



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

BERT BLOOD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Bert Blood was born in 1870 on a farm near Cambridge, Illinois. He served as Superintendent of Schools in Tiskilwa and Park Ridge, Illinois for 17 years, and served as President of the Cook County Teachers Association and as Secretary of the Educational Council of Cook County. In 1917, he opened the A.M. Blood Co., a school supply business in Rock Island. He became a Rock Island Rotary Club member in 1920 and served as our club's honorary president during 1969 – 70. Bert chaired the agricultural committee of the Rock Island Chamber of Commerce and Retail Bureau; and served as an Elder of Broadway Presbyterian Church for many years. He was also very active in the Life Line Institute and the Community Chest, forerunner to today's United Way. Although an urban businessman, Bert never lost touch with his rural roots. He organized our club's annual Rural/Urban program up to his death, at age 101 in 1972. Bert not only challenging 4-H students to academic excellence, but also worked to ensure that Rock Island Rotary kept in touch with our dependence on rural production and supply. To honor his 101 years of life and preserve his rural legacy, our Club established a \$101 memorial scholarship in 1973. This scholarship was awarded annually to a college bound high school student who, in the eyes of our club's judges, presented the best 4-H project. As tuition costs increased and with the help of Rock Island County's 4-H Foundation, the program was expanded, and funding gradually increased to \$3,250 total, and for the past several years we have awarded 3 scholarships as follows; \$1,500, \$1,000, and \$750. This year, we increased the total dollar amount to \$4,750 and added scholarships for two current college students that have been 4-H members. Today Rock Island Rotary presented scholarships to three High School Seniors: \$1,500, \$1,250, \$1,000 and to two current college students. The highlight of the program as a presentation by each student detailing their 4-H project. Leading off was Nathan Parchert whose project was raising and showing hogs. He presented a slide show taking us from building the farrowing pens through the birth of piglets and ultimately showing the grown hogs in competitions. Nathan is a Rockridge student and plans to attend Iowa State next fall to study Agricultural Business. Clare VanSpeybroeck, a student from Alleman High School, followed with a presentation of her project, "Hunger". Clare's slide presentation showed the story of her becoming interested in local hunger issues, writing grants seeking funds for meal packaging events, recruiting volunteers, and ultimately organizing and hosting numerous meal packaging events that in total reached 78,000 meals, \$12,000 in funds raised, and over 500 volunteers recruited. Clare plans to attend DePaul University to major in International Studies. Our final presenter was MyKeisha Wells a student at Rock Island High School. MyKeisha's program, "Teen Hunger Ambassador", was far more expansive than the name sounds. Her involvement in 4-H included not only hard work to fight hunger by volunteering at food pantries and meal centers, but also leadership development, through which she met and involved other youth in her anti-hunger efforts. She is planning to attend Coe College in the fall and hopes to become an Abuse Crisis Counselor. After the presentations President Bruce Peterson along with Jenny Garner, County Extension Director, and program chairman, John Wetzel presented the scholarships. See page 3 to learn the winners!

Apr – July Calendar

- Apr 17 - Rotary Awards Banquet
Meeting Starting 30 minutes earlier than normal!
- 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
- May 29- Rotary Exchange Student, Pat Rungrueng
- June 5 - Sarah Stevens – Executive Director, Lead(h)er
- June 12 - Amy Leichsenring – Camp Kesem at Augustana
- June 19 - Liz Nino – Director of International Recruitment and Asst. Director of Admissions, Augustana
- June 26 - President Bruce Peterson
- July 3 - New President – Sue Cassatt
- July 10 - TBD
- July 17 - Cindy Duncan – Ottawa Rotary Club



