



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

ROCK ISLAND ROCK ORCHESTRA

The Rock Island High School "Rock Orchestra" led by Mrs. Katie Benson paid its annual visit to Rotary today. The 14-member ensemble tours the area playing for nursing homes, coffee shops, clubs, organizations, and churches. Mrs. Benson noted the fact that the group plays without a conductor, saying that she teaches the students to listen to one another. The group performed a wide variety of classic and modern compositions. Starting with *Luminescence* by Alan Lee Silva, they followed that with *Winter Solstice* by Todd Parrish, a work that describes the wonder and adventure of the winter season. The third selection performed was the fast paced *Inverno* composed by Antonio Vivaldi. They followed that with *Forever Joyful!* by Brian Balmages. Inspired by pure joy, this work explores uplifting and lighthearted emotions. The music has a constant rhythmic pulse that gently interacts with graceful melodic lines and countermelodies. The group then turned to traditional Christmas fare with *Winter Wonderland* and *Let It Snow*. The performance concluded with a Japanese composition entitled *YUKI MATSURI (SNOW FESTIVAL)* by Keiko Yamada. The selection takes the listener on a journey through the winter festivals of Japan. The Rock Orchestra earned a standing ovation from an appreciative Rotary audience. The orchestra is also excited to be holding an evening with the Quad City Symphony this Saturday, December 1st, at the Adler Theater. The concert is a celebration of Leonard Bernstein's 100th birthday featuring music from *West Side Story*. The event is no cost for students and family members of students who are participating. It promises to be a wonderful educational experience for our kids. Thank you for a great performance!



November - December Calendar

- Dec 1 - Bell Ringing - HyVee
- Dec 4 - Rock Island High School Chamber Choir
- Dec 4 - Vote on new Club By-laws
- Dec 5 - Rotary/Kiwanis Holiday Party at Circa 21
- Dec 11 - Illinois Medical Society President
- Dec 18 - Tom & Molly, "The 4-Way Test and the 2018 Tax Act!"
- Dec 25 - No meeting - Merry Christmas!
- Jan 1 - No meeting - Happy New Year!
- Jan 7 - MONDAY - Joint with Kiwanis Mayor Thoms' "State of the City"
- Jan 15 - Mark Poulos - "River Rescuing Today"
- Jan 22 - TBA
- Jan 29 - Angela Campbell "Rock Island Library's New Strategic Plan"





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June – July: TBA

Club Notes & Announcements!

□ **WELCOME GUESTS!** Rock Island Rotary was pleased to welcome guests attending today's meeting. Our Exchange daughter, Ricio Hernandez and Paige Nimrick and Gabriela Loiz, Jr. Rotarians from Alleman joined us. Hilde Wray wife of Sam Wray and Virginia Houlton, wife of Fred Houlton attended. We had two visiting Rotarians with us today, Mark Zimmerman, from the Davenport Club and Duncan Cameron from the Naples, Florida, Club.

□ **CAST YOUR VOTE!** – Copies of the new By-laws proposed for our club were distributed on November 19th. The club will be asked to vote on these By-laws at our December 4th meeting next week. Be sure to read them and attend the meeting to cast your vote!

□ **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. They also are collecting men's and women's winter clothing for their free clothing exchange. Drop off anytime the Heart of Hope Center is open. Call Al Metz to volunteer to help at 309-236-2013.

□ **ANGEL TREE NEXT WEEK** – Come prepared to select a little boy or girl off our Angel Tree at next week's meeting. Turn around time is relatively short, so come ready to pick which child you will surprise with gifts for their Christmas celebration. Don't have time to shop? Make your donation and our "elves" will shop for you!

□ **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 a beautiful oak bowl made by Dr. Larry Tadlock.. The first lucky ticket was held by a student member of the Rock Orchestra who opted for the Christmas cash! Jeff Dismar had the second ticket and he took the bowl and gave it to exchange daughter, Sheeo. Frank Lambert held the final lucky ticket and took home the wine.

Keep in mind, all raffle proceeds go to support the International Rotary Foundation.
Thank you to all who participated!

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



Circa 21 Dinner Playhouse is our most recent Corporate Member. Their primary member will be Kimberly Calhoun, who serves as Circa's Marketing Designer. Their alternate member is Brett Hitchcock, Marketing Director of Circa 21. Kimberly's interests are photography, design, editing, and travel. Brett, in addition to his talents in marketing and theater operations is an accomplished dog sled trainer and racer. He is the son of Circa 21 founder and producer, Dennis Hitchcock. Please welcome Kimberly and Brett at a future Rotary meeting.



Foundation Minute

Now that the holiday season is upon us – many of us are scurrying around trying to find the best gift for our families, our neighbors, teachers and more. Here is an idea that will save all of you a great deal of time and give you an enormous feeling of satisfaction!

