



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

ROCKY CHAMBER SINGERS

The Rock Island High School Chamber Choir under the direction of Scott Voigt gave a wonderful performance at today's Rotary meeting. Scott holds a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education degree and a Master of Music Education degree from VanderCook College of Music in Chicago. Now in his 12th year as the Director of Choral Music at Rock Island High School, he continued the tradition of kicking off the Chamber Singers holiday season at Rock Island Rotary. By the end of the month, the group will have entertained twenty live audiences. The Chamber Choir is the elite choral group at Rock Island High School. Members are selected by tryout, and over the years the Chamber Singers have garnered numerous accolades and awards. They perform a wide variety of choral literature, including madrigals, chamber music, vocal jazz, spirituals, contemporary, and popular music. They are accompanied by pianist, Mrs. Cheryl Bolt, a member of the RIHS music department for the past 19 years. Today the choir presented their Christmas Holiday Season concert including a wide variety of songs including some written in the 1600s to classic holiday fare, and contemporary jazzy tunes complete with bongos, tambourines, bells, and castanets. They performed an ancient number from Spain entirely in Spanish. The eighteen-member group delighted the Rotary audience with a dozen pieces including a hilarious rendition of "*Banquet Fugue*" with a chorus of "Guzzle, Guzzle, Chomp, Chomp" and gestures and facial expressions illustrating each verse. The guys stepped aside and let the girls perform "*The 12 Days After Christmas*", which had the crowd again howling with laughter. We heard a jazzy "Here Comes Santa Clause", and a hauntingly beautiful version of "*Silent Night*". The group also performed an alternate arrangement of "*Away In A Manger*" with traditional words, but a totally different melody. Their performance of "*The World For Christmas*" gave a new born baby's perspective on the holiday and hopes for a peaceful future. They wrapped up with a rousing performance of "*Oh Come All Ye Faithful*" and then receive a well-deserved standing ovation. The group once again left us not only in the holiday spirit, but also bursting with pride in our communities outstandingly talented youth! Thanks, for a wonderful program!



November - December Calendar

- Dec 5 - Rotary/Kiwanis Holiday Party at Circa 21
- Dec 11 - Illinois Medical Society President, Katherine M. Tynus, MD
- 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 many guests attending to today's meeting. Our Exchange daughter, Ricio Hernandez attended, as did Jr. Rotarians from Alleman Paige Nimrick and Gabriela Loiz, and Jr. Rotarian from Rocky, Monica Diaz. Numerous spouses attended to hear the choir, including Hilde Wray, wife of Sam Wray; Virginia Houlton, wife of Fred Houlton; Virginia Johnson, wife of Don Peterson, Judy Nordquist, wife of Dr. Jim Nordquist; Diane Phillis, wife of Bud Phillis; Jenni Swanson (also a visiting Rotarian from the Moline Club), wife of Kai Swanson; and Debbi Swanson, wife of Bob Swanson. We had two other visiting Rotarians with us today, Mark Zimmerman, from the Davenport Club and Duncan Cameron from the Naples, Florida, Club.

□ **ANGEL TREE** – We still have several little boys and girls waiting for a Rotary "Angel" to pick them off our Tree. Let's see that they are all taken at next week's meeting. Turn-around time is short, so pick your child and get your gifts for their Christmas celebration. If you don't believe you'll have time to shop, and our Rotary "elves" will shop for you!

□ **SERVICE**– 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.

□ **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 lucky ticket was held by John Daly who opted for the cash and quickly donated it to the Rotary Foundation! A guest, Jenni Swanson, had the second ticket and she took the wine. We assume she will share with new member husband, Kai Swanson!

Keep in mind, all raffle proceeds go to support the International Rotary Foundation.

