



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

Augustana COLLEGE

Liz Nino



*Director of International
Recruitment*

Liz Nino's hometown is Hampton, Illinois but if you ask where she currently lives you might hear, anywhere from Bangkok, Stockholm, to the Quad Cities. She lives on the road as Director of International Recruitment and Diversity Outreach for Augustana College. Liz graduated from United Township High School in East Moline and immediately after graduation became a Rotary Outbound Exchange Student and spent a year in Sweden. Being raised in a bi-lingual and very traditional Hispanic family, Liz found the experience eye opening and life changing. She learned that there is more than one way to do things and that different cultures have much to offer. Upon returning to the US, Liz enrolled at St. Ambrose University, graduating in 2009 with a double major in International Business and Spanish, "After college I knew I wanted to continue my passion for International travel and went abroad to teach English in Andalucia, Spain where I got to live on the Strait of Gibraltar. I could see Morocco from my balcony!", she happily stated. Liz then became an International Baccalaureate Teacher and taught in several countries, ultimately landing in Mexico where she taught high school English in Monterrey, a city surrounded by the Sierra Madre Mountains. She also influenced both of her brothers to become Rotary Exchange students with one going to Turkey and the other to Brazil. Her family roots and love for the Midwest brought her back to the Quad Cities in 2012 and she began work on her Masters in Bilingual Education at Western Illinois University. She joined the staff at Augustana College in 2013 and is now entering her sixth year with the school. Her duties include coordinating the recruitment efforts in assigned territories in the United States and internationally; leading the college's initiatives directed at outreach and recruitment of international students. She travels the world, conducts student interviews and holds information sessions, to communicate the benefits of a liberal arts education, life in the Quad Cities, and to assess interest and academic potential of prospective students. Nino is charged with developing and maintaining strategic partnerships with overseas counselors, advisors, independent counselors and vendors; and represents Augustana for speeches, speaking engagements, conferences and meetings as assigned. Nino summed up the huge impact Rotary and the Exchange program had on her life by saying that she learned that wherever she traveled she learned that all of us are brothers and sisters with the same hopes and dreams. Her personality seemed perfectly matched for a "recruiter"; exhibiting energy, commitment, and passion. Has she been successful? When she began 5 years ago, international students made up 1% of the Augustana student body. Today International students make up 13% of Augie students and represent 50 countries from all over the world.

June – July Calendar

- June 26 - President Bruce Peterson's Farewell Address & New Officer Installation
- July 3 - New President – Sue Cassatt Installation and Address
- July 10 - TBA
- July 17 - Cindy Duncan – Ottawa Rotary Club
- July 24 - District Governor Kathleen Kwiat-Hess
- July 31 - TBA
- Aug 7 - TBA
- Aug 14 - Tony McCombie
- Aug 21 - Club Assembly



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Bruce Peterson, President
 Sue Cassatt, 1st VP
 Mark Mayeski, 2nd VP
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 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 several guests to today’s meeting. Visiting Rotarians included, Duncan Cameron from the Naples, Florida Club and Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport Club. Virginia Johnson was a guest of hubby Don Peterson. Wendy Bezotte from the Royal Family Kids Camp was a guest of our Community Grants Committee. Invite a guest to next week’s meeting!
- ☐ **NEXT WEEK OFFICER INSTALLATION** – Next week our officers and directors for 2018-19 will be installed by Assistant District Governor, Dave Emerick. All officers and directors should plant to attend.
- ☐ **OPEN TABLE DISCUSSION** our new member orientation and mentoring programs. Can they be better? The discussion is tonight at 5:30 at City Limits Saloon/Restaurant.
- ☐ **DO YOU ENJOY THE FRIENDLY GREETING YOU RECEIVE WHEN YOU ENTER OUR ROTARY MEETINGS?** We think it is an important part of our fellowship, but unfortunately our cupboard is nearly bare. Members volunteer to serve as greeters and our list is almost empty. All that is required is arriving a few minutes early for a meeting and putting your hand out and giving a friendly smile. See Sam Wray at the Sergeant’s table to sign up for a future meeting.
- ☐ **SERVICE OPPORTUNITY** – Help is needed with the Heart of Hope Food Pantry. Loyal helpers Al Metz and Steve Morenz will be unavailable this month, so we need help! Thursdays from 6 to 7:30pm is all that is required. If you can help one Thursday in June it will be greatly appreciated. It’s easy duty and is truly Service Above Self at its most basic definition. Contact Al Metz or Steve Morenz to volunteer. Used plastic bags are needed too.
- ☐ **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 cash drawing. The first ticket drawn was held by Jim Moran who took the cash and donated it to the Rotary International Foundation. Dr. Larry Tadlock had a lucky day holding the second winning ticket which earn him the wine. Keep in mind, all raffle proceeds go to the Rotary International Foundation helping to fund humanitarian projects throughout the world.

