



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

BALLET QUAD CITIES



Apr - May Calendar

- Apr 3 - Tom Hammar & Molly Shattuck – Guide to the New World of 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

Now in its 21st season, Ballet Quad Cities is the longest-running resident professional ballet company in the entire state of Iowa and western Illinois, one of only 100 in the nation. Their performances and interactive school programs touch over 30,000 people each year with the athletic and entertaining art of dance. Our guest speakers today were Paul Plagenz, President of the Board of Directors, and Margaret King, ballet mistress and Director of Education Outreach for Ballet Quad Cities. Their 2017-18 season included “Dracula” performed in October; “The Nutcracker” performed in December; “Alice In Wonderland” performed this past weekend; “Defining Dance: Distinctly Ballet Quad Cities” coming up April 20 – 21; and “Ballet Under the Stars” to be performed June 8,9,10 at Lincoln Park in Rock Island. Ballet Quad Cities’ mission is to provide professional classical and contemporary dance to the entire community through outstanding performances, entertaining lecture-demonstrations and innovative educational outreach programs for people of all ages. Their DREAMS Achieved through Dance, Dance Me a Story; Exploring Literature through Ballet, and The Ugly Duckling Bully Prevention program reach thousands of elementary students in the Quad Cities community and neighboring counties in Iowa and Illinois. Ballet Quad Cities’ School of Dance offers a wide variety of classes from beginning through advanced levels. Classes in Creative Movement, Ballet, Pointe, Jazz, Modern, Conditioning, and Adult Ballet are offered. Each dancer is evaluated by the faculty and placed in a class suitable for his or her technical ability. Class sizes are small so that each dancer receives the care and attention they deserve. Ballet Quad Cities began a collaboration with Orchestra Iowa starting in the 2012-2013 season. Two performances featuring the two groups are held in both the Paramount Theatre in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where Orchestra Iowa is based, and the Adler Theatre in Davenport, Iowa. The Adler is one of the ballet’s primary venues. Mr. Plagenz noted that the annual budget of BQC is \$450,000. Roughly one-fifth of the budget is earned via ticket sales for performances. Fully 4/5 of their funding comes from business and private donations and from grants from numerous sources. He also stated that the three strategic initiatives of the Ballet’s Board are 1) Growing the audience, 2) Financial Stability, and 3) Leadership Development. Their audience has grown significantly with the current season attendance exceeding last year’s, which itself was a record breaking year. Financially, Ballet Quad Cities has been running “in the black” for the past several years. Miss King spoke primarily of the educational programs offered by BQC. The “Ugly Duckling” was performed for 1st grade students in Rock Island and surrounding communities teaching anti-bullying and acceptance. The “Dance Me A Story” program targets 2nd graders. The “Nutcracker” in addition to sold out performances in the Quad Cities and Cedar Rapids, was performed for 2,000 school children at the Adler Theater. We also learned of BQC’s year long after school program “Dreams Achieved Through Dance” provides free dance training for Rock Island elementary children. A great program added to the proof that for friendly people, the arts, and culture, the QCA is a great place to live!



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Club Notes & Announcements!

- **WELCOME GUESTS!** Rock Island Rotary was pleased to welcome to today's meeting, Alleman Jr. Rotarians Louis Portillo and Giselle Ramirez; our exchange daughter Pat Rungrueng; and Rocky Jr. Rotarians Sarah McCullough and Katherine Moor. Our lone visiting Rotarian today was one of our speakers, Paul Plagenz, from the Moline Club. Guests are always welcome at Rock Island Rotary. Prospective members are our favorites!
- **BLOOD DRIVE – NEXT MONDAY in memory of Fred Luckenbill** will be held at St. Pious Catholic Church on Monday, April 2nd from 2 to 6pm. Rotarians and all friends of Fred are invited to participate. We are told that those that gave at our Rotary Blood Drive in February are eligible to give again on Monday.
- **AWARDS LUNCHEON** is coming up on April 17th. Lunch will be served at 11:30 and we will start the program promptly at 12 Noon. Plan to come early. Featured speaker is Steve Bell, Augustana's Head Football Coach.
- **SERVICE OPPORTUNITY** – Help is still needed with the Heart of Hope Food Pantry. Thursdays 6 to 7:30pm. Contact Al Metz or Steve Morenz to join our team of volunteers! Used but sound plastic bags are needed too.
- **DISTRICT 6420 CONFERENCE this year will be just a one-day event on Saturday, April 28th** at Faranda's Banquet Center in DeKalb. Activities begin at 7:00am and will conclude at 8:30pm. Registration is \$100 of which our club will reimburse one-half. For a full schedule of events and registration information, see page 4.
- **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, cash, and a beautiful wood bowl donated by Larry Tadlock. The first ticket drawn was held by Ruth Lee, who grabbed the bowl! Jim Stanbary took the cash and donated it to Father Hungerford's Discretionary Fund. The final ticket winning the wine was held by Bud Phillis. Just a reminder, all raffle proceeds go to support the International Rotary Foundation, carrying on humanitarian work throughout the world. Thank you for participating!

