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Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



BEST IN THE STATE!



July - August Calendar

- July 17 - Membership Committee meet at 11:30am.
- July 17 - Cindy Duncan – Ottawa Rotary Club
- July 19 - Rotary Night at the Ballpark
- July 24 - District Governor Kathleen Kwiat-Hess
- July 31 - Amy Schaefer, Marketing Director, YWCA Quad Cities
- Aug 7 - Ben Leischner, new QC airport executive director
- Aug 14 - Tony McCombie – State of the State.
- Aug 21 - Club Assembly

Today Rock Island Rotary honored the Rock Island High School Softball Team, winners of the Western Big 6 Conference and the

Illinois High School 4A State Championship. Head Coach, Chris Allison introduced the team members and coaches. Allison, himself a former standout Rocky athlete, a collegiate baseball star at Bradley University and ultimately a professional player drafted by the Boston Red Sox, just completed his fourth year as head softball coach at Rocky. His teams won the Western Big 6 Conference the past two years and brought Rocky its first softball State Championship last month. Coach Allison was joined by Rocky Athletic Director Michelle Lillis, assistant coach Morgan Twing, and players: Janey Harris, Abbie Bush, Heather Motley, Kaiah Miles, Delaney Kelley, Ashley Peters, Ali Dillender, Layryn Stegall, Jacey Upton, Maddie Michaels, Jada Harris, and Sophia Thomer. Allison introduced each girl and told what position she played, and identified some of the outstanding accomplishments of individual girls. When asked if we could expect a repeat in 2019, Coach Allison joked, "Everyone says we will, but it takes tons of work and everything has to fall into place at the right time. I know our girls will work hard and they will compete!" Of the seventeen girl championship roster, only 3 were seniors, so ... who knows!

CELEBRATING 65 YEARS OF ROTARY

Stan Coin, who joined Rock Island Rotary in 1953 spoke today about being a Rotarian for the past 65 years. In attendance were Stan's wife, Kay; his brother George and wife Nancy, brother Tasso and wife Liz Bennett-Coin, and nephew Harry Coin. Stan told that Rock Island Rotary when he joined was a club of 120 men that met at the Ft. Armstrong Hotel. He said the cigar smoke and smell was so thick you couldn't see through it. He noted that he served as club president in 1994-95 and was a member when Rotary agreed to raise \$100 million to eradicate polio. He was proud to say that polio is now gone with the exception of just 3 countries in Africa. His second great memory is our club raising \$100,000 to build the Botanical Center's Children's Garden. He noted that Rotary has changed with the times and said, "Membership is our life blood and we need a transfusion!". Thanks Stan for your dedication and loyalty!





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Aug – Sept: Stan Coin
 Oct – Nov: Mike Locander
 Dec – Jan: John Wetzel
 Feb – Mar: TBA
 Apr – May: Gary Rowe
 June - July: TBA

Club Notes & Announcements!

- ☐ **WELCOME GUESTS!** Rock Island Rotary was pleased to Visiting Rotarians Duncan Cameron, a member of the Naples, Florida Club, and Rebecca Arnold, a member of eClub One. Other guests included the Rocky Softball team and members of the Coin family, all named on page one. Have you invited a prospective member to be your guest? Membership recruitment is a responsibility of all Rotarians!
- ☐ **NEW GUEST/MEMBERSHIP BROCHURES**, printed courtesy of John Olinger and Modern Woodmen, were debuted today with copies on every table. If you didn't take one or two, you are forgetting your member recruiting duties! Get more from the Sergeant at Arms. They are excellent to hand to anyone you think might be a potential new member.
- ☐ **NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER DISTRIBUTION** – Time was at a premium today so new Roster Books will be handed out at the Sergeant at Arms table at next Tuesday's meeting. Be sure to pick up your copy.
- ☐ **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. Al needs help this Thursday – call him at 309-236-2013.
- ☐ **BOARD MEMBERS** meet with our new District Governor at 11am prior to our regular meeting on Tuesday, July 24th. Mark your calendar!
- ☐ **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 50/50 cash drawing, and three sets of John Deere Classic Tickets. Two sets of tickets and the cash went to Rocky softball team members, a great take home reminder of their visit. Steve Morenz won a set of Deere Classic tickets with a parking pass, and Larry Tadlock took home the wine. Congratulation to all. All raffle proceeds go to support the International Rotary Foundation. Thank you for participating!

