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# Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



## WATERMARK ♦ C · O · R · N · E · R · S ♦ *Gifts & Stationery*

A TRIMBLE POINTE COMPANY

Amy Trimble, co-owner of WaterMark Corners was guest speaker at today's Rock Island Rotary meeting. WaterMark is located on the corner of River Drive and 15th Street in Moline, just off I-74 near the John Deere Commons.



### August - October Calendar

- Sept 11- State of the Schools, Dr. Mike Oberhaus, (with Kiwanis)
- Sept 18- Ken Massey, CEO and Pres., Modern Woodmen
- Sept 25- Tony McCombie, State of the State
- Oct 2 - Gwen Tomberg, President QC Storm Hockey Team
- Oct 9 - Paul Rumler, Quad City Chamber
- Oct 30 - Caitlin Russell, Russell Construction

WaterMark Corners & Stationers is an upscale gift store, full-service stationery store and a children's bookstore and toy store all in one. WaterMark is located in three historic buildings in downtown Moline Centre on the John Deere Commons. It is family-owned and run by a mother-daughter team, Barbara Trimble and Amy Trimble. Their gift department offers a wide range of items, from gourmet foods and coffees, to seasonal decorations, and unique and affordable jewelry and accessories. The children's area specializes in quality children's books, games and toys for children of all ages. The stationery department features the area's largest selection of paper and invitations, and is the Quad Cities' source for many premium stationery brands including Crane & Co., William Arthur and Caspari. They offer custom printing on boxed invitations, note sets or blank card stock, and the WaterMark wedding department showcases wedding invitations and accessories which are custom designed and printed in house. Trimble said th, "The goal is to provide customers with a completely unique shopping experience. Our talented staff members are dedicated to helping each customer find the perfect item, whatever their needs may be. We strive to find merchandise that you won't find at other local shops, and are constantly searching for new lines to introduce to our store." The story of WaterMark began in 1998, when Amy graduated from the University of Illinois with a not-very-useful degree in Art History and a dream of owning her own bookstore. Her family had two other retail businesses at the time, Staack Florist and Wilson House Stationers, and were excited at the idea of expanding into a new area of retail. Their search for the perfect location brought them to the John Deere Commons, with the newly opened MARK of the Quad Cities (now the TaxSlayer Center), the John Deere Pavilion and the Radisson on John Deere Commons. The energy of the development in this area immediately captured Trimble's attention, and before long, they purchased the buildings on the corner of River Drive and 15th Street. The buildings were not ready to be occupied, however. They had been unoccupied and abandoned for years, and it took a full year of extensive renovation before WaterMark could open. WaterMark Corners officially opened on September 15, 1999, and according to Trimble it's been a whirlwind of fun ever since! They are constantly moving and changing various aspects of the store to make it new and exciting for customers. In 2001 they dramatically increased their jewelry and accessory department with great success. In 2004, they made the decision to merge our sister store, Wilson House Stationers (named after Moline's oldest house in which it was located for 9 years) into WaterMark. They reconfigured the store, and the newly renamed WaterMark Stationers took over the second floor loft area. The move proved so successful that only a year and a half later, they moved the stationery department to the more accessible first floor. In 2006, WaterMark expanded the custom invitation offerings and added what they call the "Wall of Paper," which showcases over 20 colors of papers and envelopes in over 15 sizes and shapes. In 2007, the bridal and gift registry department opened with several new lines such as Casafina Stoneware and Mariposa. In December of 2017 in recognition of its innovative social-media marketing, Moline's WaterMark Corners has been chosen one of five businesses nationwide to win the first Forbes Main Street Award. The Forbes awards were designed "to champion the positive impact of small businesses that are leading the way forward by taking big steps for both their businesses and their communities," according to a release from Forbes. Thanks Amy for sharing your story!



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## Club Notes & Announcements!

☐ **WELCOME GUESTS!** Rock Island Rotary was pleased to welcome our new exchange daughter, Rocio Robolledo Hernandez (she goes by Sheëo), along with Alleman student Rotarians, Alexandra Cajigal, and Sydney Heller. We had one visiting Rotarians today, Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport Club. Rock Island Rotary enjoys welcoming guests to our meetings. Have you invited a prospective member to be your guest? Membership recruitment is a responsibility of all Rotarians!

☐ **MISSING YOUR SHADES?** – A nice pair of sunglasses was left on table 6 today. You can claim them at the Sergeant at Arms Table next Tuesday. Gray plastic frames with frameless lenses.

