



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

EARL HANSON SCHOOL

Dan Coyne Logan, principal of Earl Hanson Elementary School in Rock Island was our guest speaker today. Mr. Logan was making his annual report to our club in recognition of our “adopting” Hanson School. Some of our activities involving Hanson students are our monthly “Birthday Books” program; an annual “Pumpkinpalooza” where we help fund taking all 1st and 2nd grade students to the Pumpkin Patch; and our Christmas season Angel Tree that provides gifts for students in need. We also have earmarked the proceeds of our annual Rotary Trivia Night for Hanson School projects. When there has been need, our club has provided everything from crayons and notebooks to sox and underwear for Earl Hanson students. Mr. Logan began his comments by reviewing the demographics of the school. The current student body numbers approximately 400. Of the 400, fully 17% have a primarily language other than English and are learning English at Earl Hanson. The students are 36% caucasian, 29% African-American, 18% Asian, 8% Hispanic, and 9% mixed race. Seventy-four percent of the students are from low-income families. Twenty-two percent of the students are diagnosed as special ed students. Mr. Logan described Earl Hanson as a “full Service Community School”, meaning that it provides services far beyond the traditional reading, writing, and arithmetic. Hanson school now provides a multitude of after school activities through its “Lights On For Learning” program. Such offerings as “Karin School” for the schools’ significant Asian population that speak Karin, a Food Pantry, having the staff trained in Trauma recognition and procedures, Family Nights, Citizenship classes, and Dad’s Club are all available free of charge. Hanson is also one of our communities’ broadest demographically mixed school, housing the school districts “Gifted Program” for 4th through 6th grade, and also providing a school home for all of the districts emotionally and physically disabled children. Those students are served through five self contained special education classrooms. Mr. Logan noted that over 120 students receive free breakfast, lunch, and dinner at the school. A requirement for receiving dinner is participation in the Lights on For Learning after school program that runs until 5:30 each day. In response to several questions regarding school security, Mr. Logan noted that the school works closely with their police liaison officer and also keeps all entrances to the building locked. Admission is allowed only by “Buzzing In” with video surveillance provided at the entry door. The school also conducts regular drills to ensure that staff and students are familiar with procedures to be followed if an emergency should occur. In response to another question Mr. Logan stated that each Friday the school’s food pantry prepares and sends home a large bag of food with those children who have been determined to be in need situations. This helps ensure that the child and his/her family will have adequate food for the weekend. When asked what he sees as the most pressing needs at the school, Mr. Logan said that more help with the mental health needs of the children regarding both social and emotion support; and, more availability of technology. Items such as wordpads are now shared between classes. Ideally the school would like to be able to provide one for each student to use. Overall it was a very interesting and well presented report. We thank Principal Logan for the fine job he is doing!



Mar - May Calendar

- Mar 13 - Christopher Peters, M.D.
Heath Care Reform
- Mar 20 - Brian Baxter, Quad City
Symphony Orchestra
- Mar 27 - Ballet Quad Cities
- Apr 3 - Tom Hammar & Molly
Shattuck – TAXES!
- Apr 10 - Bert Blood Scholarships
- Apr 17 - Rotary Awards Banquet
- Apr 24 - Earl Hanson Inspire Choir
- May 1 - RIHS Entrepreneur Class
- May 8 - Jana Haskins – RiseUP
- May 15- Jenni Swanson – Wellness
in the work place
- May 22- Kai Swanson – Forest
Preserve Pat Rungrueng
- May 29- Rotary Exchange Student,
Pat Rungrueng



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Oct – Nov: Tom Hammar
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 Alleman Jr. Rotarians Louis Portillo and Giselle Ramirez; and, Rocky Jr. Rotarians Sarah McCullough and Katherine Moore. Our exchange daughter Pat Rungrueng was in attendance, as was visiting Rotarian, Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport Club. Also visiting today were Drew Scharer, a guest of Carrie Crossen, Christina Myatt a guest of the Club, and Virginia Johnson, wife of Don Peterson. Guests are always welcome at Rock Island Rotary. Prospective members are our favorites!

