



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

BEST OF THE BEST! 2018 ROTARY AWARDS

Today Rock Island Rotary honored some of our community's very best citizens and students at our annual Awards Luncheon. Seven outstanding student scholars received Achievement Awards for being the top seniors at their respective schools. Augustana College honorees, introduced by College President, Steve Bahls, were Katelyn Lorenz and Mitchell Johnson. Top scholars from Alleman High school introduced by Fr. Daniel Mirabelli, were Adelyn Pulley and Brendan Hird. At the top spot at Rock



Steve Bell

Island High School three students are tied, Sarah McCullough, Alexis Dillender and Sydney Branson (grand-daughter of Rock Island Rotarian Tom Showalter). They were introduced by Assistant-Principal and fellow Rotarian, Karla Thies. A brief but extremely impressive bio was read about each student honoree. Each received a walnut plaque featuring their school colors. Recognized for outstanding Community Service was the organization, "Friends of Douglas Park" lead by Kevin Corrigan, Mike Bell, and Gerry Huiskamp. Kevin and Gerry accepted the honor on behalf of the organization which has spearheaded the effort and fund raising to completely renovate Rock Island's historic Douglas Park. The 2018 Excellence Award was also presented to a group. Two of the founders of "LEAD", Cornelius Aldridge & Romar Cantu, were honored for their Rock Island Entrepreneurship Class creation, which provides leadership training, and mentoring for low-income elementary school children. Dr. Bud Phillis presented a moving tribute to Rotarian Fred Luckenbill who was honored posthumously with the Rotary Lifetime Achievement Award. The club was honored to have Fred's wife, Nancy Luckenbill, and daughter, Beth Ford, present to accept the award. The final award presented was the prestigious A.T Pears "Service Above Self Award". This award, which may only be won one time, is often tabbed recognition as the "Rotarian of the Year". Our honoree for 2018 is Steve Morenz. Steve served as our president in 2016-17. During the past year he has been a leader in club fundraising projects, membership efforts, and our partnership with the Heart of Hope Food Pantry. In addition, Steve served in various capacities on virtually every project Rock Island Rotary undertook during the year. Congratulations to Steve and all our outstanding and deserving honorees. Keynote speaker for today's luncheon was Mr. Steve Bell, head football coach at Augustana College. Coach Bell spoke on the topic, "Excellence", which he defined as a talent or quality which is unusually good and so surpasses ordinary standards. He asked if excellence lead to success or if success leads to excellence? He then noted that excellence in his opinion equals growth, learning from experience, and living life with a purpose. Relating "Excellence" to his team members, he said being excellent means be the best you can be, master your craft, don't settle for average, and be able to handle failure. He left us with an equation: $E+R=O$ and then explained the Event, plus ones Response to the event will equal the Outcome. He said we can't control the event, but do have control over how we respond, and that will determine the outcome. The Awards Luncheon Committee under the leadership of Chris Lemon put together a very well organized and impressive program. Committee members are: Chris Lemon, Barrie Crossen, Bob Swanson, Jim Moran, Sarah Gorham, Clarence Darrow, Justin Peterson, and Mike Locander.

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

(See picture gallery – Pages 2 & 3)