☐ **NEW GUEST/MEMBERSHIP BROCHURES**, printed courtesy of John Olinger and Modern Woodmen, were distributed last week. If you didn't take one or two, you are forgetting your member recruiting duties! Get a few from the Sergeant at Arms and use them! They are excellent to hand to anyone you think might be a potential new member. Every member should have several! Bring a guest next week!

☐ **SERVICE OPPORTUNITY** – Help is still needed with the Heart of Hope Food Pantry. We help every Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30pm. It's easy duty and is truly Service Above Self at its most basic definition. Volunteers have been scarce lately, so please contact Al Metz to join our team of volunteers! Used but sound plastic bags are needed too. Call Al Metz to help at 309-236-2013.

☐ **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 Minute

We're so close to eradicating polio. But to fully eradicate this deplorable disease we still need \$1.5 billion to finish the job. Why? Even if the last case of polio is identified this year, a huge amount of work will remain to ensure that it stays "GONE", which means vaccinating children for at least three more years. To ensure that polio is truly eradicated forever it must be detected. This requires continuous surveillance that is complicated and costly: first doctors and community health workers must monitor children for acute flaccid paralysis and second is the process that involves local authorities collecting samples from sewage systems or in places that don't have adequate sanitation facilities, including rivers or bodies of water near a large group of residents.

In addition, large scale vaccinations are enormous undertakings that require money as well as thousands of volunteers on the ground. And in places where the vaccination programs have been successful, the challenge is to locate and vaccinate that small percentage of children who have been missed. The vaccine itself isn't the biggest expense, it's the distribution of the vaccine – i.e. transportation and staffing. A vaccination campaign is almost mind-bogglingly complex. Rotarians' contributions pay for planning by technical experts, large-scale communication efforts to make people aware of the benefits of vaccinations and the dates of the campaign, plus support for volunteers to go door-to-door in large cities as well as in remote areas that may not appear on any map.

Yes, we are 99.9% there. Now is the hardest part and with your help our goal to eradicate polio will be accomplished and celebrated. Thank you for your support.

## QUAD CITY DINING BOOKS ARE BACK!



Bud Phillis has the new Quad City Dining Books available for purchase from Rotary. Cost is \$35 per book. With over 150 restaurants represented you're sure to find your favorites along with new places to try. If you only use the Circa 21 coupon the savings more than pays for the book! For every book sold our Club receives \$10. Look at all the establishments you can visit and save at least half off! They also make excellent gifts for friends and family member. Everyone enjoys eating out so why not save half price each time you go and fundraise for Rock Island Rotary at the same time!

## FOUNDATION RAFFLE REPORT



Today's raffle featured fine wine from the Lo Milani Collection and a 50/50 cash drawing. The first lucky ticket was held by Tammy Weikert, who opted for the cash and then donated it to the Rotary Club Foundation. The second lucky ticket was held by Jeff Dismar who gladly accepted the wine. Keep in mind, all raffle proceeds go to support the International Rotary Foundation which helps ensure that Rotary can continue humanitarian work throughout the world. Thank you to all who participated!

## DISTRICT GRANT PROJECT UNDERWAY

"Braking Traffik" of the Quad Cities is dedicated to eradicating sex trafficking in the Quad City area of Iowa and Illinois. The group strives to achieve this goal through providing training on sex trafficking to organizations which respond to and care for victims. Braking Traffik also provides general awareness training to community, civic and religious organizations. Braking Traffik works to continually strengthen Illinois, Iowa and federal laws which provide justice for victims. Braking Traffik also coordinates efforts among social service providers, medical personnel, law enforcement and faith-based groups to ensure victims receive the holistic care they need. Our grant of \$1,500 in District funds, which will be



matched by \$1,500 in funds from our club will help provide temporary shelter, emergency food and personal supplies for victims. Today Rotarians packed dozens of emergency bags filled with food and personal items for area victims. Rotarians are pictured loading the bags into President Sue Cassatt's car.

## WINE RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE



Tickets for our Wine Raffle Fundraiser are available from President, Sue Cassatt. All members are asked to help promote and sell tickets. First prize is \$750 worth of wine of the winners choosing. 2nd place is \$500 and 3rd place \$250. Wine will be provided by the Grape Life Wine Store & Lounge. Cash prizes are available if the winner lives too far away to come select their wines. The winners will be drawn at our fall Rotary Trivia Night on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are just \$5 or five for \$20. We need to sell lots of tickets! All members are encouraged to not only purchase tickets, but to take a packet and sell to your not-Rotarian friends and associated. We need the entire Club to pitch in on this.



# Rock Island Rotary TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, November 9th at 6:30pm

SAVE the DATE and get your team together for Rock Island Rotary's annual fundraiser! Cash prizes, cash bar, 50/50, silent auction and TONS of FUN with MR. TRIVIA!!!

