



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

BIG RIVER RESCUE



Guest speaker at Rock Island Rotary today was Mark Poulos, team leader of the Big River Rescue and Recovery dive team. Mark became a police

January - February Calendar

- Jan 15 - Mark Poulos - "River Rescuing Today"
- Jan 22 - Lauren Hall, 2018 recipient of the Rock Island Rotary Augustana College Scholarship.
- Jan 29 - Angela Campbell "Rock Island Library's New Strategic Plan"
- Jan 31 - Birthday Books at Earl Hanson Elementary School
- Feb 5 - Kevin Koski - "Portent of the Panther"
- Feb 12 - Club Assembly - Sue Cassatt
- Feb 19 - "Breaking Traffic" - Our District Project Report
- Feb 26 - Daniel Joiner - Community Health Assessment Report

officer on October 31, 1977 after serving four years in the Marine Corps and had been assigned as department pilot, underwater recovery diver, field training officer, tactical officer, narcotics agent and various investigation teams. Mark has taught NIMS classes through both Illinois Fire Safety Institute and FEMA as an independent contractor. Mark retired from Rock Island Police Department in October 2010 and became Chief of Police in Coal Valley, Illinois. Mark assisted in forming a public safety dive team which meets the Class 1 FEMA dive team standards and volunteers as an instructor for public safety diving to police and fire department dive teams. His team has responded to requests for divers from Illinois State Police, and several police and fire agencies throughout Illinois and Iowa and is listed as a resource through ILEAS. Mark is married and has one son. He received an Associate degree in Law Enforcement Technology from Black Hawk College and a B.A. in Business Administration from Marycrest College. His post graduate work was completed at the University of Iowa in Business Administration and Multimedia Presentations. Mr. Poulos noted that the work is dangerous, particularly in the Mississippi and Rock Rivers where currents can be very deceiving and treacherous, posing a hazard even for experienced rescue divers. Poulos formed the group after budget cuts eliminated city operated dive rescue teams. Originally just four volunteer, Poulos said they quickly decided that safety protocols needed to be a top priority. The team offers their service as a resource for area first responders. Their first year goals were to make area police and fire organizations aware that such a resource was available. They also wanted to improve and increase their resources so vital equipment could be obtained. Strengthening their "branding" so the community knows of their existence was also a goal. Finally they hoped to recruit and train new team members. Strict standards were developed including a annual 800 meter, timed, swim test. Many training sessions are held both with cold water dives in icy conditions, and dives in flood conditions. Mark noted that they have determined that any current in excess of 6 mph is too dangerous to put divers in the water. The team has grown to include more divers, medical personnel, writers, boat handlers and safety personnel. They have worked with dozens of agencies, both local and outside our area. The team received some surplus equipment including a truck from the City of Davenport, and through grants have purchased underwater metal detectors, a sonar system, full face masks, and protective dive suits. Each diver has invested approximately \$4,000 of their own money in equipment. Mr. Poulos presentation was augmented with a large selection of photos and an interesting video. The team is a 501C3 charitable organization and does not charge for their services. The team is certified for dives in depths greater than 130 feet, and can perform specialty dives such as confined space/cave dives, ice dives, and hazardous materials and contaminated water dives. Thanks Mark for a very interesting program!



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Club Notes & Announcements!

□ **WELCOME GUESTS!** Rock Island Rotary was pleased to welcome guests attending today's meeting. Sharon Hayslett of Thy Loving Kindness Ministry was a guest of the Community Grants Committee. Alleman Jr. Rotarians Jonathan Fernandez and Anthony Dockery-Jackson were present. Carlo Milani and daughter Bella Milani, members of the Big River Rescue Team, were guests of the club (and Carlo's dad, Lo Milani). Mark Zimmerman of the Davenport Club was our only visiting Rotarian this week. Guests are always welcome at Rock Island Rotary!

□ **JANUARY 30TH DEADLINE** for Application to join the Rotary Friendship Exchange for 2 weeks in the bayou, New Orleans, and Southern Louisiana. See Details, page 4.

□ **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.