Vote on New Club By-Laws Delayed

Two weeks ago, a draft of new By-Laws for our Club was distributed to all members via email and/or printed copy. The document has been in the works for many months with numerous drafts being proposed, critiqued, edited, and ultimately approved by our Board of Directors for presentation to the membership for adoption. A Club vote to adopt the By-laws was scheduled for today; but delayed to next week because of our full agenda today. Although the new document presents no sweeping changes, it does add specifics to the club corporate membership that was initiated in past few months. The new By-laws also update provisions that were no longer applicable and placed into writing many of the present practices and traditions that had previously been passed primarily by word of mouth. Thanks goes to President Sue Cassatt who lead the project, to second vice-president, Angela Campbell, who provided much of the wording and editing, and to the entire Board, who spent many meetings discussing and honing the document into its final form. Thanks particularly to the several attorneys serving on our board who guided us and ensured that the final document was clear, concise, and will serve us well into the future. Club members will vote on the By-laws at next week's meeting.

Foundation Minute

Whenever a global grant is awarded – a global grant consists of a project's budget over \$30,000 up to \$200,000, The Rotary Foundation provides technical expertise. Called the Global Grant Cadre of Technical Advisors, it maintains a registry of individuals that serve in countries other than their own. These Rotarians are qualified in areas of health, education, literacy, water, small business, micro-credit and financial auditing - in other words, chartered accountants and certified public accountants. Cadre members are fluent in a variety of languages which include French, Spanish, Portuguese and other language skills. They conduct on-site project visits for two to three days with written reports upon their return. This technique assures the validity of the project and its sustainability.

The Rotary Foundation welcomes individuals who might join the cadre. If you are interested contact the Rotary Foundation at 847-866-3000. Thank you.

PLANNING AHEAD

With Christmas and New Years both falling on Tuesday this year, Rock Island Rotary meetings for those days have been cancelled. That mean that we will meet just twice more in December, next week on the 11th and the following week on the 18th. We will then not meet again until our first meeting in January. That meeting will be on MONDAY, January 7th. It will be a joint meeting with Rock Island Kiwanis to hear Mayor Mike Thoms' "State of the City" address.

Be sure to mark your calendar. I'm sure Angela Campbell will have some nice fines lined up for anyone who shows up a day late on the 8th!

RAH CLUB EXTENDS INVITATION

Sarah Balkovek, president elect of the Twin Cities Rotary After Hours Club (RAH) visited us today and extended an invitation to Rock Island Rotarians to join RAH for their annual Jingle Jaunt Pub Crawl fundraiser this Thursday night, December 6th. Come join RAH and jaunt through Downtown Moline wearing your finest Ugly Christmas Sweaters! Each stop will be holiday-themed, and you'll be playing some holiday themed games with chances to win some great prizes! Appetizers included. Cost is \$15 in advance (Eventbrite) or \$20 at the door. Online ticket sales end at midnight December 5th!

There are 4 stops that you're welcome to come to at any point throughout the night.

Bad Boyz from 6:00-7:00

Barrel House from 7:00-8:00

Bierstube Blackhawk Room 8:00-9:00

Rebellion Brew Haus for the After party!

The proceeds are benefiting the Miracle Field of the Quad Cities, a group that is raising funds to build an all-inclusive baseball diamond that would allow children with disabilities to play in a safe and welcoming environment; the first of its kind in the area!



Be the Inspiration, invite someone to experience Rotary

DECEMBER ROTARY BIRTHDAYS

CONGRATULATIONS TO ROTARIANS CELEBRATING THIS MONTH



Kathy Lelonek	December	9
Mark Mayeski	December	15
David Parker	December	18
John Phillips	December	26
Chris Lemon	December	28
Jeff Whitaker	December	29

ROTARIANS RING THE BELL!

Last Saturday many of our members volunteered their time to Ring the Bell for the Salvation Army. Thanks to all who braved the rainy weather and helped make the holidays brighter for those in our community that are less fortunate. A big thanks to project organizer, Mark Mayeski. Great job everyone!!



Thanks to those who sent pictures! I know there were many other volunteers. If you send photos we'll put them in next week's edition.



There are only 2 more Tuesdays this year. Donating to the Rotary Foundation before the end of the year will be matched by the Gates Foundation 2/1. Thus a \$100.00 donation will be \$300.00 after the match. Any donation will be gladly excepted I just used \$100.00 as an example. The Gates match ends at the end of 2018. Also, those who made a pledge to Polio eradication over three years can pay it all now to take advantage of the match.