□ **GREETERS NEEDED** - Please see Sam at the Sergeant's table and sign up to be a greeter for a future meeting. It's an easy and fun job and only requires you to arrive a few minutes earlier than usual.

□ **AWARDS LUNCHEON** is coming up on April 17th. Nominations are needed for the Excellence Award, the Community Service Award, and the A.T. Peara Award for Rotarian of the Year. A nomination form is included with this newsletter. Please feel free to nominate those that you believe should be considered for an award. The deadline for submitting nominations is, Tuesday, March 20th.

□ **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!

□ **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 REPORT



Today's raffle featured fine wine from the Lo Milani Collection and cash. The first ticket drawn was held by Howard Beck, who took the cash and donated it to the Rotary Foundation. The next two tickets drawn were held by student guests who had to pass because of the age restriction for winning the wine. The third ticket drawn was a charm, bringing us full circle back to Howard Beck, who happily took home the wine. Might be a good day to visit the casino, Howard! All raffle proceeds go to support the International Rotary Foundation, carrying on humanitarian work throughout the world. Thanks to all who participated!

HAPPY MARCH ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS!

Vic Boblett	March 14
Kathy Trone	March 15
Gary Rowe	March 17
Amy Senh	March 19
Kathy Allison	March 21
Clarence Darrow	March 22
Jerry Jones	March 22
Bill Stengel	March 31



Foundation Minute

The Rotary Foundation, its districts and clubs invest in our future leaders and philanthropists by funding scholarships for undergraduate and graduate study.

The Rotary Foundation offers scholarships for college graduates and professionals to study peace and conflict resolution as well as water and sanitation.

District grants can be used to sponsor secondary school, undergraduate or graduate students studying any subject, either locally or abroad. The scholarship may cover any length of time, from a six-week language-training program to a year or more of university study.

Rotary clubs and its districts can also apply to The Rotary Foundation for global grants to support scholarships. These grants are for graduate students studying in one of Rotary's six areas of focus: Promoting peace, fight disease, providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene, saving mothers and children, supporting education and growing local economies. Scholarships last from one to four years and can include an entire degree program. Global grant scholarships are funded using cash or District Designated Funds, which are matched by Rotary's World Fund.

Rotary clubs offer scholarships for secondary, undergraduate and /or graduate study. They are open to anyone except Rotary members and their families.

In the past over \$7.5 million on average have been given each year for over 350,000 scholarships. Contact your club, district or The Rotary Foundation for more information.

Your contribution to The Rotary Foundation and its Peace Center enables this to happen. Thank you.



5TH ANNUAL HEART OF HOPE TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS! Please join us for a GOOD CAUSE and a FUN NIGHT. Along with Trivia, we will have a Silent Auction and Raffle Door Prizes.

ARE YOU THE BEST AT TRIVIA? CASH PRIZES TO WINNING TABLE.

Doors Open at 5:00PM and Trivia Starts Around 6PM

\$10 per person, \$80 for a team of 8. Purchase them anytime.

Where

Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center
226 17th St, Rock Island, Illinois 61201

When

Friday, March 23, 2018
5:00 PM — 8:00 PM CDT

You can purchase tables right through the website.

You are also welcomed to stop by or mail your registration fee to our office at 1740 9th Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201

For additional information, give us a call at 309-428-4792

Rotarians are invited to help The Heart of Hope, with whom we share our weekly food pantry project, by participating in their Trivia Night Fundraiser. To register, call 309-428-4792 or go to their website, www.heartofhopeqc.org and click "NEXT EVENT".



You can bring your own snacks. No outside beverage are allowed. The Hotel will be providing a Cash Bar for your beverage purchases.

END POLIO PLEDGE DRIVE

Foundation Chairman, Bud Phillis reminds us that we are still in the middle of our End Polio Pledge Drive. If you haven't made a pledge yet, please do so. Donations of any size are welcome and may be paid over the next three years. To date we have received pledges for approximately \$9,025.00. We're hoping to double that number by the end of the drive. This will be the final request for pledges.