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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 many guests at today's meeting. Alleman Jr. Rotarians Ashley Noe and Maddie Garcia and Exchange daughter Pat Rungrueng were present. Janey Locander was a guest of Mike Locander and Tiffany Norwood, Executive Director of Delacerda House, Inc. was a guest of Cindi Gramenz. Members of the 4-H Education Foundation Board, Chris Elsberg, Julie Derrer, Sheila Guse, and John Flaherty were present. University of Illinois Extension 4-H staff members present were Diane Baker, Becky Buckrop, and Jenny Garner County Extension Director. "Fans" of our scholarship recipients present were Tinisha Craig and Michael Wells, family of Mykeisha Wells; Neala McCarthy, Rosalie, John, Jim, and Nora VanSpeybroeck, family of Clare VanSpeybroeck; and, Tom and Carol Parchert, family of Nathan Parchert. Guests are always welcome at Rock Island Rotary.
- **GIRLS SOFTBALL TRIVIA NIGHT** – Recently our club donated \$12,000 to the Rock Island Girls Softball League to fund lights for their field. They are hosting a Trivia Night on April 27th at the Rock Island Holiday Inn to fund further field improvements. Want to help? Contact Bob Swanson
- **AWARDS LUNCHEON** is NEXT TUESDAY, April 17th. Lunch will be served at 11:30 and we will start the program promptly at 12 Noon. Plan to come early. Guest speaker is Augustana Head Football Coach, Steve Bell.
- **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.



FOUNDATION RAFFLE REPORT

Today's raffle featured fine wine from the Lo Milani Collection, and cash. The first ticket drawn was held by Jim Moran, who took the cash and donated it to the Rotary Foundation. Holding the second ticket and winning the wine was Bill Stengel. 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

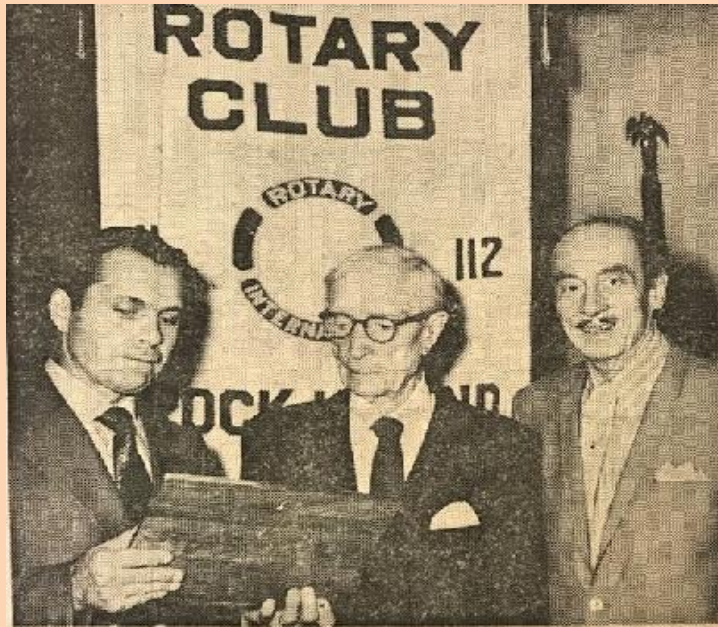
Did you know that Rotary not only offers you a chance to help others, but as a member you can also receive benefits? Rotary's Global Rewards program is its benefits program designed exclusively for Rotarians and Rotaractors. The extensive collection of discounts and special offers cover the types of goods and services that members care about most – for getting a project completed or just treating yourself after a job well done.

Categories include entertainment, travel, business services, insurance, dining and retail! There are also opportunities to give back to Rotary – for instance when you shop Amazon Smile – 6% of your purchase will be sent to The Rotary Foundation.

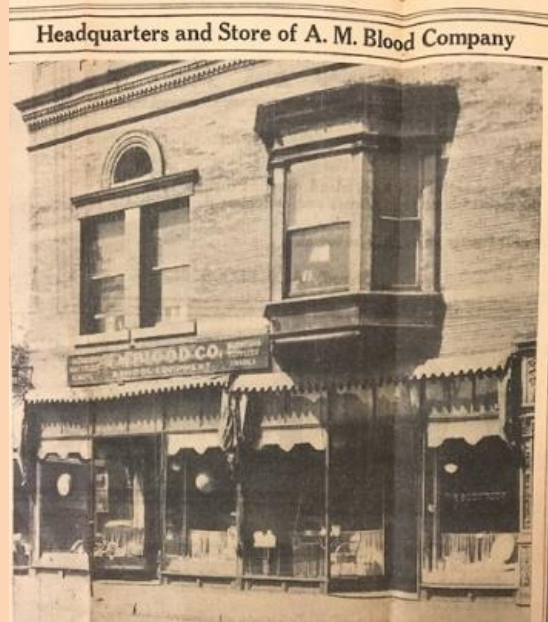
For more information go to rotary.org/globalrewards or download the Rotary Global Rewards App.