STAN AND KAY COIN GENEROSITY!



In celebration of 65 years of loyal membership in the Rock Island Rotary Club, Stan and wife Kay Coin made two donations to Rotary. One donation was \$100 to the International Rotary Foundation, the other was \$100 to the Rock Island Rotary Club Foundation. Stan was club president in 1994-95 and received the A.T. Peara Service Above Self Award in 1998. Stan and Kay are both Paul Harris Fellows and have honored six additional family members as Paul Harris Fellows. Stan has distinguished himself in business as president and general manager of the family business, Coin Baking Company, Rock Island, from 1951 to 1978. Later he became the president of Eagle Food Center, Milan, retiring in 1983. He was also one of the founders in 1968 of American Bank and Trust Company, Rock Island, retiring in 2002. Kay is a registered nurse and graduate of Moline Public Hospital School of Nursing, a predecessor of Trinity College of Nursing.



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

PICK UP TICKETS AT NEXT WEEK'S MEETING

\$10 Reserved Box Seats

Tickets can be purchased at our Rotary meetings

Friends and family welcome to attend the event

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Foundation Minute

Over the next year, a short weekly message about The Rotary Foundation, its programs and the need for your support will be shared with you. To begin – here is a quote from Paulo Costa, Past President of Rotary International in 1990-91. “Rotary International’s masterpiece is The Rotary Foundation. It transforms our dreams into splendid realities ... it is the most generous expression of Rotarian generosity that not only brings benefits but also brings help and cooperation to solve the problems that affect mankind. The Rotary Foundation achieves the best that mankind can possibly achieve.”

It is an honor to belong to Rotary International and to be part of such an organization that not only makes a difference in the world and our communities, but as People of Action serves above self.

Thank you.

WATER PROJECT UPDATE

Bud Phillis and Bob Swanson gave a brief update on the Club’s International Water Project, reporting that 160 filters have been purchased and that over 11,000 children in rural Kenya are now, for the first time, receiving safe, sanitary water as a direct result of the project. Bud, Bob, and Mike Locander have now combined to make 23 presentations throughout Illinois and Iowa. Fourteen Rotary Clubs, 2 Interact Clubs, and The Rock Island Club Foundation have partnered with us on this project. In addition, more than 3 dozen individual Rotarians have made contributions. Bob noted that the full presentation involves about 30 slides, however one that stirs the most action details that an estimated 88 percent of childhood illnesses are related to contaminated water and poor sanitation. 443 million school days are lost each year due to water-related diseases. Patients suffering from waterborne diseases occupy 50% of all hospital beds in the developing world. 361,000 children, under the age of 5, die each year from diarrhea. These illnesses are preventable and treatable. And the statistic that hits home the hardest: **at least 3,000 children die each day from diseases caused by unsafe water.** Reporting on some of the memorable visits, Bud told of making the presentation at Galesburg and being interrupted by a Rotarian who said, “Here’s \$100”, then another said, “I’ve got \$100 for you”, and another said, “I’ll buy a filter”, and before the guys left they had \$1,100 in cash and checks. Bob told of visiting the Erie Club with just 5 or 6 members, and after making their presentation the Club bought a filter and every individual member sent additional contributions. Bud told of presenting to Geneseo and at RYLA where he poured urine into the filter along with muddy water and after making sure all knew what he had done, offered samples of the water after it went through the filter. The kids were much braver than the adults! To top off their report, Bud and Diane Phillis purchased another filter. The campaign continues, and Bud and Bob will be on the road again soon!

FAREWELL TO PAT

Saying Farewell to our Youth Exchange Daughter Pitchayapa "Pat" Rungrueng, and the end of her exchange year, as she returns to her hometown in Muang, Thailand. Host Parents were Denise & Mike Maynard, and her host siblings there were Carolyn (husband Garrin), Johah (girlfriend Marisa), and Sam. Pat was a great representative of homeland and hopefully will be an ambassador telling of America's kindness and extraordinary culture. We thought you would enjoy this picture remembrance of her final hours in the Quad Cities.