□ **BIG BROTHERS – BIG SISTERS PUTT AROUND** this year is January 30th and February 1st. In the past we've had a Rotary Team participate. Sue Cassatt is raring to go if at least 3 others volunteer to join the team. It's a fun charitable event. Let Sue know if you will join the team!

□ **ROTARY NIGHT AT THE Q.C. STORM** is February 15th. Let's make it a family outing and a Rotary social event. Let Sue Cassatt know if you want tickets. It will be a fun evening and lends our support to a brand-new Quad City entity. STORM HOCKEY IS WILD, WOOLY, AND GREAT FUN!

□ **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 MINUTE

Recently, The Rotary Foundation was inducted into University of Oxford's Chancellor's Court of Benefactors for its continuous support of the university. Since 1949 the foundation has provided scholarships to more than 200 Oxford scholars including a former American ambassador to the United Kingdom, a Pulitzer Prize winning author and investigative reporter with the New York Times, and a Director and Senior Fellow at the Ansari Africa Centre. For almost 70 years, this support has enabled students from around the world to benefit from all that Oxford has to offer.

Membership in the Court of Benefactors is conferred by the Chancellor on those who have been outstandingly generous towards the university. The Rotary Foundation joins a prestigious list of over 250 members including Thomson Reuters Foundation and The Skoll Foundation. The members are from around the globe whose significant contributions have assisted Oxford in being the world's leading institution that it is today.

Your contribution to The Rotary Foundation enables this to happen. Thank you.

FOUNDATION RAFFLE REPORT



Today's raffle featured cash, wine, and Hawaiian coffee and Macadamia Nut Brittle direct from Ruth Lee's trip to Hawaii. President Sue Cassatt held the first winner and she snapped up the coffee and candy. Ruth Lee had the next lucky ticket, took the cash and donated it to the Rock Island Club Foundation. Sue Rector had the final winner and donated the wine back so next week two bottles will be up for grabs! Thanks to all who participated. All Raffle proceeds go to the Rotary Foundation.



2019

Putt-A-Round

PRESENTED BY:



Jan. 30—Feb. 1, RiverCenter



RESERVE
YOUR SHIFT!
REGISTER
TODAY!



CLICK HERE to register at www.puttaround.org

HOW MANY ROTARY TEAMS CAN WE FIELD?
CONTACT PRESIDENT SUE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PLAY!

Only \$25 per person! \$100 per team of 4!

- Choose from 7 different shifts.
- Enjoy free appetizers at each shift!
- Cash bar open at all shifts.
- Play "Pressure Putt" to win a \$100 Visa gift card sponsored by Northwest Bank & Trust
- Enter the Wells Fargo 50/50 cash drawing each day.
- Buy a \$20 raffle pack and win valuable prizes!
- Network and have fun at the EPIC Stone Putt Clubhouse!



THERE IS NOTHING ELSE LIKE IT IN THE QCA!

24 uniquely designed, custom-built mini-golf holes—all
built by local businesses and organizations!

CLICK HERE to watch the 30 sec. Public Service Announcement!



HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY ROTARIANS

BILL GREEN	JANUARY	11
FRED HOULTON	JANUARY	17
TOM TORREY	JANUARY	17
MIRANDA MARSHALL	JANUARY	22
BOB SWANSON	JANUARY	25
TED KUTSUNIS	JANUARY	29
JIM MORAN	JANUARY	31



**NEXT TUESDAY WILL BE FOUNDATION TUESDAY –
DONATION ENVELOPES WILL BE ON THE TABLES**



Outbound Rotary Friendship Exchange team forming now!

Rotary Friendship Exchange is Rotary's exchange program for adults. Everyone is aware of our Youth Exchange program, but did you know we are getting ready for our first outbound Friendship Exchange in several years? And you can be a part of it! You are probably wondering where we will be going, and do you need a passport or even some exotic shots. The good news is, we will be staying in the United States to help get people acclimated to this program again but the Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) committee has big plans for the future.

You may recall that we have had inbound RFE teams from India in our district for the last two years. We were fortunate to share hosting these teams with D6440 and D6450, but we did not actually have anyone from District 6420 travel to India.

