



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



Paul Rumler, President and CEO of the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce was guest speaker at today's Rock Island Rotary

meeting. Rumler, a Quad Cities native earned an Associate's Degree from Black Hawk College prior to earning his Bachelor's degree in Economics from Georgia State University. He served as Legislative Director for the Massachusetts State Senate, a Staff Assistant for the U.S. House of Representatives, Staff Director of the Massachusetts State Senate, Executive Vice President and Chief Economic Development Director for the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce, and Chief Strategy Officer for the Grand Rapids, Michigan Chamber. He became President and CEO of the Quad Cities Chamber in April of 2018. Rumler has served as a Board Member for numerous organizations, including the John Deere Classic, UnityPoint Health, the Rock Island Arsenal Advisory Committee, the Illinois Interagency Military Base Economic Development Committee, and Goodwill of the Heartland. Paul began his comments by announcing he is "Bullish" on the Quad Cities. He feels the Quad Cities are a "cool, creative, and exciting place to live and work". He stated that the QC Chamber is the voice for all businesses in our community and enjoys great success in large part because of it's partnering with the cities in the area. He noted that city leaders have been very cooperative and eager to work with the Chamber. He also said the Chamber has partners at the state and federal level that are instrumental in having local success. One of the principal tasks of the Chamber is Economic Development. Rumler said this is most successful when promoting the Quad Cities as a region as opposed to individual cities. He also said the Chamber is not looking for or recruiting retail business. Their targets are "primary" employers. Industries that will offer substantial employment opportunities and attract addition workers to the area. "When the population grows, retail will follow", Rumler stated. The Chamber targets manufacturing, insurance, defense related, and agricultural service industries. He said the chamber also serves their members, who are primarily small, medium, and family businesses. They provide numerous seminars and gatherings where best practices, innovations, and problem-solving information is delivered is of great help to the member businesses. The Chamber also leads the way in advocating legislation favorable to our area businesses and communities. Other activities the Chamber has supported are "The Big Table" where citizens were invited to come together and discuss the strengths and challenges of the region; and, "Q2030", a regional action plan bringing business, government, non-profit, academic institutions and the trades together for the shared purpose to move our region forward economically. Promoting the advantage in working together to grow businesses, strengthen our cool place to live and prepare workers for the future. Mr. Rumler concluded his comments by asking for three favors from our members: 1) Thanks and speak of our area as one Region rather than separate communities; 2) Help create a sense of "Belonging" to newcomers, make them feel welcome; and 3) Buy local, work with local, and support local businesses and industries.

Thank you Mr. Rumler for a very interesting and informative presentation.

October - December Calendar

- Oct 16 - Donna Honold - Emotional Intelligence
- Oct 23 - Alternate Fuels Forum - Progressive Action for the Common Good
- Oct 24 - World Polio Day - 7:00pm Establishment Theater Fundraiser
- Oct 30 - Caitlin Russell - Russell Construction
- Nov 6 - James Jones - Economic Growth Corporation - Home buying Resources
- Nov 9 - Rotary Trivia Night
- Nov 13 - Dr. Jennifer Palar - Business Education at Augustana
- Nov 20 - Mike Locander - "Go with the Flow"
- Nov 27 - Rock Island High School Orchestra - Katie Benson
- Dec 1 - Bell Ringing - HyVee
- Dec 4 - Rock Island High School Chamber Choir
- Dec 5 - Rotary/Kiwanis Holiday Party at Circa 21



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Club Notes & Announcements!

□ **WELCOME GUESTS!** Rock Island Rotary was pleased to welcome a number of guests to today's meeting. Our exchange daughter, Rocio Robolledo Hernandez (Sheëo), was present. Hilde Wray was a guest of Sam Wray. Stefani Miner was a guest of her Dad, Bill Green. Steve Bahls, a prospective Corporate member, was a guest of the Club. Jeff Whitaker, Rocky Principal, made his last guest appearance as he was inducted as a new member today. We had just one visiting Rotarian today, Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport Club joined us. Rock Island Rotary enjoys welcoming guests to our meetings. Have you invited a prospective member to be your guest?

□ **PLEASE SIGN-UP NOW FOR OUR HOLIDAY PARTY** – To ensure we block the right number of seats, please sign-up now for our December 5th Circa 21 holiday party to see "Annie". No money is needed to sign up. Just let Bob Swanson know that you are going to go and how many seats you need. See Bob at the Sergeant's Table to sign up. No money needed until November.

□ **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.

□ **ESTABLISHMENT THEATER** – October 24 Fundraiser for Polio Plus. Tickets just \$15. *Men in Ties* comedy show and celebration for Polio Day!

□ **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!



QUAD CITY DINING BOOKS ARE BACK!