Foundation Minute

Senior Annual Giving Officer Steven Solomon recently visited India and a community development program partly supported by gifts to Rotary's Annual Fund. Through a Rotary global grant, Rotarians implemented an integrated program in Piyali India with health and dental care, sanitation, solar utilities, safe drinking water, adult education, tree planting and vocational opportunities with micro-credit.

This project has helped decrease the human trafficking of young girls and has improved the lives of the whole community. Your contribution to The Rotary Foundation helped make this happen. Thank you!

BIRTHDAY BOOKS THIS THURSDAY
 Arrive at Earl Hanson School at 2:15 – Done by 3pm
 Help is needed to sign and hand out books.
 You'll love the kids and enjoy the snacks!



ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?



Sign up for our Rotary Social at the May 12th Quad City Steamwheelers home game at the TaxSlayer Center in Moline. Rotarians are urged to come and bring a friend. A great way to have a fun night out and interest a potential member in Rotary! Let Sue Cassatt know you want to go. The larger our group the better group ticket price we can get, So, be there for the "Kick off", Rotary at the Steamwheelers, May 12th. We need to know if you are interested. Email Sue: slerschen-cassatt@firststateil.com

CARNIVAL PLANS ADJUSTED!



As a result of date conflicts and communication issues with our carnival provider, we have decided to use a different carnival company and have moved our date to Labor Day Weekend. This gives us more time to plan and also ensures that we will have the largest carnival available! So far those who have offered to serve on our planning committee are few and far between! To pull this off we need several sub-committees lending their creativity and organizational skills. Please don't be shy. Let Bob Swanson or Sue Cassatt know that you want to help, and they can offer numerous areas to ensure your skills will be used in an area that interests you. We have everything from working with the mayor to ordering outhouses available! You won't be asked to put up tents, take tickets, or run rides. We promise! Let Bob or Sue know that you are "on board"!

ROCK ISLAND ROTARIANS SPREADING GOOD WILL WORLD WIDE!



Recently three of our members toured Egypt. Pictured here, donning the local apparel is past president, Steve Morenz surrounded by the lovely twin roses, Marcy Bell and Mary Fislar, themselves in colorful local garb.

Although that part of the world has been an area of turmoil and unrest for decades, we are confident that if anyone can bring some joy, peace, and good will to middle east, Marcy, Mary, and Steve are outstanding candidates.



DISTRICT 6420 DISTRICT CONFERENCE FARANDA'S, DEKALB, ILLINOIS

APRIL 27	DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION 1:00 PM LEADERSHIP DINNER 5:00 PM (OPEN TO ALL)
APRIL 28	7:00 AM DISTRICT CONFERENCE REGISTRATION 7:15-8:15 AM LITERACY BREAKFAST BUFFET 8:15 AM OPENING CEREMONIES 8:30-NOON PROGRAM NOON-1:00 PM LUNCH 1:00 PM -5:00 PM PROGRAM 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM SOCIAL 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM DINNER & PROGRAM 8:30-10.00 PM DGE KATHY KWIAT-HESS RECEPTION

REGISTRATION & PROGRAM INFORMATION AT:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-district-6420-conference-tickets-43800310909>

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Cellphones power disease fight



Pakistan and Nigeria are replacing paper-based reporting with fast, accurate cellphone messaging. Mobile phones and simple text messaging may be the keys to victory in the world's largest public health initiative: the eradication of polio. As the disease retreats from the global stage, thriving in only a few remote areas in three countries, it's up to health workers to deliver vaccines and share information with speed and accuracy.

Health workers in Pakistan are receiving cellphone and e-monitoring training at the Rotary Resource Center in Nowshera, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative are strengthening the lines of communication by giving cellphones to health workers in Pakistan and Nigeria, where a single text message could save a life. In Pakistan, Rotary has been working to replace traditional paper-based reporting of maternal and child health information, including polio immunization data, with mobile phone and e-monitoring technology. Community health workers across the nation have received more than 800 phones through a partnership with Rotary, the Pakistani government; Telenor, the country's second-largest telecommunications provider; and Eycon, a data monitoring and evaluation specialist. Organizers plan to distribute a total of 5,000 cellphones by the end of 2018. Health workers can use the phones to send data via text message to a central server. If they see a potential polio case, they can immediately alert officials at Pakistan's National Emergency Operations Center. They also can note any children who didn't receive the vaccine or parental refusals – and record successful immunizations. In Pakistan, the polio eradication effort aims to reach the nation's 35 million children under age five.

The result is a collection of real-time information that officials can easily monitor and assess, and says Michel Thieren, regional emergency director of the World Health Organization's Health Emergency Program.