If you are still reading you must be curious about when and where we will be traveling. We will be sending a team of 8 people (couples or singles) to District 6200 (Southern Louisiana) from April 18, 2019 to May 1, 2019. The team will be spending time in Houma, Lake Charles, Opelousas, Gonzales and New Orleans. While in Louisiana you will be staying in the homes of Rotarians and enjoying some of their gracious southern hospitality. You will be responsible for your travel expenses to and from New Orleans and there may be other costs associated with entertainment or meals in restaurants but as guests of District 6200 you will be escorted and hosted at most events. You will be visiting other Rotary Clubs and learning about life in the bayou as well as traditions and customs such as Mardi Gras.

Sound good? If you are interested please complete an application and return to bobbi.burke6420@gmail.com by Jan 30. You can find the application on the District website under member access>documents>documents>friendship exchange. There will also be a \$100 fee due with the application that will cover the cost of training. Team members will be chosen on a first come basis and If you are not selected for the team the \$100 fee will be refunded. You will need to be available for one training session on Saturday March 16, 2019 from 9am to 11am in Sterling.

REPORT TO THE CLUB

Western Illinois – Eastern Iowa Water Project

Great news! Since purchasing our first filters in September of 2016 our water project has progressed and grown at an incredible rate. Now, just 27 months later we have passed the 200 mark in purchased filters and have 205 units in service providing safe, clean drinking water for more than 14,300 children. This is all possible only because of the great generosity and support of Rotarians and Rotary Clubs throughout Illinois and Iowa. We're pleased to report that several of our partner Clubs and nearly a dozen individual Rotarians have decided to help sustain the project by annually purchasing a filter.

Donations continue to flow in, often without identifying from whom they come or what Club affiliation they represent. It is our intent to recognize all donors as much as possible and to extend our appreciation for your support. Donors that provide us with a contact email receive periodic updates and reports on our progress. If in reviewing the list below you believe we have missed crediting a donation, please send a reply and let us know.

We are still eagerly making presentations to any and all groups that allow us the opportunity. You will notice on the donors list that several youth Interact Clubs have now joined the project. We are thrilled to see youngsters gaining an early appreciation for service above self!

On the down side, we also have received a list of schools identified by Replenish, Inc. and Vestergaard as still having no access to clean water. As donations continue to arrive, we will work through this list and won't be satisfied until all children can have a drink of water without fear of disease or death.

The per unit cost of \$350 includes lifetime maintenance and internal filter replacements for each unit. Our club treasurer reports the following donations have been received as of December 31, 2018: Each filter proudly displays our American Flag, Rotary emblem, and the inscription "Western Illinois – Eastern Iowa Rotary Clubs."

