



BE THE INSPIRATION

Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



PRESIDENT SUE!



Today Rock Island Rotarians witnessed the installation of Sue Lurschen-Cassatt as the 105th president of Rock Island Rotary. Presiding over the procedure was Asst. District Gov. David Emerick. Sue, who recently returned from the 2018 Rotary International Convention

July - August Calendar

- July 10 - Water Filter Project with Bob and Bud & the Rocky State Softball Champions
- July 17 - Membership Committee meet at 11:30am.
- July 17 - Cindy Duncan – Ottawa Rotary Club
- 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

in Toronto provided her vision and goals for the coming year, starting with the declaration, "I love Rotary".. She then spoke of what an important factor Rotary has been in her life, stressing that it gave her an opportunity to grow personally and professional. She spoke of the many people Rotary has given her the opportunity to meet and know. Drawing on our 2018-19 Presidential motto, she said she hoped each of us would "Be the Inspiration" to bring others into our club. Stressing that she wants to "think big", Sue set goals for membership growth at 5 to 10 new members. Sue wants our club to become bigger and better! She urged us to not only recruit members, but to get involved with humanitarian service, and to make the commitment that each Rotarian will give \$100 per year to our Rotary International Foundation. She noted that just a \$10 per month automatic withdrawal will more than meet that goal. Sue also wants to strengthen our relationship with Interact and Rotaract and suggested that Augustana Rotaract members might pair up with a Rotarian in their chosen field of interest. She urged us all to get involved, to offer and share ideas, and to ask ourselves, "Why did I join Rotary?" The most important factor in bringing in new members, particularly millenials, is to show them **why** to join as opposed to just telling them how to join. Sue says she hopes to do things a bit differently than in the past, starting with reducing time spent at meetings making announcements. She urged members to read each newsletter and also hopes to use the video system at meetings to convey announcements and messages. She also urged our club to continue our work in Rotary's 6 Areas of Focus: Promoting Peace, Disease prevention and treatment, Water and sanitation, Maternal and child health, Basic education and literacy, Economic and community development.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD



President Bruce receives the "Past President's" Pin from John Phillips. Incoming officers seem a bit too happy to take the oath of office!



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Officers

Sue Cassatt, President
Mark Mayeski, 1st VP
Angela Campbell, 2nd VP
Anne McGlynn, Secretary
Carrie Crossen, Treasurer
Bruce Peterson, Past Pres.
Co-Sergeant at Arms
Bob Swanson & Vic Boblett

Board Members

Rick Emery
Sarah Gorham
Kathy Lelonek
John Oliger
Justin Peterson
Molly Shattuck
Bill Stengel
Tammy Weikert

Program Chairs 2018-19

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 welcome our Exchange daughter Pat Rungrueng to her final meeting with us prior to returning home to Thailand. Visiting Rotarians Duncan Cameron, a member of the Naples, Florida Club, and Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport Club joined us. 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. The Illinois State Champion Rock Island High School Softball team will be present along with their coaches. Bud and Bob will be providing an update on our Kenya Water Project.
- ☐ **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.](#)
- ☐ **PAT LEAVING FOR THAILAND** – Exchange Daughter Pat will be leaving from the Quad Cities International Airport at 9:30am this Friday, July 6th. We'd love to have Rotarians on hand to see her off. Be at the airport by 9:00am to wish her well before she goes through the TSA screening and is beyond the area where friends and family can see her.
- ☐ **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 and a 50/50 cash drawing. The first ticket drawn was held by Steve Morenz who took the cash and donated it entirely to the Rotary Foundation. The second winner was PDG Ruth Lee 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.

ROTARIANS AT WORK!

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.



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

\$10 Reserved Box Seats

Tickets can be purchased at our Rotary meetings
Friends and family welcome to attend the event

ARK YOUR CALENDAR

Foundation Minute

What does The Rotary Foundation do with its money?

It spends its charitable contributions on multiple programs – from the eradication of polio, to scholarships, vocational training teams, Rotary Peace Centers, and humanitarian projects. The funds are used for programs and projects about which Rotarians feel passionate. With a four-star rating by Charity Navigator for ten years in a row and over 1.2 million Rotarians over-seeing the funds at a grassroots level, its funds are in amazing hands doing amazing work in our communities and abroad.

Your contributions enable this to happen. Thank you

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JULY ROTARIANS!

Ernest Beane	July 3
Lo Milani	July 6
Kevin Koski	July 12
Frank Lambert	July 15
Karla Thies	July 18
Sam Wray	July 18



Hope you have a great day!

“GRANPA” LAMBERT PAYS UP!