Bud Phillis will order a few more Quad City Dining Books for those needing coupons for our Circa 21 Holiday Party. 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. Dining Books 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, a Dr. Larry Tadlock Cherry Bowl, and a 50/50 cash drawing. The first lucky ticket was held by Mark Mayeski, who took the bowl. The second lucky ticket was held by Bill Stengel who took the cash, added a few dollars to it and traded in \$40 for Wine Raffle Tickets! Our final winner was guest Hilde Wray who took home a delicious bottle of Lo Milani's best Cabernet Sauvignon. Keep in mind, all raffle proceeds go to support the International Rotary Foundation.

Thank you to all who participated!



Foundation Minute

Rotary is dedicated to six areas of focus in order to build international relationships, improve lives, and create a better world to support our peace efforts and end polio forever.

We learned about three areas last week and here are the others;

Saving mothers and children: Nearly 6 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. Rotary expands access to quality care, so mothers and their children can live and grow stronger.

Supporting education: More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. Rotary's goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. And finally

Growing local economies: Rotary carries out service projects that enhance economic and community development and creates opportunities for decent and productive work for young and old. Rotary also strengthens local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women in impoverished communities.

Your support of the Rotary Foundation enables this to happen. Thank you.

IS AN AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL PLAN RIGHT FOR YOU?

Foundation Chair, Bud Phillis reports that establishing an automatic withdrawal plan for Foundation giving is becoming a popular option for Rock Island Rotarians. Currently, six of our members have set up withdrawal plans. Each Rotarian determines exactly how much they want set aside each pay period and then let the system work. Automatic donations are directed from their checking account to the Rotary account at Black Hawk Bank. A total of \$220.00 a month is now being donated via automatic withdrawal. Rotarians using the system say it is quick, easy, a small enough amount to be painless, and avoids the necessity of writing checks. A designated donation as small as \$10 a month qualifies the donor as a Paul Harris Sustaining Member and meets the goal of "\$100 Every Member Every Year". Quick and easy to set up. See Bud Phillis to get your plan underway.



SAVE THE DATE

We will have our holiday Club bell ringing (for the Salvation Army) on Saturday, **December 1st from 9am to 3pm at the Rock Island HyVee**. Mark Mayeski will once again chair the project. We will start asking for volunteers in November. Rock Island Rotary has been a long-time volunteer for holiday season bell ringing. The bell ringing season starts each November and runs through Christmas Eve, when the red kettles are packed away for the season. Volunteers are the difference between an empty kettle and one that raises about \$60 per hour – enough to provide two families with two bags of groceries; or shelter two individuals for a night. All money dropped in the red kettle stays in our local community!



Our Newest Member!

President Cassatt had the pleasant duty of inducting Jeff Whitaker as our newest Rock Island Rotarian at today's meeting. Jeff was named Rock Island High School principal in May and began his duties on July 1st. Jeff has 16 years of experience as an educator and spent the last 6 years serving as Assistant Principal at Marine Leadership Academy in the Chicago Public School system. He has a B.A. in education from Illinois State University and a master's in educational leadership and Curriculum and Instruction from the American College of Education. Jeff is married to Megan and has a 5-year-old son named Nathan.

Welcome Jeff, we love inducting new members, and thanks to Karla Thies who extended the invitation to Jeff to visit our club and consider membership. Often all it takes is an invitation! Be sure to say hello and welcome Jeff at our next meeting.



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!!!

SIGN UP SHEET AT NEXT WEEK'S MEETING!

This fundraiser supports Earl Hanson Elementary School.

When: Friday, November 9th, 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

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

WE NEED TO SELL WINE RAFFLE TICKETS!



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 9th. 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 non-Rotarian friends and associates. We need the entire Club to pitch in on this. Sold some? Sell some more!!! Just now getting to break even!

SAVE THE DATE
ROTARY/KIWANIS
HOLIDAY PARTY



Wednesday, December 5th

RESERVE YOUR SEATS WITH BOB SWANSON AT THE SERGEANT'S TABLE
Tickets Just \$61.21 For two with Dining Book Coupon
Includes Pre-Show Salon Party with Kiwanis No Money due until November!



Wednesday October 24th, 2018

Celebrate Rotary's Success working to end Polio

5:30 pm – 9:00 pm

The Establishment – 220 19th street Rock Island, IL



Guys in Ties Show time starts at 7:00 pm

Open to the Public All ages welcome

Get your \$15 tickets today! 309 – 786 – 1111
(50% of ticket sales goes to Polio Fund)

You can order your tickets through Mike Locander. Call or see him at Rotary

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Corporate Member Application: **Augustana College**

Primary Member – Steve Bahls, President

Alt. Member – Sue Rector, Assistant Vice-President for Development

Alt. Member – Liz Nino, Director of International Recruitment

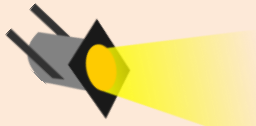
Alt. Member – Kai Swanson, Special Assistant to the President

Please direct comments to President Sue Cassatt or 1st Vice Pres. Mark Mayeski

PUMPKIN PALOOZA 2018

ROTARIANS TRICIA BARRON, ANNE MCGLYNN, ANGELA CAMPBELL, KATHY LELONEK AND JIM MORAN HAD AS MUCH FUN AS THE EARL HANSON KIDS AT THE PUMPKIN PATCH! THANKS ROTARY FOR SPONSORING IT!





