



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

“LEAD(H)ER”



Lead(h)er, was founded in 2016 by Melissa Pepper, a 2009 graduate of Augustana College. At the time, Ms. Pepper was the Director of Marketing for the Lane & Waterman law firm in Davenport. Our speaker, Sarah Stevens, a mother of three, left her career as a health-care executive to become the first executive director of Ms. Pepper's nonprofit, Lead(H)er, in August of 2016. The group

matches experienced leaders -- men and women-- with young professional women. With a goal of establishing 100 “pairs” by the fall of 2017, the two ladies began building the organization. Simply speaking, Lead(H)er is a mentorship program to help women in the Quad Cities achieve the goals they set for themselves. Currently, as of June 2018, 220 women are enrolled in the program along with 190 mentors. Through their “Strike a Match” program, the women are matched with experienced leaders from a variety of industries and backgrounds. The enrollees complete a survey on the group’s Strike a Match page. There are separate surveys for mentors and mentees—you can choose which most fits how you want to be involved. The group welcomes men to participate as mentors or to act as advocates for the women. Once the survey is completed, Sarah reads each one and pairs the enrollee with someone who fits their interests and needs. Prior to beginning the meetings with their matches, both enrollees and mentors go through an orientation/training program that helps guide the process. Between three to five weeks after completing the survey, the enrollee receives an email from their mentor, and away they go to their first coffee chat (Sarah says they drink a lot of coffee at Lead(h)er)! They don’t require the coffee, but they do ask that Matches meet at least once per month with the enrollee to keep the fire going. Those meetups could include attending a networking event together, volunteering, or job shadowing, or yoga, a walk along the river, or trying a new restaurant. The goal is to connect and learn from one another in meaningful ways. Women who participate in the Strike a Match mentoring program are matched with individually recruited leaders. Participants complete a short survey that helps determine what they are looking for in this relationship. Success is measured in several ways. Over 85% of the matches have continued the relationship for more than a year. 92% of women in the program for more than a year reported that they were able to achieve their self-determined goal because of the mentoring relationship. Lead(h)er encourages matches to take “selfies” at their meetings and to write a short story about their experience. Sarah presented several such photos and stories which each attested to the great value the enrollee placed on their experience and appreciation they had for the program. Sarah noted that all services are provided absolutely free to ensure no one is excluded based on ability to pay. She also surmised that our culture tends to encourage males to be risk takers and encourages females to be “perfect”. Fear of failure or not always being right. Stevens believes for that reason women tend to be less likely to strive for goals that are risky. Lead(h)er is designed to help provide and encourage confidence and risk taking. The group is funded approximately by 60 percent from grants and 40% from private and corporate donations. Sarah is a very gifted and dynamic speaker. Thanks for sharing with us!

June – July Calendar

- 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 - TBA
- July 17 - Cindy Duncan – Ottawa Rotary Club
- July 24 - TBA
- July 31 - TBA



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2017-18

Aug – Sept: Fred Luckenbill
 Oct – Nov: Tom Hammar
 Dec – Jan: John Wetzel
 Feb – Mar: Gary Rowe
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 June - July: Justin Peterson/
 Bill Groh

Club Notes & Announcements!

- WELCOME GUESTS!** Rock Island Rotary was pleased to welcome several guests to today’s meeting. Our Exchange daughter Pat Rungrueng attended as did visiting Rotarian, Duncan Cameron from the Naples, Florida Club. Alexis Ryckaert was a guest of Jennifer Hirsch, and Eric Westphall entered the meeting as a guest, but departed as our newest Rock Island Rotarian. Have you invited a prospective member to be your guest? Membership recruitment is a responsibility of all Rotarians!
- NEXT WEEK’S PROGRAM** – Don’t miss next week’s meeting. Amy Leichsenring will be guest speaker talking about Camp Kesem at Augustana College. Don’t know what that is? Be sure to attend to find out!
- 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 but sound 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 John Wetzel who took the wine. Tom Hammar held the second lucky ticket and took the cash and quickly donated it to exchange daughter Pat. All raffle proceeds go to the Rotary Foundation. Thank you for participating!

ROSTER BOOK PHOTOS



Photos for our 2018-2019 Roster Book were taken before and after today’s meeting. There will be one more opportunity for new photos next Tuesday, June 12th. After that everything goes to the printer so that we can have our new books ready for distribution at our July 3rd meeting. If you are a new member or if you have requested a new photo, please have your hair and attire just “just perfect” next week. The camera will be set up in the southeast corner of the dining room. There are also about 18 members who have not responded to Bob’s email requesting you to approve or update your roster listing. If we don’t hear from you by next Tuesday, we will run what appears in our current roster book. See Bob Swanson to get your photo starting at 11:30am next Tuesday.

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! This is the last week for turning in your preference.**

IT'S BIRDIES TIME! - Our Number is 937

Slowly but surely Kevin Koski reports that our Birdies for Charity Drive for 2018 is progressing. Our club goal this year is 45 pledges for a total of \$2 per birdie. At last count 20 Rotarians have made pledges for a total of \$1.16 per birdie. It is time to step it up! You can pledge as little as 1¢ a birdie or just a set amount (\$5, \$10, etc.) 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. 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.!



Foundation Minute

Rotary's commitment to eradicating polio worldwide won Best Nonprofit Act in the Hero Awards of the One Billion Acts of Peace campaign, an international global citizens' movement to tackle the world's most important issues.

The campaign is an initiative of PeaceJam Foundation and is led by 14 Nobel Peace laureates, including the Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, and Rigoberta Menchu tum, with the ambitious goal of inspiring a billion acts of peace by 2020.

Each year, the campaign picks two finalists in each of six categories for their work to make a measurable impact in one of the 10 areas considered most important by the Nobel laureates. Winners are chosen by people from around the world.

Rotary and Mercy Corps were the two finalists in the Best Nonprofit Act category. Rotary and the five other winners will be recognized at a ceremony on June in Monaco. Betty Williams, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1977 for her advocacy for peace in Northern Ireland will present the award.

We all should be proud to be a Rotarian! You are People of Action and Make A Difference in the world. Thank you.

MEET ERIC, OUR NEWEST MEMBER



Rock Island Rotary was very pleased to induct and welcome Eric Westphall as our newest member. Eric is employed by Mid-America Energy. He let us in on a highly guarded secret. Eric is very often the Mid America "Louie the Lightening Bug". He

said the Bug costume is hot, but he enjoys being out in the community and interacting with youngsters. Sounds like a perfect Rotarian! Be sure to give Eric a warm welcome when you meet him!

Steve Morenz Doubles Up!



Past President Steve Morenz was honored today with Paul Harris "Plus 2" recognition. Club Foundation chair, Dr. Bud Phillis presented Steve with a new Paul Harris pin adorned with two sapphires signifying Steve's

contributions made to the Rotary International Foundation have now exceeded \$2,000. Steve urged fellow members to join him in supporting the foundation. Congratulations Steve

MEMBERSHIP NEEDS HELP!

Through deaths, changing jobs, moving away, and other unfortunate circumstance our club membership has taken a big hit over the past 3 years. From a recent high of 102 members we are now down to 79. Not only have we lost the fellowship and creativity of those members, but also almost \$1,400 in annual dues! That effects what we can do with Community Grants and other important work. We each must make it a priority to recruit at least one new Rotarian in the next 12 months. Accept the challenge! Recruit!

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-

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO PICK YOUR OWN COMMITTEE(S) OF INTEREST!