



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

ROCKY ENTREPRENEURS

Today's program has a direct ROTARY connection. It was just three years ago that Rock Island Rotary agreed to donate \$10,000 to Rock Island High School to jump start a new class and program designed to give students an opportunity to learn about business formations, creative design, and product development. The program involved purchasing a well-tested curriculum, providing specialized training for the designated instructor, re-designing and outfitting the classroom, and recruiting students interested in working in teams and becoming entrepreneurs. Last year, with the program just in it's second year a Rock Island team was the 2017 winners of the national high school entrepreneurship competition hosted annually by INCubatoredu. Not only did the students win the accolades of top honors, but they also brought home a grant of \$7,500 in funding to help kickstart the launch of their student-run company. Today's guests were members of the third class to go through the program, and the ten teams



making up the class presented their business concepts to an attentive Rotary audience. The leader of the Entrepreneur Incubator Class is Ms. Trish Matson. Business concepts included **Unique Unity**, a new company providing assistance to refugee children including guided tours of town and schools; **Concession Crew**, will provide concession delivery services at area sports and concert venues; **Go Readers**, a company offering a phone/computer app to assist dyslexic and reading difficulty students; **Crave Bank**, a company providing assistance for those wanting to stop addictive habits such as smoking, weight gain, etc.; **Gifts for Grades**, a business schools would subscribe to that would give points for good grades. Points may be traded for items such as Chick-fil-A, and other goods wanted by the age group participating; **The Clip** a simple invention that clips onto shoes to ensure that laces don't come untied; **Trax**, a company providing pet collars with an imbedded gps tracking chip to locate lost pets; **The Pit Crew**, a business providing vehicle concierge service that will pick-up and take vehicles for service, wash, etc., so the owner need not leave or adjust work schedules; **Fuel Up**, a company that will develop and provide highly nutritious meals for athletes and deliver them to school cafeterias; and **Grade A Technologies**, developers of a six slot accordion folder that will fit in student back packs providing a safe and secure location to place and transport homework for multiple classes. The young entrepreneurs exhibited a great deal of poise and confidence in their presentations and products! A spirited question and answer period followed the presentations and the students were amazing well informed and clever in their answers.

Thank you, Mrs. Matson for bringing the students, and THANK YOU ROCK ISLAND ROTARIANS for making this class possible with our \$10,000 start up donation three years ago. We are all invited the "pitch night" on May 17th when all 10 groups will again pitch their concepts and to the "Final Pitch Night" at 6pm on May 24th when the top 5 teams will vie for the 2018 championship!

Apr – July Calendar

- 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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2017-18

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Club Notes & Announcements!

□ **WELCOME GUESTS!** Rock Island Rotary was pleased to welcome to today's meeting Alleman Jr. Rotarians Hunter Love and Will Mihm, along with our Exchange daughter Pat Rungrueng. Rocky Jr. Rotarians present were Jilil Gay and Grace Potratz, Other guest from Rock Island High School included teachers Trish Matson and Sean Trask, and students Daniel Wilson, Lindsey Abell, William Maurer, Samuel Perez, Bryce Trask, Mackenzie Munday, James Forslund, Landen Love, Kyle Pearce, Mutori Patience, and Ty Lewis. These students represented 10 teams from the Entrepreneur Incubator program. Visiting Rotarians this week were Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport Club and Linda Carey from the Livingston Sunrise, Michigan Club. Guests are always welcome at Rock Island Rotary. How long has it been since you invited a prospective member to be your guest at a Rotary meeting?

□ **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 again at today's meeting. If you missed signing up, see Bob Swanson or Sue Cassatt. We need your help!

□ **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 a 50/50 case drawing. The first ticket drawn was held by Bill Stengel, who took the cash and divided it among the 3 high school students sitting at his table. The second winner was held by Steve Morenz who took home the Milani wine. All raffle proceeds go to support the International Rotary Foundation, carrying on humanitarian work throughout the world.

Thank you for participating!

COMMITTEE SIGN-UP FOR NEXT YEAR

Today, President-elect, Sue Cassatt distributed signup sheets for club committees for the 2018 – 2019 Rotary Year. If you didn't get one, you can use the form included in this newsletter. Every member is asked to serve on one or more club committees. The signup sheet allows you to pick where you want to serve. Those that don't turn in sheets will be "assigned" where help is needed. If you want a choice – **FILL OUT AND RETURN YOUR SHEET!**

2018-19 CLUB DIRECTORY

A new club directory featuring photos and contact information for all members will be distributed on July 3rd. The information will go to press on May 16th, so between now and then much must be done. In the near future you will receive an email showing what we currently have for you. If you are satisfied with your photo and your information is still correct, just reply "Everything is Okay". If information has changed or if you need/want a new photo, reply "New Photo Please" or "Here is New Info". Photos will be taken at upcoming meetings. Please watch for your email and reply promptly!