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: _____

Pledge cards are available from Bud. No money required at time of making pledge.

ROTARY SUPPORTS THE PENGUIN PROJECT!



Two weeks ago, we heard about the Penguin Project in an excellent program presented by Augustana professor Jeffrey Coussens. Today Rock Island Rotary had the pleasure of presenting a \$1,000 donation to the project. Ms. Christina Myatt was on hand to accept the check from Frank Lambert, our Community Grants (formerly Budget Priorities) Committee. Mrs. Myatt noted that this year's production featured 80 children and played to a sold-out house on two consecutive weekends. The project casts children with disabilities in all the roles of an adapted Broadway musical production. A peer mentor is assigned to each cast member and the mentor goes on stage in costume with the actor to provide assistance and confidence if needed. The program is designed to allow children to have an experience that otherwise would never have received.

ANOTHER PAUL HARRIS FELLOW!

Foundation chairman, Bud Phillis had the very pleasant duty of introducing our most recent Paul Harris Fellow at today's meeting. Our club President, Bruce Peterson received his Paul Harris Certificate and pin signifying that Bruce has Reached the \$1,000 plateau in donations to the Rotary International Foundation. Bruce joins the large number of Paul Harris Fellows in our Club and is one of the reasons that our club has been recognized on multiple occasions for leading our Rotary District in per capita donations to the Rotary Foundation. Also, of note is the Bill Gates Foundation has agreed to match Foundation donations on a 2 for 1 basis, meaning that Bruce is responsible for a total of \$3,000 in support for the Foundation. However, the Gates matching agreement ends December 31, 2018, so if you're thinking about becoming a Paul Harris Fellow, please talk with Bud as soon as possible and get underway so that your donations can take advantage of The Gates Match!



A LITTLE OFF KEY FUN AGAIN THIS YEAR!

Congratulations to our fundraising committee for once again organizing a fun evening of music and laughs. Wish more of our members had taken advantage of supporting our Club while at the same time enjoying an entertaining evening out on the town! Those in attendance had a great time and your support is greatly appreciated. As plans are made for future fundraisers, feedback will be needed from all members.



Step Aside Tina Turner – Rotarians are taking over the show!

Vic Boblett leads the dance squad with his winning “Robot” dance!



Our “Duelers”



Tom Hammar and Jane Koski Show their moves!

Another big group takes the stage.



I see Ruth, Carrie, and Steve. Who else can you pick out?

What’s going on here?



ROCK ISLAND ROTARY CLUB
2018 Awards Committee



Rock Island Rotary's annual Awards Luncheon is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 17th**. The Awards Committee seeks nominations for the following awards:

1. **Excellence:** Recognizes distinction or superiority in a field of endeavor. This can be for a single accomplishment or for achieving high standards of achievement or performance over as sustained period of time.
2. **Community Service:** Recognizes individuals or organizations who have worked effectively for the betterment of our community.
3. **A.T. Peara Award for Service Above Self:** Recognizes the Rock Island Rotary member who has exhibited the dedicated service and faithful commitment to the ideals of Rotary that were personified by A.T. Peara, for whom the award is named after.

The first two awards are open to any individual or organization that has demonstrated excellence or worked for the betterment of the Rock Island community. The excellence award applies to all lines of work and to all ages.

The A.T. Peara Award is limited to current members of Rock Island Rotary.

To ensure that our committee has adequate time to evaluate, consider, make the selections, and have awards prepared, the deadline for nominations is March 20th. Please consider making one or more nominations using the lower portion of this form. Additional copies are available if you need them. We greatly appreciate your participation and assistance.

Submit Nomination to: Carrie Crossen or by e-mail to ccrossen@choosethechief.com

NOMINEE NAME: _____ **Your Name:** _____

Nominated for (be sure to indicate):

_____ Excellence _____ Community Service _____ A.T. Peara Award

Reasons in support of your nomination:
