



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

Christian Care

Christian Care was originally established as the Rock Island Rescue Mission in 1916 by Guy Rodgers. Mr. Rodgers continued his life's mission to serve the least, the last and the lost until his death in 1958. Today Rotary's guest speaker was Pam Hauman, Outreach Coordinator for Christian Care. Located at 2209 3rd Avenue in Rock Island.



(Next door to Navaroo Canoe Company I'm told). Christian Care is a non-denominational organization and is supported by multiple church groups. The facility is an alcohol, drug and smoke free environment. To ensure that fact, drug and alcohol testing is regularly administered. Residents get up at 6:00 am each morning and are assigned chores. The facility can house 36 residents. Those who work pay \$50 each week in rent. If they don't have an income, they must provide four hours of work each week to maintain the facility. Even though they are homeless, they are encouraged to spend time with family in order to mend relationships. The goal of Christian Care is the positive transformation of the men they service. Christian Care provides many services, including a community meal site, that provides meals seven days a week, 365 days a year for any person who comes through the door typically they serve 40 to 60 men, women, and children. They provide; housing and programs for homeless veterans through a partnership with the VA; and housing and services to men transitioning out of prison through a partnership with the Rock Island County Probation Office. Workshops are provided on budgeting, health, and nutrition. Our Club recently donated \$500 toward Christian Care's program that sends selected residents to Black Hawk College for career training in the food handling industry. Christian Care also maintains a clothing room currently stocked with men's clothing from underwear to coats, boots, and gloves. Those in need simply fill out a request for an item and if the item in their size is available, they may take it free of charge. Ms. Hauman noted that nearly 400 individuals have been "identified" as homeless in the Quad Cities. Many more tend to hide the fact that they have nowhere to go and nowhere to stay. Most of their clients average 50 in age and a majority have college degrees. Some are veterans, some are under court supervision. Most suffer from physical or mental disability including depression, PTSD, and schizophrenia. Most are unable to maintain a job. Christian Care is also a certified Warming and cooling site, providing shelter from 8am to 6pm for any who come through the door. Blankets are provided for those who need them for warmth. Live in clients must be in by 6pm each evening. Bible study is provided twice weekly and volunteer staff provide "chapel" or counseling. Alcoholics Anonymous holds in house meeting weekly. Volunteers provide front desk services and clerical work. College and church youth groups help with maintenance. Residents maintain a garden during the spring and summer which provided fruits and vegetables for the meal site. Donations of money, supplies, including office and food supplies are happily accepted. Ms. Hauman noted that the need for prescriptions, glasses, and hearing aids always exceed the available resources. She also stated that Christian Care is the only men's shelter in the Illinois Quad Cities. There are several shelters for women and children. We appreciated Pam's detailed and information packed presentation on the good work they do!

Jan - Feb Calendar

- 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 25 - Joint Rotary Recruiting Night – Rogalski Center, St. Ambrose University
- Jan 30 - TBA
- Feb 6 - Rotary Blood Drive
- Feb 13 - TBA
- Feb 20 - TBA
- Feb 27 - TBA



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Club Notes & Announcements!

□ **WELCOME GUESTS!** Rock Island Rotary was pleased to welcome two guests to today's meeting; Stefani Miner of Moline was a guest of her father, Bill Green. Ashe Simpson, representing Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Moline joined us and invited us to participate in the "Rotary Challenge" at this year's "Putt Around" fundraiser. Guests are always welcome at Rock Island Rotary. Prospective members are our favorites!

□ **TIME TO FESS UP!! WHO TOOK HOME BUD PHILLIS' COAT?** It's below zero out and Bud is getting cold! Someone inadvertently and innocently (we hope) mistakenly wore Bud's coat home several weeks ago. We know no one thinks they have it, but please, if you have a London Fog style dark trench coat, please check inside the right lapel and see if by chance it says, "Bud Phillis". Check your closet if you have two similar coats, one might be Bud's!

□ **NEW MEMBERS NEEDED** – We've had just one new member application so far, this Rotary year. With just six months to go, we all need to step up our efforts to introduce the value of Rotary to friends and work associates. Remember why you joined --- you were asked! Be sure you're extending the invitation to others!

□ **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 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!

ROTARY BLOOD DRIVE – FEBRUARY 6th



Chairman Chris Lemon announced that Rock Island Rotary will host our annual Club Blood Drive on Tuesday, February 6th. We will be circulating a sign-up sheet at future meetings, so you can select a time either prior to or during our meeting to donate. And surrogates are happily accepted. If you have one or more family members willing to donate the gift of life, or even co-workers or friends, you can sign them up too! Our goal is to exceed last years' donation of 18 units.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROTARIANS

Seven Rock Island Rotarians celebrate birthdays in January.

Bill Green	January	11
Fred Houlton	January	17
Tom Torrey	January	17
Eric Moore	January	19
Bob Swanson	January	25
Ted Kutsunis	January	29
Jim Moran	January	31





FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Today's raffle featured cash and a bottle of fine wine from the Lo Milani Collection. The first ticket drawn belonged to Howard Becki who opted for the cash and promptly donated winning to the Rotary Foundation for Polio eradication. Past President, Steve Morenz held the second drawn ticket and for the second week in a row, took home the Milani wine. Starting a cellar of your own, Steve? All proceeds from each week's raffle go to support Rotary's work throughout the world. Your generosity is appreciated. Thanks to all who participated!

NO MEETING NEXT TUESDAY ...

We will be joining Rock Island Kiwanis for our meeting next week on MONDAY, January 8th to hear Mayor Mike Thoms' 2018, "State of the City" address. If you show up on Tuesday, not only will you find an empty dark room, but you will also be fined the following week when we reconvene for our regular meeting on January 16th. So, mark your calendar and attend the joint meeting next MONDAY!

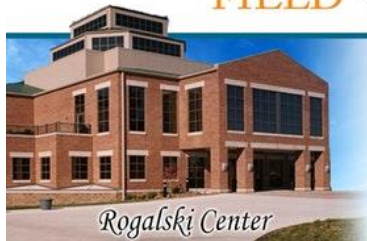
COMING SOON

A LITTLE OFF KEY

a dueling pianos event

hosted by Rock Island Rotary & Twin Rivers Rotary After Hours

ROTARY RECRUITMENT EVENT



Rogalski Center

- Network with fellow Rotarians
- Introduce potential members to what Rotary has to offer
- Be inspired by local Challenger Little League Families
- Learn about the community's effort to build a Miracle Field and Rotary's Leadership Role
- Celebrate Rotary's donation to the Miracle Field Project

January 25, 2018

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

This is an opportunity for QC area 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. Draft beer and appetizers included with admission.

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.

So, this is the first 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.

YOUR NAME: _____ YOUR WORK PHONE NUMBER: _____

YOUR BUSINESS NAME: _____ Work email: _____

YOUR WORK SPECIALTY: _____

YOUR WORK ADDRESS: _____

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE WHAT YOU DO AND/OR THE SERVICE OR PRODUCTS YOU OFFER: _____

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