



# Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

## ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE



The Rock Island County Forest Preserve has many activities, parks, and preserves to choose from at Illiniwek Forest Preserve, Loud Thunder Forest Preserve, Dorrance Park, Martin Conservation Area, Niabi Zoo, and Indian Bluff Golf Course. Once there you can take advantage of many hiking, biking, or horse-back riding trails. Or maybe you would rather go camping, fishing, boating, or picnicking. You can always play ball, play on one of many playgrounds, play golf, rent a shelter for a special event, or

### Apr – July Calendar

- 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

even go archery deer hunting. When it gets cold, that doesn't mean the fun has to end, you can always go cross country skiing, snow shoeing, or sledding. The Rock Island County Forest Preserve embraces the outdoors, for some of the best leisure activities in the area. That was the message of Kai Swanson, a member of the Rock Island County Board and President of the Forest Preserve Commission. The Mission, according to Swanson, is to maintain and acquire lands with the intent to restore and conserve such lands for the purpose of preservation, education, and recreation for its residents with fiscal responsibility. He noted that Dorrance Park in Port Byron has baseball fields, hiking trails, a shelter, and a playground. Illiniwek Forest Preserve has hiking and mountain bike trails, 60 camping pads with electricity and water, primitive camping pads, a boat ramp, shelters, and a playground. Loud Thurnder has water activities, horse, hiking, and biking trails, campsites, shelters, and a playground. There are plans to build cabins and update the camping pads. Mr. Swanson also noted that Niabi Zoo has changed its philosophy from being a petting zoo to a zoo that provides science based educational experiences. He noted that millenials prefer hiking, biking, and horse riding on trails, and enjoy kiayaking, canoeing, and paddle boarding, They also want camp sites with wi-fi, electricity and water. The Forest Preserve is striving to make all of that available along with the traditional loves of the older generation, fishing, golfing, and relaxation.



Illiniwek Forest Preserve



Loud Thunder – Lake George



Indian Bluff Golf Course



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### Officers

Bruce Peterson, President  
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 Anne McGlynn, Secretary  
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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 our Exchange daughter Pat Rungrueng and Rocky Jr. Rotarians Jada Veasey and Kieran Benson. Jenni Swanson, wife of our speaker attended. Visiting Rotarian Duncan Cameron, a member of the Naples, Florida Club joined us. Also, with us was Virginia Johnson, a guest of Don Peterson. We were pleased to welcome members of the Jordan EarlyAct Club. Guests are always welcome at Rock Island Rotary. Have you invited a prospective member to be your guest? Membership recruitment is a responsibility of all Rotarians!
- DON'T MISS THE PITCH!** Entrepreneur Class final pitch night is this Thursday (tomorrow) at 6pm in the Rock Island High auditorium.
- NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM** – Don't miss next week's meeting. Our exchange daughter, "Pat" will take the mic and tell us all about her home and family in Thailand and her experiences living with us during the past year. She will soon be taking her west coast tour of the United States and then will head home to Thailand.
- SERVICE OPPORTUNITY** – Help is still needed with the Heart of Hope Food Pantry. We help every Thursdays from 6 to 7:30pm. It's easy duty and is truly Service Above Self at its most basic definition. 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 and your suggestions!
- Have Items for our Newsletter?** Email to [bobdebswanson@att.net](mailto: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 cash drawing. The first ticket drawn was held by Frank Lambert who took the cash. The second winner was John Oliger who won a fine bottle of Cabernet from the Milani wine collection. All raffle proceeds go to support the International Rotary Foundation, carrying on humanitarian work throughout the world.

Thank you for participating!

**NEW MEMBER APPLICATION:** Eric Westphall, Mid America Energy, comments to Bruce or Sue

### COMMITTEE SIGN-UP FOR NEXT YEAR

President-elect, Sue Cassatt again 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!**

### FINAL BIRTHDAY BOOKS FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR!

Help is definitely needed this Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> for the final Earl Hanson Birthday Books presentation for the year. Children with birthdays in May and June will be on hand to receive their books. Refreshments and fun will be available for all who attend. We expect as many as 60 kids so a "generous supply" of Rotarians is needed to sign and hand out books. Arrive at 2:15.



## 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. We're well on our way to the dollar goal, but not so good on the number of pledges received. You can pledge as little as 1¢ a birdie or just a set amount (\$5, \$10, etc.) Get and return pledge forms from Kevin or from the Sergeant at Arms. A \$50 prize will be awarded to the member making the closest Birdie guess to the actual number of birdies scored in this year's tournament.



## Foundation Minute

Turkey is home to more than 2.7 million Syrian refugees, according to the United Nations. To promote understanding among Syrian and Turkish schoolchildren, the Rotaract Club of Izmir Ekonomi trained young students to become partners in peace. Working with the Council of Europe, European Law Students' Association, the UN, and child psychologists, the Rotaractors hosted two workshops, asking the children to express their feelings through painting. The artwork revealed that the students had a lot in common. Club members also taught the children conflict resolution skills.

For establishing peaceful relationships in the community, the Izmir Ekonomi club received the 2016-17 Rotaract Outstanding Project Award for Europe, the Middle East and Central Asia.

This is Rotary at work – its mission is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, good will and PEACE through its fellowship of business, professional and community leaders.

## Club Leaders Set Vision for the Future



*Matt Skelly District Visioning Chair leads the discussion.*

*Molly Shatuck participated but needed to leave prior to photo.*

On Saturday, 16 Rock Island Rotarians met with Rotary District leadership in a long-range planning session. Members were asked to visualize what our club might look like, what we might be doing, and what we aspire to accomplish by the year 2023. After several hours of work, a consensus vision was reached. Then the discussion turned to "how do we get from here to there". The goals and aspirations are exciting and the path we take to get there will require all of us working together. We have the map, now we need everyone to agree to make the trip! Thanks to our vision group for giving their Saturday morning! More definitely to come from this group! Watch for our first Club Assembly in the 2018-2019 Rotary year.

# 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-

GETTING DOWN TO YOUR LAST CHANCE TO PICK YOUR OWN COMMITTEE(S) OF INTEREST!