**This fundraiser supports Earl Hanson Elementary School.**

When: Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Where: Milan Community Center, 2701 1st Street East, Milan

Time: 6:30pm START time, doors open at 5:45pm

Cost: \$100 a table, up to 8 players at a table

RSVP: Kathy Trone 309-794-9400 or [Kathy@wesselspc.com](mailto:Kathy@wesselspc.com)

**The Rock Island Rotary Club is challenging all other Rotary Clubs in the QC Area to participate and TRY to win the "Traveling Trophy" for the SMARTEST ROTARY CLUB!**

The *Wine Raffle* winner will be announced at the event. Don't know what that is? Haven't bought a ticket? Win up to \$750 worth of wine. One ticket \$5, 5 tickets for \$20"

## **PUMPKIN PALOOZA IS FAST APPROACHING!**

It's that time of year again when Rock Island Rotary prepares to treat all the Kindergarten and first graders from Earl Hanson Elementary School to a day at the Pumpkin Patch. All the kids get a tee shirt, lunch, petting zoo tour, hayrack ride, adventures through the corn maze, panning for "gems", and a ride on the wild cow train! The date is October 3<sup>rd</sup> and Rotarian volunteers are needed to help with the kids and to join in the fun. But our chances to get involved go beyond spending time with the kids. **Event sponsors are also needed. For a donation of \$100 your business or family name will be printed on the tee shirts that the kids will wear throughout the year.** It's some of the best priced advertising and good will you can buy! Contact Mike Locander or Trisha Barron to be a sponsor or to volunteer to help on Palooza



## IN THE “SPOTLIGHT”



Dr. Bud Phillis stepped into the spotlight today and told us of his decision at age 12 to become a physician, inspired by the untimely death of his 14-year-old sister at the hands of polio. He received his degree from the University of Illinois – Chicago and interned in St. Louis. Fortunately for our community and our Rotary Club he and his bride, Diane, settled in Rock Island where he practiced internal medicine for 36 years. He and two colleagues were responsible for founding Medical Arts Associates and recruiting many of the first medical specialists to the Quad Cities. Bud noted that in his career he saw incredible innovations in medical imaging and medications. Since retiring in 2000 Bud has devoted his life to service and has led the Rotary campaign to stamp out Polio. He is a Paul Harris Society member and serves as our club’s Foundation Committee Chairman.

## ROTARIANS CELEBRATING IN SEPTEMBER

Happy Birthday to the following Rotarians!

Tammy Weikert	September	2
Molly Shattuck	September	4
Sara Cross	September	13
Father Dan Mirabelli	September	24
Bill Groh	September	26
Al Metz	September	26
John Slover	September	28



## ARDO TAKES THE AWARD!

Rotarian members were recognized today for their years of perfect attendance. Receiving recognition for 1 year of perfect attendance were Molly Shattuck and Lo Milani; 2 years Sue Cassatt and Al Metz; 3 years Sam Wray; 6 years Bruce Peterson; 7 years Bob Swanson; 9 years Mike Locander; 10 years Carrie Crossen; 11 years Jim Moran; 14 years Marcy Bell, Jeff Dismer, Mary Fisler, and Ruth Lee, Then we jumped to the big time award winners with 31 years for Bud Phillis and 38 years for Dr. Larry Tadlock; but the man who set the pace beyond all others was Ardo Holmgrain with 48 years of perfect attendance! Congratulation Ardo, and to all the other loyal Rotarians who regularly attend Rotary meetings here and around the world!



## WORTH ANOTHER LOOK

The following was taken from the most recent Rotary International’s Annual Report:

*The hands of a clock, as they mark the end of each day, continue to sweep without slowing. So too does the work of Rotary continue on as we mark the end of each Rotary year.*

*As we say farewell to the milestone year behind us, we know that we marked its end not by pausing in our work — but by redoubling it.*

*One hundred years have passed since our Rotary Foundation was established. In 1917, Rotary, barely a dozen years from its founding, was still small, but growing rapidly.*

*The idea of a foundation did not earn unanimous approval, yet in the end, it gained enough support to become a reality. The first donation was received, and more followed. With that, our organization turned off one path and onto another — onto the path that has led us to where we are today, with an organization that is large enough, and strong enough, to change the world forever.*

As of this writing, we have seen only a handful of cases of polio caused by wild poliovirus in all of 2017. At our Foundation centennial celebration at the Rotary Convention in Atlanta, \$1.2 billion was pledged to end polio.

In partnership with the Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and the governments of the world, we will see the end of this disease. And when we do, we will know that it could not have happened without Rotary Serving Humanity, through our Rotary Foundation.