Thank you for participating!

IT’S BIRDIES TIME! - Our Number is 937

Kevin Koski gave us an update on our Birdies for Charity Drive for 2018 with just two more weeks to go. Our club goal this year is 45 pledges and a total of \$2 per birdie. As of today, 32 pledges have been received so we need just 13 more! On the cash side, \$165 has been pledged per Birdie, leaving us 35 cents from our goal. You can pledge as little as 1¢ a birdie or even less by making a set amount pledge (\$5, \$10, etc.) Donations of \$20, \$30 or more are gladly accepted. 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. Every cent you donate comes back to Rock Island Rotary along with the Deere Foundation bonus! Get pledge forms from Kevin Koski 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! And if you guess right, you could win a car!



Foundation Minute

What is a Paul Harris Fellow? First of all, Paul Harris was the founder of Rotary and in 1957, under the direction of Arch Klumph, President of Rotary in 1916-17, the Paul Harris Fellow was established. The recognition is given to individuals who contribute financially, or have contributions made in their name, of \$1000 to the Annual Fund, Polioplus, or an approved foundation grant. Recognition consists of a certificate and a pin.

Paul Harris Fellows can also be given on behalf of someone through Foundation Recognition points or through a combination of points and outright donations. Points are given for every dollar contribution to the Foundation. Since the creation of the Paul Harris Fellow over 1.6 million people have become Paul Harris Fellows.

Join your fellow Rotarians in financially supporting The Rotary Foundation by becoming a Paul Harris Fellow. Thank you.

ROTARY HELPS WITH THE ROYAL FAMILY KIDS CAMP



Today our Community Grants Committee welcomed Wendy Bezotte representing the Royal Family Kids Camp.

The camp is a 3-week summer camp for abused children ages 6-12 who, for their own protection have been moved into the Foster Care system. The camp's goal is to treat these children like "Royalty", encourage self-esteem and self-worth, and to let them know that people do care and want to help. Our donation of \$500 will be used to provide two tee shirts for each camper who will also receive a photo album of their experiences at camp and a duffle bag for taking home their gifts and apparel.



KEVIN KOSKI HONORED AS PAUL HARRIS +1



Bud Phillis and Kevin Koski pause for a photo opportunity!

Today our club's favorite "Finn" was recognized for his humanitarian generosity. Foundation Chair, Bud Phillis presented Kevin with a jewel adorned Paul Harris Fellow pin indicating that Kevin has donated in excess of \$2,000 to the Rotary International Foundation. The pin, with one sapphire stone indicates that Kevin has gone above and beyond the basic Paul Harris Fellow requirements and has now doubled that giving threshold and reached Paul Harris +1 status. Kevin encouraged all of us to make regular donations to the foundation, regardless of the amount. Over time it all mounts up and Rotary is able to accomplish phenomenal things through the Foundation. Upon reaching \$1,000 in total giving (and our club chips in a good portion of that first thousand), you'll earn Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

HAVE IDEAS ABOUT HOW TO MAKE OUR NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION AND MENTORING PROGRAMS BETTER?



If so, or if you are just willing to help make the programs better, be sure to attend our open table discussion at the City Limits Restaurant **TONIGHT** at 5:30pm. President-elect, Sue Cassatt will lead the discussion and is looking for creative ideas and helpful critique. Recruiting new members and retaining those that we have is critical to the continued health of our club. Join Sue, today at 5:30 at City Limits. Food and beverage will be available for those that want it on a "buy your own" basis. See you at the Limits!



ROTARY NIGHT AT MODERN WOODMEN PARK

Thursday, July 19, 2018 6:35 vs. South Bend Cubs
PRE-CAME MIXER ON THE FORD DECK BEGINNING AT 5:00 PM

SIGN UP FOR TICKETS AT NEXT WEEK'S MEETING

Tickets can be purchased at our Rotary meetings

Friends and family welcome to attend the event

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JOIN THE FUN LIKE THESE ROTARIANS IN PAST YEARS!