BERT BLOOD SCHOLARSHIPS

The 46-year tradition of Rock Island Rotary granting scholarships to area youth continued at today's luncheon meeting. Three finalist made presentations to our club and based on judging by a panel made up of our Bert Blood Committee members, Carrie Crossen, Pat Cunningham, Ardo Holmgrain, Italo Milani, Tom Showwalter, and John Wetzel, Chair; and members of the 4-H Extension Board, the following results were announced. 1st Place receiving a \$1,500 Scholarship, was Clare VanSpeybroeck; 2nd Place was MyKeisha Wells; and 3rd Place, Nathan Parchert. College students receiving \$500 scholarships were Rylee Derrer attending Iowa State University majoring in Agriculture & Society; and, Tayler Johnson attending Kirkwood Community College majoring in Beef Production Management. Both are alumni of local 4-H Extension Service programs.



On the occasion of his 100th Birthday, Rock Island Rotary honored Bert a Paul Harris Fellow Award. Pictured in this Argus photo from December 15, 1970, are Rotary President Fred Houltton presenting the Award to Bert Blood. On the far right is Monte Hance who wrote the script for the program which was entitled "The Thundering Hundred - or - Blood, Sweat, and Years".



The A.M. Blood Company was located at 330 Blood with Twentieth Street in Rock Island.



Here Bert Blood, at age 100, presents the Rock Island Rotary's Urban - Rural Awards to two 4-H students attending the Club's Annual Urban-Rural Awards Program.



A closer look at our 2018 High School Bert Blood Scholarship winners, MyKeisha Wells received \$1,250, Nathan Parchert, \$1,000, and Clare VanSpeybroeck received our first prize, \$1,500 scholarship.



Pictured are Bert Blood Committee Chair, John Wetzel, Rotary President Bruce Peterson, MyKeisha Wells, Nathan Parchert, Clare VanSpeybroeck, and County Extension Director, Jenny Garner

Our sincere thanks to the University of Illinois Extension Service and the 4-H Foundation Board for co-funding our scholarships!

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR FOOTBALL?



On May 12th Rock Island Rotary is planning a social at the Quad City Steamwheelers home game at the TaxSlayer Center in Moline. Rotarians are urged to come and bring a friend/prospective member. Let Sue Cassatt know that 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. Email Sue: slerschen-cassatt@firststateil.com This is a great way to have a fun night out and interest a potential member in Rotary!



AMANDA VISITS R.I. ROTARY

Amanda Murray, our next outbound exchange student visited Rock Island Rotary today and briefly told the club about her preparations for spending next year as a Rotary Exchange Student to Poland. Amanda is a sophomore at Alleman High School and is the niece of former Rock Island Rotary president Jeff Dismer. Currently, she is busy with preparations, including learning to speak Polish. At Alleman she's been busy playing volleyball, basketball, soccer, and running track. Amanda also frequents the stage as a cast member in Alleman musicals and dramatic productions. She is also an honor roll student and has been recognized as a John O'Connor Scholar for attaining a semester GPA of 3.6 or higher. We think Amanda will be an outstanding representative of Rock Island Rotary and our entire community. We look forward to her next visit.

DISTRICT 6420 DISTRICT CONFERENCE FARANDA'S, DEKALB, ILLINOIS



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| 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>

Registration is \$100. If you go, Rock Island Rotary will reimburse one-half of your registration fee. REGISTRATION CUT OFF IS APRIL 20, 2018