JUSTIN PETERSON IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Continuing our series of featuring a club member each week, Justin Peterson was today's featured Rotarian. Justin first thanked Tom Hammar for being the guy who invited Justin to be a guest at Rock Island Rotary. That visit led to Justin joining our club in 2015. Not only has Justin enjoyed his membership, he has become one of our very active members serving on numerous committees and now on our Board of Directors. Justin graduated from Rock Island High School in 2000 and then attended and graduated from Knox College. He moved to the Chicago area and entered the banking industry. He spent one year as a mortgage loan officer and then moved into his current area, commercial lending. After 8 years in Chicago, Justin moved back to the Quad Cities and continued his career as a commercial lending officer. He is now with TBK Bank, which he noted is one of the few remaining community banks. He pointed to the new TBK Bank Sports Complex in Bettendorf, a \$60 million-dollar investment as evidence of the Bank's commitment to our community. He is based out of their Moline location in downtown Moline. Justin is married to Rachel and has a 3-year-old son. They live in Andalusia.



Third Annual *End Polio Now* Walk is this Saturday!

Centennial Park in Rock Falls

Saturday, October 13, 2018

Registration from 8:15 – 9:00 a.m. at Larson Shelter.
T-shirt will be given for a \$20 donation, while supply lasts.

Public is invited to walk. All donations to End Polio Now.

An Iron Lung will be on display from 8:00 a.m. – noon.

Sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Dixon, Sterling Noon, Twin Cities Sunrise, and Rock Falls.

How about a few Rock Island Rotarians joining the walk!

IF YOU DON'T READ ANYTHING ELSE IN THIS NEWSLETTER, I HOPE YOU'LL READ THIS!

A WORD ABOUT OUR FUNDRAISERS

Rotary does hold a fair number of fundraisers. At times I'm sure members feel inundated with requests. The fact of the matter is that an equally fair number of our members choose not to participate in any of our fundraising events. So, here are a few thoughts on the "why" and "how" we raise funds.

- 1) Our dues, paid quarterly are set at a level adequate to cover the cost of lunches, fees paid to the Rotary District and Rotary International for your membership, and your subscription to the Rotarian magazine. The very few dollars remaining go to provide your pin, badge, and help cover lunch costs for our exchange daughter and our guest speakers. There is no excess to support any Rotary projects or expenses.
- 2) Funds to support local non-profits and other worthy causes through our Community Grants Committee come from our fundraisers. If funding falters, we will have to cut giving.
- 3) Funds to support our Earl Hanson Partnership and events such as Birthday Books and Pumpkin Palooza come from our fundraisers. If funding falters, we will have to cut support.
- 4) Funds to help support our partner organizations such as Heart of Hope Food Pantry, our International Water Project, and Rotary Youth Exchange come from our fundraisers.
- 5) Funds for our major community projects such as "Rotary Field" and Spring Forward Summer Reading Programs come from our fundraising for our local Club Foundation.
- 6) Funds for our literacy projects including our Little Libraries comes from our fundraisers.

I assume you're getting the point. If we want to be more than a "lunch" club, fundraisers are essential, as is the support of all members. Whether you give your own money or sell tickets (Wine Raffle) or encourage participation (Trivia Night) from others, we need everyone to pitch in and get the job done!

**ROTARY DISTRICT 6420
ANNUAL FOUNDATION DINNER
NOVEMBER 10, 2018
BRANDYWINE BANQUET CENTER, DIXON IL
REGISTRATION FORM**

NAME: _____
CLUB: _____
GUEST NAMES: _____
EMAIL: _____
PHONE: _____

| MEAL SELECTION: | Salmon/Rice/ Vegies | Wild Mushroom Risotto/Vegies | Chicken Marsala/ Rice/Vegies |
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| 1ST PERSON | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2ND PERSON | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3RD PERSON | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4TH PERSON | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Please note any dietary restrictions:

PAYMENT: **\$37.50/person**

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| Cash | \$ _____ | |
| Check | \$ _____ | Payable to Rotary District 6420/Foundation |
| Credit Card | Name | |
| | Number | |
| | Expiration Date | |
| | Security Code | |

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: **NOVEMBER 3, 2018**

MAIL PAPER REGISTRATION FORMS WITH PAYMENT TO:

**Betty Clementz, District Secretary
21762 Manton Road
Sterling IL 61081**

Simple Tentative Agenda:

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| 4:00-5:00 p.m. | View project displays/social time |
| 5:00-6:30 p.m. | Introductions/Dinner |
| 6:30-8:00 p.m. | Recognition of Donors Project Presentations |