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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



The Alternative Fuels Forum. is a collaborative effort with the Sierra Club and PACG (Progressive Action for the Common Good). Partial funding for the forum was received by a grant from The Mark W. Schwiebert Fund for Environmental Studies. Progressive Action of the Quad Cities intends to help build a support network aimed at educating, engaging, and empowering citizens to work for the common good of all in our communities. The PACG website states: “As progressives, we empower people to take action for positive change and social justice by coordinating a network of community forums and events aimed at educating and engaging citizens to work for the common good of all. Our core values are: Social Justice, Empowerment, Diversity, Sustainability and Community.” The Sierra Club describes itself

as, “The most enduring and influential grassroots environmental organization in the United States. We amplify the power of our 3.5+ million members and supporters to defend everyone’s right to a healthy world. We know actions speak louder than words. That’s why we’ve built a national community of volunteers, advocates, and grassroots activists who show up when and where it counts. Our supporters have the tools and resources to make themselves heard in nearly every district in every state across the country.” Our speakers were Dr. Alta Price, Ms. Shirley Johnson, and Ms. Lori McCullum. Dr. Price explained that the PACG facilitates various “Issue Groups” which include: Environments Group. Health Care Reform Group, Civil Rights Group, and Drug Policy Group. The Civil Rights group has sub-groups for Immigration and Juvenile Justice Reform. The Drug Policy Group is working on expanding medical marijuana in Iowa, and legalizing marijuana in Illinois. Ms. Johnson is a hydrologist with the Army Corp of Engineers. She is active in the Environmental Group and spoke about promoting clean water throughout the region. Their group has trained numerous volunteers on how to take water samples. They monitor and report water conditions in the Mississippi River. The group also hosted an Earth Day Forum last year and focused on climate change. Ms. McCollum is a pshychologist and has taken particular interest in climate change. She stated that if climate change is not addressed, by 2080-2099 Illinois’ climate will be similar to present day Texas and Mississippi. The Environment Group is hosting a Renewable Energy Summit on Friday, November 9th at the Botanical Center from 9am until 2pm. The event is free and open to the public. The Summit will include discussion of all forms of renewable energy including, bio-fuels, wind, solar, geo-thermal, and hydro. Ms. McCullum presented a series of slides illustrating how businesses, cities, and even states have adopted renewal energy policies. She noted that Illinois and Iowa have both invested heavily in wind and solar power. She also stated that there are large amounts of federal and state money available as well as tax credits, that make switching to renewal energy econmical as well as environmentally beneficial. Unfortunately time expired prior to any time for questions, but one that was mentioned after the presentation was that the federal and state funds and moneys recovered through tax credits which make wind and solar “economical” are paid through taxes and that cost should be added to determine that real energy costs. It was an interesting presentation and those that attend the November 9th Forum will undoubtedly get answers to any and all questions. Thanks again to Mike Locander for bringing us this program.

October - December Calendar

- 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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 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 a number of guests to today’s meeting. Our exchange daughter, Rocio Robolledo Hernandez (Sheeño), was present along with Rocky Jr. Rotarian, Emily Laughlin. Mark Schwiebert was a guest of Mike Locander. Alleman Jr. Rotarians, Faith Picksly and Haley Mosley joined us. Constance King and Alexa Vande Moortel were guests of the Club, representing the Girls Scouts. Mark Zimmerman, a member of the Davenport Club was our only visiting Rotarian. 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. We are still taking reservations. 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! We want to pack the house. Call the Theater to get your tickets!
- **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!

INITIAL SUPPLY SOLD OUT! JUST 4 QUAD CITY DINING BOOKS REMAIN



Bud Phillis ordered 15 more Quad City Dining Books for those needing coupons for our Circa 21 Holiday Party. Eleven are already gone! IF YOU NEED ONE, GET IT NOW. 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 50/50 cash drawing, and a beautiful Dr. Larry Tadlock bowl. The first lucky ticket was held by Frank Lambert, who took the cash. Dr. Tricia Barron had the second lucky ticket and she took the bowl. The final winning ticket was held by Ruth Lee who happily took 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



The Rotary Foundation exists to help Rotarians “repair” the world when things go wrong ... and since things go wrong a lot, we’re *very* busy! If we’re going to repair the world we’ll need some tools and a toolbox.

It is the programs we participate in and the projects we complete through The Rotary Foundation that are the tools in our Rotary tool box. We have the tools, but we need to keep up with the ever-increasing need for more of them and that is where the financial support of the Rotary Foundation comes into play.

We must support the Annual Fund of our Foundation. Each of us holds Rotary in a special place in our minds and our hearts. We have the opportunity every day to decide how we—each and every one of us—will use Rotary’s tools to make the world a better place.

Contribute now!

FOUR NEW PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Foundation Chairman, Bud Phillis was pleased to present four new Paul Harris Fellow recognitions at today’s meeting. The generosity of long-time member, John Wetzel made it all possible. John had allowed his foundation donations to accumulate over the past several years. When Bud called to his attention that he had built up enough to recognize four Paul Harris Fellows, John decided to honor his parents and his wife’s parents. Our new Paul Harris Fellows are John’s mother and father, Arletta Wetzel and John Wetzel, Sr. and Marcia’s mother and father, Marjorie Anderson and Bror Anderson. Congratulations to the memory of those individuals and to John for thinking enough of them to bestow this great honor.



John Wetzel

SAVE THE DATE

ROTARY/KIWANIS



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!



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!



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)

TOMORROW NIGHT- TICKETS AT THE DOOR

JOHN PHILLIPS STEPS INTO THE ROTARY SPOTLIGHT



Rotary enjoyed a unique presentation today as John Phillips was our featured Rotarian in the spotlight.



John composed a song to tell his story as a boy born and raised on an Iowa farm, who went off to school to earn a degree Loras College in Dubuque and a Masters' in Public Administration from Northern Illinois University. He took a position with the City of Rockford and after seven years rose to become that city's first City Manager, a position he held for five years. In 1987 John accepted the position of City Manager and moved his family to Rock Island. John served Rock Island for 25 years prior to his retirement. Not only did his song tell the story of his moving from farm chores to Urban management, it also drew a number of comparisons. Not the least of which was, "The smell Reminded John of home!"

ROCK ISLAND ROTARY STEPS UP FOR THE GIRL SCOUTS



Community Grants Committee Chair, Frank Lambert, presented our Rotary Club's \$600 donation to Constance King and Alexa Vande Moortel of the Girls Scouts of the Quad Cities.

Ms. King noted that our contribution will be used to provide fees, supplies, and transportation for girls at risk of being unable to participate because of family budget situations. She also pointed out that Girls scouts serve 950 girls in Rock Island and have active programs in seven Rock Island elementary schools. The Girls Scouts also offer "Bling Programs" for Jr. high aged girls.

Ms. Vande Moortel added her personal thanks for our support and investment in the Girl Scouts in the Quad Cities.



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 |
|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1ST PERSON | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2ND PERSON | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3RD PERSON | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4TH PERSON | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Please note any dietary restrictions:

PAYMENT: \$37.50/person

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:

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