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Program Chairs 2017-18

Aug – Sept: Fred Luckenbill
 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 to today's meeting Rocky Jr. Rotarians Sydney Branson and Alexis Dillender; and Alleman Jr. Rotarian Ashley Noe, Exchange daughter Pat Rungrueng; and next year's outgoing Exchange daughter, Amanda Murray. Guests of Tom Showalter were Ann Showalter, Shellee Showalter, Evan Branson, and Maureen Fetes. All are family of honoree Sydney Branson. Craig and Gena McCullough, parents of honoree Sarah McCullough were present; as were Steve and Kim Dillender, parents of honoree Ali Dillender. Kevin and Leslie Hird, parents of honoree Brendan Hird; Kim and Paul Johnson of Springfield, IL, parents of honoree Mitchell Johnson, and Bill and Susan Lorenz of Portage, Wisconsin, parents of honoree Katelyn Lorenz were present. Rocky Entrepreneurship Class Instructor Trish Matson was present along with honorees Corneilus Aldridge and Romar Cantu. Nancy Luckenbill was present with daughter Beth Ford to receive the Life Time Achievement Award on behalf of Fred Luckenbill. Lisa Corrigan was present with honorees Kevin Corrigan and Gerry Huiskamp. Jim Meenan of the Quad City Times was a guest of Bob Swanson; Diane Phillis and Louie Alongi were guests of Bud Phillis; and Hilde Wray was a guest of Sam Wray. Augustana President, Steve Bahls, was a guest of the Club to present Awards to Augustana Honorees. Rebecca Arnold, a visiting Rotarian from the Rotary eClub was also on hand. 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

□ **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.

FOUNDATION RAFFLE REPORT



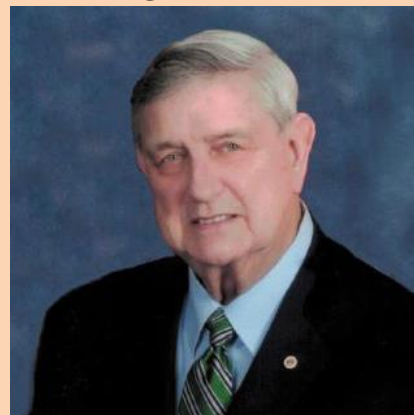
Today's raffle featured fine wine from the Lo Milani Collection, and cash. The first ticket drawn was held by Ruth Lee, who took the cash and donated it to our Club Foundation. Holding the second ticket and winning the wine was our honored guest, Nancy Luckenbill. Just a reminder, all raffle proceeds go to support the International Rotary Foundation, carrying on humanitarian work throughout the world. Thank you for participating!

A. T. PEARA AWARD WINNER



Mike Locander introduces Steve Morenz

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Fred Luckenbill July 10, 1935 - November 23, 2017

2018 ROTARY AWARDS LUNCHEON

AUGUSTANA COLLEGE HONOREES



Mitchell Johnson, President Steve Bahls, Katelyn Lorenz

ALLEMAN HIGH SCHOOL HONOREES



Leslie Hird, Fr. Mirabelli, Brendan Hird, Addie Pulley, Kevin Hird

ROCK ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL HONOREES



Sarah McCullough, Ali Dillender, Sydney Branson, Asst. Principal Thies

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD



Friends of Douglas Park, Kevin Corrigan, Gerry Huiskamp, Justin Peterson

EXCELLENCE AWARD



"LEAD" - Romar Cantu, Corneilus Aldridge, Justin Peterson

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



For Fred Luckenbill - Beth Ford, Nancy Luckenbill, Bud Phillis

Foundation Minute

In Brazil's Riberia Valley, a neonatal intensive care unit faced a problem. It didn't have nearly enough equipment. With only seven incubators, the unit at the state-run Dr. Leopoldo Bevilacqua Regional Hospital filled up quickly. Newborns often would be transferred to another facility - a harrowing journey that the tiny, fragile patients sometimes didn't survive. This factor contributed to the hospital's high mortality rate.

The Rotary Club of Registro, Sao Paulo, stepped in to help, partnering with the Rotary Club of Nakatsugawa, Gifu, Japan, on a global grant. They raised funds to purchase equipment, including incubators, cribs, ventilators, and monitors, and launched a publicity campaign about the importance of prenatal care and breastfeeding. The clubs also provided training for at-risk pregnant adolescents and education on maternal-infant health.

The new equipment doubled the capacity of the unit, which now provides care to 220 of the community's newest and tiniest residents each year.

Your continued support of The Rotary Foundation enabled this to happen. Thank you.

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>

Registration is \$100. If you go, Rock Island Rotary will reimburse one-half of your registration fee. **DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS THIS FRIDAY!**



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!