LITTLE LIBRARIES PROJECT COMPLETED!



Rotarians, with help from family members, build and stain our Little Libraries.

Our completed Little Libraries sit ready to be installed at various local schools and at the Heart of Hope building.



Numerous club members worked on the project, including Kathy Lelonek, Bruce Peterson, Anne McGlynn, Fred McGlynn, Dave Geenen, Dan McNeil, Monta Ponsetto and Ben Milner, an Early Act club member at Jordan Catholic School. Many of the books that will fill the libraries were donated by customers of Blackhawk Bank & Trust Company, Dan McNeil, and Anne McGlynn.



Children at Francis Willard School enjoying their new Rotary "Little Library"

Earl Hanson School children get books from their "Little Library".



Newly installed Rotary "Little Library" at Eugene Field Elementary waits for its first "customers".

Foundation Minute

Like most rural communities in Papua New Guinea, the village of Kurt has relied on water from rivers and other unprotected sources. Contaminated water and poor sanitation increases the risk of illness and raises infant and child mortality rates.

To improve conditions in Kurt, the Rotary Clubs of Mount Hagen, Papua New Guinea, and Centralia, Washington worked together on a multiphase global grant project. They used grant funding to install and maintain a 36,000-liter rainwater harvesting and distribution system and built toilet facilities at the Madan Coffee and Tea Plantation, the area's economic center. The project also provided systems to turn toilet waste into fertilizer, reducing the spread of water borne diseases. Today residents have sustainable access to safe drinking water and proper sanitation.

The clubs' work will not end there. Members are planning economic and education projects to continue supporting the Kurt community.

Your contribution to The Rotary Foundation 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, signup 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



COMMITTEE PREFERENCE SIGNUP FOR 2018-19

We need YOU!

In the 2018-2019 Rotary Year we will have committee meetings

during the regular meeting time once a month

Pick your passion! Enjoy the year! Please complete and return to Sue Cassatt.

Deadline May 29, 2018 in order to accommodate our club directory

Choose as many as like-Tag team with another individual to make it more fun

Name: _____

Program Committee-set up speakers for regular meetings

August-September

October-November

December-January

February-March

April-May

June-July

Blood Drive Committee

Chair-

Committee member-

Membership Committee

Chair-Mark Mayeski

Committee member-

Invocation Committee

Chair-

Committee member-

Awards Luncheon

Chair-

Committee member-

Literacy Committee

Chair-

Committee member-

Rotaract-College students

Chair-

Committee member-

Community Grants Committee

Chair-

Committee member-

Youth Exchange Committee

Chair-

Committee member-

Rotary International Foundation

Chair-Bud Phillis

Committee member-

Rotary International Scholarship

Chair-

Committee member-

Interact/RYLA-High School

Chair-

Committee member-

Earlyact-elementary students

Chair-

Committee member-

Rotary Ramble

Chair-Mike Locander
Committee member-

Food Pantry-Heart of Hope

Chair-
Committee member-

Global Projects

Chair-
Committee member-

Bert Blood Scholarship

Chair-
Committee member-

Public Image Committee

Chair-
Committee member-

RIHS Entrepreneurship

Chair-
Committee member-

Dining Books

Chair-
Committee member-

Dueling Pianos

Chair-
Committee member-

Birdies for Charity

Chair-Kevin Koski
Committee member-

Earl Hanson Partnership

Chair-
Committee member-

Pumpkin Patch Committee

Chair-
Committee member-

Rock Island Club Foundation

Chair Development-
Chair Projects/Grant-
Committee member-

Nominating Committee

Chair-
Committee member-

Fun Committee (Socials)

Chair-
Committee member-

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Chair-
Committee member-

Trivia Night

Chair-
Committee member

Carnival

Chair-Bob Swanson
Committee member-

Service Projects Committee

Chair-
Committee member-

**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 One more week to sign up! This is a great way to have a fun night and interest a guest in Rotary!

IT'S BIRDIES TIME! - Our Number is 937

Kevin Koski is once again heading up our Birdies for Charity Drive for 2018. Donations to Rotary made through the Birdies program will receive matching funds from the John Deere Foundation. Last year Deere added a 10% bonus to all donations. Our club goal this year is 45 pledges for a total of \$2 per birdie. Get and return pledge forms from Kevin or from the Sergeant at Arms. \$50 prize to the member making the closest Birdie guess.

