



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

Augustana

Dr. Steve Bahls, President of Augustana College was guest speaker at today's Rock Island Rotary meeting. Dr. Bahls entitled his comments "Augustana Today" and provide a detailed picture of the prestigious liberal arts college. Looking at the class entering in 2017 President Bahls noted that student enrollment is up 10% to 2,650, which he described as the maximum desired. Faculty increased by 13%. Thirty-eight percent of the student body is of color, compared with just 5% 15 years ago. Thirteen percent of the students are international students who chose to study at Augustana. One of every three students is a first generation college attendee. One of four are Pell Grant eligible. 60% of the students will study abroad. 65% will complete one internship and 50% will complete two. 85% of the students will participate in some form of volunteer work during their time at Augustana. 98% of the students will receive some form of financial aid. President Bahls noted that the face of higher education is changing. Women are now the majority in both student population and college graduates. Particularly in the area of science, female students have become the norm rather than the exception. To meet the challenges, Augustana is making a \$10 million expansion of the Hanson Hall of Science. Burgendoff Hall which houses the college music department will be undergoing a complete gutting and renovation in 2019. The Augustana Slough has been drained and is undergoing a renovation that will see the area cleared of non-native species brush and trees and replacement with indigenous species in an effort to restore the area to pristine condition. Restoration also includes removal of non-native fish and restocking the slough with indigenous fish. Dr. Bahls also spoke of the 2020 Strategic Plan for the college, noting four principal goals: 1) Enhanced preparation of students for careers and graduate school. He stated that internships are critical to achieving this goal. 2) Integrated Experiences that include critical thinking, leadership training, learning to work with others, and creativity. 3) Affordability and value. To this point Bahls referenced scholarship assistance such as our Rock Island Rotary Augustana Scholarship, and noted that since the end of the recession, Augustana has been able to keep tuition increases to no more than 1% per year. 4) Diversity and Inclusion. Here he noted that not only has the student body evolved with much more diversity, but subject majors have also evolved to keep pace with the demands of today's society. He noted that Augustana will offer its first graduate degree in 2022 in the area of speech language pathology. Augustana has long been a leader in speech pathology and with our aging society and the increase in stroke and Alzheimer's disease, the demand for speech language pathologists has far exceeded the available supply. A master's degree is required to practice speech pathology, which lead to Augustana's decision to offer the master's degree program. Finally President Bahls mentioned that Augustana ranks among the top 10 colleges and universities (of all sizes) in the nation in producing Academic All Americans. His pride was showing, and justifiably so! Thank you for an outstanding presentation!



Jan - Mar Calendar

- Jan 25 - Quad-City Wide Rotary Membership Recruitment Event at St. Ambrose Univ.
- Jan 30 - TBA
- Feb 6 - Rotary Blood Drive
- Feb 6 - Jim Nowlan Columnist/Political Consultant
- Feb 13 - Brittany Carter, American Heart Association - CPR
- Feb 19 - Board of Directors Meeting 11:45 at Jeff Dismer's Office
- Feb 20 - TBA
- Feb 27 - Ann Frederick - WIU Quad Cities Small Business Dev. Center
- Mar 6 - Dan Coyne Logan - Earl Hanson Principal.
- Mar 13 - Christopher Peters, M.D. Health Care Reform
- Mar 20 - Brian Baster, Quad City Symphony Orchestra
- Mar 27 - Bert Blood Scholarships



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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 two visiting Rotarians; Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport Club and Jenni Swanson from the Moline Club. Also, guests were Charles Butler from Rock Island High School; Keisha Douglas a guest and daughter-in-law of Jim Moran; Julie Oliger, wife of John Oliger along with their daughter, Beth Ducey; Barbara Parker, wife of David Parker, and Virginia Johnson, wife of Don Peterson. Guests are always welcome at Rock Island Rotary. Prospective members are our favorites!

□ **QUAD-CITY WIDE ROTARY MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT EVENT.** We are invited and urged to attend this Thursday, January 25, 2018, from 5:30 to 7:00 at the St. Ambrose Rogalski Center, West High Street, Davenport, IA. This is an opportunity for Rotarians to invite guests/potential members to learn about the work of Rotary in our community and beyond. They'll learn 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. Copies were distributed with last week's newsletter.

