. As a Rock Island Rotarian, you are invited to include your business, service, or profession in the directory. We will publish and distribute the directory only to our members as a sort of Rotary "Yellow Pages". We will only include Rock Island Rotary members and our few regular "Friends of Rock Island Rotary", who are currently actively engaged in a business, service, or profession. AND we will only include those who ask to be included. Our hope is that once this directory is prepared and distributed, when you need a product or service, you will know who to call with the assurance that that person has been recommended by fellow Rotarians as a top professional in their line of work.

This is the Third Call.

If you would like to be included, please provide the following information and return it to Bob Swanson at bobdebswanson@att.net. We will gather information through the month of January and hope to make the Directory available at our first meeting in February.

Please provide the following Information:

YOUR NAME:

YOUR BUSINESS/SERVICE NAME:

YOUR WORK PHONE NUMBER:

YOUR WORK ADDRESS:

YOUR WORK EMAIL:

YOUR WORK SPECIALTY:

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE WHAT YOU DO AND/OR THE SERVICE OR PRODUCTS YOU OFFER: (As Briefly as Possible)

If we were to list your entry under a category listing, what listing(s) would you suggest:

Please don't be shy about responding; the intent of this directory is not so much to advertise a business or service, but to provide help to fellow Rotarians when they need a product or service and don't know where to turn or who to call. We would like it to be as complete as possible, so our members will have full knowledge of all the talent and skills available in our membership. You can just reply to this newsletter email with your information.

FINALLY, DON'T FORGET TO GO BACK AND TAKE A LOOK AT OUR PROPOSED CLUB CONSTITUTION. WE WILL BE VOTING ON THIS AT OUR JANUARY 30th meeting!