Past President, Frank Lambert made a \$10 contribution today to the Rotary Foundation in honor of his brand new 6-pound grandchild, Corbin Lambert. No doubt grandpa and grandma will be volunteering for baby sitting duties as often as possible. Congratulations!



Kevin’s Final Birdies Report



Chairman Kevin Koski gave us the final report on this year’s Birdies for Charity pledge drive. We began the drive with goals of getting pledges from 45 members for a total cash amount of \$2.00 per birdie. How did we do? Kevin reported that we fell just two short of reaching our pledge goal with 43 members making pledges. However, Kevin was delighted to report that those that pledged were extremely generous giving us a record setting total of \$2.29 per goal. With the donation the Deere Foundation adds to our pledged amount, our club will be receiving several thousand back because of Kevin’s hard work. Thanks to all who pledged!

HEY! YOU'RE IN GOOD COMPANY!

We often hear and say that Rotarians are the leaders of their respective communities. We also know that Rotary membership is by invitation and that Rotarians strive to ensure that all who are invited represent the highest level of ethics, skill and professionalism in their chosen profession. We also look for members who we believe represent and live by the Rotary Four Way Test. Don't take your membership in Rotary for granted, all Rotarians should be honored to have been asked to join. Just consider some of those who like you, were invited and chose to accept the invitation to be a Rotarian: Neil Armstrong, First astronaut to walk on the moon, Rotary Club of Wapakoneta, OH; Clarence Birdseye, II, invented method for fast freezing food, Rotary Club of Gloucester, MA; William Jennings Bryan, US House of Representatives 1891-95, US Secretary of State 1913-15, US Presidential candidate, Rotary Club of Lincoln, Nebraska; Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd USN, Medal of Honor recipient, North and South Pole explorer, Rotary Club of Winchester, VA; Sir Winston Churchill, Prime Minister England, Rotary Club of London; Walt Disney, Animation filmmaker, Rotary Club of Palm Springs, CA; Thomas Edison, Inventor and businessman, Rotary Club of Orange, New Jersey; Guglielmo Marconi, Inventor of the radio, Rotary Club of Bologna, Italy; Dr. Charles H. Mayo, co-founder of the Mayo Clinic, Rotary Club of Rochester, Minnesota; Connie Mack, nee Cornelius McGillicuddy, American professional baseball player, manager, and team owner, five times World Series Winner; Norman Vincent Peale, author of "The Power of Positive Thinking", minister, motivational speaker, RI Public Relations Committee, Rotary Club of New York, NY; James Cash Penney, founder of the J.C. Penney's department stores, Rotary Club of New York, NY; Harlan Sanders aka Colonel Sanders, founder of Kentucky Fried Chicken, founding member of Rotary Club of Jeffersonville, IN in 1919, then the Rotary Club of Corbin, Kentucky, then Rotary Club of Shelbyville, Kentucky until his death in 1980; Adlai Stevenson, former US Ambassador to the UN and former governor of Illinois, Rotary Club of Springfield, IL; Charles Rudolph Walgreen Jr., President of Walgreens, Rotary Club of Chicago, IL; Sam Walton, founder of Wal-Mart, Rotary Club of Bentonville, Arkansas; Earl Warren, Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court; Woodrow Wilson, US President and Nobel Prize in Peace, Rotary Club of Birmingham, AL; Orville Wright, Co-Inventor of the first successful airplane, Rotary Club of Dayton, OH; and if that doesn't fill you with pride consider also these fellow Rotarians; President George W. Bush, Rotary Club of Washington, DC; President Ronald Reagan, Rotary Club of Pacific Palisades, CA; President Jimmy Carter, Rotary Club of Americus, GA; President Gerald R. Ford, Rotary Club of Grand Rapids, MI; President Richard M. Nixon, Rotary Club of Whittier CA; President John F. Kennedy, Rotary Club of Hyannis, Massachusetts; President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Rotary Club of Abilene, KA; President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Rotary Club of Albany, NY; President Herbert Hoover, Rotary Club of Newberg, Or; President Calvin Coolidge, Rotary Club of Northampton, MA. ; President Warren G. Harding, Rotary Club of Washington, D.C and.; President Woodrow Wilson, Rotary Club of Birmingham. AL.

Rotarian, you're in exclusive company! Cherish your membership and take pride in being among some of the world's best and brightest! Give consideration as to who else in our community should be offered the opportunity to become a Rotarian. The number one reason why non-members have not joined --- They have never been asked!

NEVER TOO EARLY TO MAKE YOUR PLANS!

ONLINE REGISTRATION

[Online registration began on 23 June >](#)
Register by December 15 to SAVE

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