In place of that gift, why not give the gift of Rotary through The Rotary Foundation? A \$100 contribution can help provide textbooks for one elementary school in Zambia, provide a hearing aid for a deaf child in Pakistan, buy de-worming tablets for 112 children in the Philippines, pay for cataract operations for three blind people in India, or provide 230 blankets for the elderly in the winter months of Korea! And there are many more opportunities even within our own country!

For more information contact The Rotary Foundation at 866-9 ROTARY (866-976-8279). Thank you for your generosity

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING – THIS SATURDAY = DECEMBER 1ST ROCK ISLAND HYVEE

Time	West Door		East Door	
9-10am	Bud Phillis	Diane Phillis	Lo Milani	Jim Stanbury
10-11am	Julie Gelaude	Jim Moran	Marcy Bell	Gary Rowe
11-12pm	Rick Devinney	Eric Westphall	Sue Rector	Jay McEvoy
12-1pm	Molly Shattuck	Tom Hammar	Al Metz	Mark Mayesk
1-2pm	Jenni Swanson	Kai Swanson	John Slover	Angela and Dan Campbell
2-3pm*	Cindi Gramenz	Mike Locander	Mike Locander	

*Last Shift-Please leave the bells, bucket and apron. Salvation Army will pick up later.



TOM HAMMAR IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Today our featured club member was Tom Hammar. Tom joined Rock Island Rotary in 1990. Tom and wife Susan reside in Moline. He is the owner of Hammar & Associates, a full-service accounting, tax, payroll, and bookkeeping firm serving the Quad Cities for the past 30 years. He noted that the world has changed a great deal during his 30 years in business primarily driven by advances in technology. He mentioned that cyber security wasn't even know when he began, but today is one of the most critical parts of his work. Tom said his office provides payroll services for about 300 business and non-profit organizations. They provide general accounting services for over 100 entities and annually prepare and file 700 income tax returns. In the past few years his daughter Molly (also a Rock Island Rotarian) joined his firm and recently earned her CPA certification.

He said the plan is for him to do less and less and Molly to do more and more of the work. Sounds like a plan, Dad! He said he has really enjoyed working with Molly. Tom also stress that Rotary has been a huge part of his life since being invited to join by Dr. Larry Tadlock, whom Tom thanked. Tom has served as treasurer, 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President, and President of our club. He has also faithfully served on numerous committees. Rock Island Rotary is fortunate to have members like Tom Hammar!! Thanks for sharing with us in the spotlight!

Be the Inspiration, invite someone to experience Rotary

BIRTHDAY BOOKS THIS THURSDAY

Help is needed this Thursday for the November Birthday Book Celebration at Earl Hanson Elementary School. You will experience the fun of signing and giving away books to the children celebrating their birthdays during the month of November. Refreshments will also be provided. Please arrive at 2:15. You will love seeing the smiles and hearing the giggles of the kids and will be done and on your way by 3pm. Meet Molly Shattuck at the school.



ROTARY AT WORK!

Pakistan and Rotary are cutting through a whirl of migrating families and cultural barriers to turn what was 'a badge of shame' into a model for disease eradication.

At a busy toll plaza in Kohat, Pakistan, a three-member vaccination team is working fast.

Outfitted in blue Rotary vests and flanked by armed military personnel, the vaccinators approach a white van as it pulls away from the scattered stream of traffic, cars rattling east toward Islamabad and west to the nearby border with Afghanistan. One worker leans toward the driver to ask a question as another reaches into a cooler to prepare the vaccine. Among the crush of passengers in the van, they identify one child who has not yet been vaccinated.

There is no time for second-guessing.

There is not even enough room for the boy to crawl toward the front of the vehicle or through one of the doors; a relative must hand the young child to the vaccinators through one of the rear windows. He is quickly inoculated with two drops of oral polio vaccine, and his pinkie finger is stained with purple ink to indicate that he's received his dose. He cries as the vaccinator hurriedly passes him back through the window. The van speeds off, fading back into the dizzying hum of traffic, as the vaccinators look for the next car and child.

This scene plays out thousands of times a day at transit posts like this one — makeshift vaccination clinics set up at bus stops, border crossings, army posts, and police checkpoints across the country in an effort to reach children who are on the move.

Here in Pakistan, home to almost all of the world's polio cases just a few years ago, these moving targets require a vaccination strategy as agile and stubborn as the virus itself. At hundreds of sites, teams of health workers verify that every child passing through receives the vaccine.

The interaction is fleeting — faster than getting a meal at a drive-through restaurant — but the benefit is permanent. Another child, another family, another generation is protected, and Pakistan moves one step closer to having zero polio cases.