□ **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!

ROCK ISLAND ROTARY AUGUSTANA SCHOLARSHIP GROWS!



Augustana President, Steve Bahls Accepts Rotary's Check

During the past few months, Club President Bruce Peterson led a campaign to increase funding of our club sponsored Augustana College scholarship. Rotarians with Augustana connections (graduates, parents of graduates, faculty, staff, etc.) received letters asking for donations. The Club Board of Directors agreed to match whatever donations were made up to a maximum of \$3,700. The campaign far exceeded expectations raising \$6,448 in donations. Today, President Bruce presented our Club's check to Augustana President, Dr. Steve Bahls, for \$3,700 to be added to the donations, bringing the total raised to \$10,148! Congratulations to Bruce and to all who supported this effort!

MARCH 1ST AT THE ESTABLISHMENT THEATER, ROCK ISLAND

A LITTLE OFF KEY

a dueling pianos event

REDUCED PRICE THIS YEAR! \$35 PER PERSON FOR table seat. VIP tables for 4, \$400.

SEE SUE CASSATT OR STEVE MORENZ FOR TICKETS.



FOUNDATION RAFFLE REPORT

Today's raffle featured Auto Show Tickets donated by Mark Zimmerman, fine wine from the Lo Milani Collection, and cash. The first ticket drawn was held by Frank Lambert, who says, "Always take the cash!" Then he donated it (and more) to the Club Foundation. Jenni Swanson, a guest, had the second drawn ticket and she took the wine. Anne McGlynn had the lucky third ticket earning her a trip to the 2018 Auto Show tickets. Raffle proceeds go to further Rotary's humanitarian work throughout our community and the world. Thank you for participating!

NEXT TO LAST CALL -- DIRECTORY OF ROTARY BUSINESS AND SERVICE PROFESSIONALS

If you would like to be included in the Club Director of Business and Service Professionals, 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:

BIRTHDAY BOOKS THIS THURSDAY

Join the fun at Earl Hanson School this Thursday at 2:15pm. We'll be passing out books to kids with January birthdays. Rotarians are needed to sign and hand out books. You'll also be treated to cookies and drink, music, and some of the best smiles (a few with a tooth or two missing) you've ever seen!



ROTARY BLOOD DRIVE – FEBRUARY 6th



Don't forget, our Rock Island Rotary Annual Club Blood Drive is coming up on Tuesday, February 6th. We have been circulating a sign-up sheet at meetings, and there is still plenty of time to sign up. You can donate either prior to or during our meeting on the 6th. 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 year's donation of 18 units.

Foundation Minute

According to Mark Little, founder of the Rotary Action Group Against Slavery, the Rotary Foundation has just approved a global grant for the biggest anti-trafficking project to date. Two District 5180 Rotarians from California masterminded the project. They partnered with districts in the Philippines, Mexico, Brazil, Australia and Argentina. The project addressed the need for education both for those who were most vulnerable and also for the general community population.

The grant will consist of a sex trafficking education program rolled out to selected teachers, administrators and students in 5th, 7th, 9th and 11th grades within their district as well as a 30 month human trafficking public awareness campaign aimed to make their communities aware of these atrocities.

Raising awareness of the existence and extent of human trafficking and slavery is the raison d'être of the California project. As Matt Friedman (CEO of the Mekong Club and author of his book "Where Are You?") states, "If we don't know about a problem, we can't care about it. If we don't care about it, we will never act! If we don't act, it is inevitable that the problem will continue to exist or more likely get worse. So we need to raise awareness on this issue of modern slavery to increase the number of those people who care ..."

With the help of The Rotary Foundation, and your contributions, Rotarians - People of Action- have taken on the responsibility of opening the eyes of as many people as possible to the unseen world where millions languish in slavery everywhere because of poverty, corruption and greed. As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. stated, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." Thank you.

Rotary International Convention

23-27 June 2018

Metro Toronto Convention Centre & Air Canada Centre

Attending the annual convention is a perfect way to experience Rotary's internationality, exchange ideas with fellow members, and discover new avenues – and potential partners – for service.

Find details about this year's event, including venues, housing, speakers and entertainment, breakout sessions, preconvention events, and deadlines at www.riconvention.org. Check the site often for new information about Rotary's biggest event of the year.