



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

EARL HANSON INSPIRE CHOIR

The Earl Hanson Elementary School "Inspire Choir", one of Rock Island Rotary's favorite programs, paid their annual visit to our club today and as usual received an enthusiastic round of applause for their outstanding performance. The Inspire Choir is an after-school elective activity lead by Ms. Jean Mercer. The children who volunteer to be in the choir dedicate many hours to rehearsal and to the choir's dedication to community service. The choir frequently performs at area retirement centers and nursing homes and participates in an annual arts project. Today's performance featured songs with the theme of character building, understanding, peace, and tolerance. The haunting, "What Kind of Person Will I Be", "Go In Peace", and "R O T A R Y" were among the crowd favorites performed by the 26-member choir. Always an entertaining and upbeat program, we'll let pictures tell the story!

Apr – July Calendar

- Apr 26 - Earl Hanson Birthday Books
- May 1 - RIHS Entrepreneur Class
- May 8 - Jana Haskins – RiseUP
- May 15- Jenni Swanson – Wellness in the work place
- May 19- Rotary Visioning Session R.I. Police Dept. Community Room, 8am to Noon
- May 22- Kai Swanson – Rock Island county 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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 Bill Groh

Club Notes & Announcements!

- ☐ **WELCOME GUESTS!** Rock Island Rotary was pleased to welcome to today's meeting Rocky Jr. Rotarian Alexis Dillender; Alleman Jr. Rotarian Ashley Noe; and Exchange daughter Pat Rungrueng. Earl Hanson teacher, Kim Dillender along with Hanson students, Jackson Bennett and Parker Williams were guest of Tom Hammar. Diane Phillis was a guest of Bud Phillis; Nancy Luckenbill and Hilde Wray were guests of Sam Wray. 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 this Friday, April 27th at the Rock Island Holiday Inn to fund further field improvements. Want to play? Tables are available. Call 309-781-6545 or 309-738-0074.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **SIGN UP SHEET** to help with our first **ROTARYFEST CARNIVAL**, August 30 – September 2 was circulated at today's meeting. If you missed signing up, see Bob Swanson or Sue Cassatt. We need your help!
- ☐ **Dr. LARRY TADLOCK'S** walnut supply comes to an end! Today's raffle features "the last" walnut bowl from the skilled hands of Larry Tadlock. He has exhausted his supply of walnut. Fortunately, he still has some other choice wood varieties. Have walnut needing a home? See Larry!
- ☐ **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, a record amount of cash, and the final Larry Tadlock walnut bowl. The first ticket drawn was held by Mike Locander, who wasted no time in snapping up the bowl! John Daly took the cash and donated it to the Rotary Foundation. Holding the final winner was Ted Kutsunis, winning the wine. All raffle proceeds go to support the International Rotary Foundation, carrying on humanitarian work throughout the world.

Thank you for participating!

BIRTHDAY BOOKS



Help is needed this Thursday to sign and hand out our April Birthday Books at Earl Hanson Elementary School. Arrive at 2:15 and you'll be done by 3pm. Help put a big smile on a sweet young child's face! Join in the refreshments and fun. Meet Molly at the school – This Thursday!



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.

Hanson Chess Champions

Rotarian Tom Hammar introduced runner-up Jackson Bennett and Earl Hanson Elementary School chess champion, Parker Williams. Each received a new chess set for their accomplishments. Tom has served as the chess coach (volunteer) for many years, a major player in our partnership with the School.



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!

Foundation Minute

In August 2016, Nigeria reported its first polio cases in two years. They occurred in Borno State, where ongoing conflict had prevented health workers from reaching some children.

Working with the nation's government and Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners, Nigerian Rotarians traveled from across the country to join the emergency response team, which immunized one million children in the weeks after the outbreak. By December, an additional 60 million children had been immunized.

Resolve in Nigeria remains strong. "Polio eradication is about national pride and honor," said Nigerian Health Minister Isaac Adewole. "We will not let our citizens or the world down."

This year there hasn't been a single polio case in Nigeria. However, 6 cases have been reported in Afghanistan, 3 in the Congo and 1 in Pakistan.

Over 400 million children are immunized against this dreaded disease every year and 16 million people are walking today who otherwise would have been paralyzed.

Your continued support towards polio eradication enables this to happen. Thank you.

ROTARYFEST CARNIVAL

Our first Rotaryfest Carnival will be held August 30 - September 2, 2018. We need help to pull off a successful event. Please review these committee descriptions and next week, sign up in an area of your choice. This could potentially be the most lucrative fundraiser in our club's history!

1. **SPONSOR SOLICITATION** – This committee will be in charge of contacting other entities who might agree to be named co-sponsors of Rotaryfest in return for providing needed products and services for the event. Potential co-sponsors include a porta-potty provider, a sign/banner company, a dumpster provider, the City of Rock Island, and the Rock Island Police Benevolent Society.
2. **FAMILY ACTIVITIES** – This committee will determine what, if any, special activities can be offered for toddlers and pre-school children. Could be anything from tricycle races to bean bag tosses, or crawling races. The committee will decide on activities, determine prizes, and run whatever is decided on.
3. **ANCILLARY ACTIVITIES** – Often times extra activities are used to attract more attendance at carnivals. Examples are car shows, craft shows, art shows, etc. This committee will determine what activities we want to include and will make contact with the groups involved and make the arrangements to set up the event.
4. **VOLUNTEERS COORDINATION** – Our only duty during the actual carnival is to provide Rotarians to walk around the carnival and report any issues observed. This might be anything from litter on the ground to unruly behavior. We're not expected to take any action other than to report it to carnival officials. This committee will have the task of establishing a time schedule and signing up volunteers to cover the time slots. Those who help will be given a tee shirt designating them as a Rotaryfest Official.
5. **PUBLICITY/PROMOTION** – This committee will be in charge of distributing carnival posters to area businesses, and to work with television, radio, and print media to promote the event.

Hopefully you spotted an area that peaked your interest and taps into your skills! We need everyone on board to pull this off.

Thank about the areas where you can help and next week when the signup sheet comes around, add your name to make ROTARYFEST a memorable community event!



ROTARYFEST