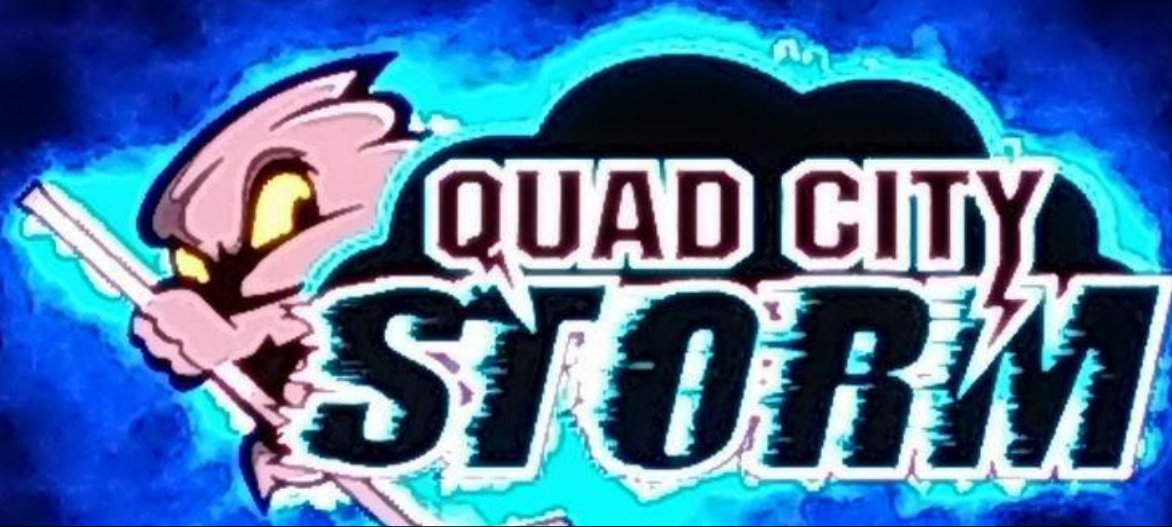
Purchased One or More Filter Units

Sam & Hilde Wray	(126)	Rock Island Club
Tricia Barron	(12)	Rock Island Club
Dixon Rotary	(6 2/3)	Dixon Club
Tipton Rotary	(4)	Tipton, IA Club
Rock Island Rotary	(3)	Rock Island Club
Bud & Diane Phillis	(3)	Rock Island Club
Ruth Lee	(3)	Rock Island Club
East Moline/Silvis Club	(2)	East Moline/Silvis Club
River Cities Rotary	(2)	River Cities Rotary Club
Geneseo Rotary Club	(2)	Geneseo Club
Galva Rotary Club	(1+)	Galva Rotary Club
Moline Rotary Club	(1)	Moline Club
Milan Rotary Club	(1)	Milan Club
Erie Rotary Club	(1)	Erie Club
Morrison Rotary Club	(1)	Morrison Club
Galesburg Rotary Club	(1)	Galesburg Club
William Bordwell	(1)	Geneseo Club
Putnam County	(1)	Putnam County Club
PC High School Interact	(1)	PC HS Interact Club
PC Jr. High Interact	(1)	PC JR High Interact Club
Debra Rehn	(1)	Geneseo Club
Bob Orsi	(1)	Geneseo Club
Vicki Miller	(1)	Moline Club
Phil Koenig	(1)	Moline Club
Scott & Adrienne Shore	(1)	Putnam County Club
Susan Thornton	(1)	Putnam County Club
Ernie Beane	(1)	Rock Island Club
Vic Boblett	(1)	Rock Island Club
Kevin Koski	(1)	Rock Island Club
Dr. Jim Nordquist	(1)	Rock Island Club
Bob Swanson	(1)	Rock Island Club
Fred and Virginia Houlton	(1)	Rock Island Club
John Wetzel	(1)	Rock Island Club
Stephen Hawkinson	(1)	Galesburg Club
Dr. Chris Scholz	(1)	Tipton, IA Club
Riverdale H.S. Interact	(1)	Riverdale Interact Club

Donated Toward the Purchase of a Filter Unit

Carl Freeman	E. Moline/Silvis Club
Kent Crippen	Moline Club
Sam Till	Moline Club
Sarah Balkovek	RAH Club
Curtis Huizenga	Erie Club
Marcia Smith	Erie Club
Ruth Huizenga	Erie Club
Mike Robson	Galesburg Club
Ronald Kimball	Erie Club
Sara Reed	Erie Club
Massie & Quick, Attorneys	Galva Club
Karen Karczewski	Putnam County Club
Chuck Austin	Rock Island Club
Jennifer Hirsch	Rock Island Club
Jim Moran	Rock Island Club
Rock Island Club Foundation	Rock Island Club
Sue Dutell	Galesburg Club
Pete and Irene Caruso	Galesburg Club
Harrell Timmons	Galesburg Club
Carl Strauch	Galesburg Club
Subbia Jagannathan	Galesburg Club
Dick Lindstrom	Galesburg Club
Roland Friestad	Galesburg Club





FEBRUARY 15TH IS ROTARY NIGHT AT THE STORM

If you have not seen the STORM in action, you going to love the high-flying speed and excitement of professional hockey! If you've seen them, then you'll want to go back. February 15th has been designated "ROTARY NIGHT" at the Storm. Rotarians, their families, and friends will be admitted for just \$15 per seat with a portion donated back to Rotary. President Sue has a block of tickets; just send her an email at scassatt69@ymail.com and tell her how many tickets you want. Pay next Tuesday at Rotary.

Don't miss the fun and fellowship of a Rotary night out!! Great for the family!

ROTARY SUPPORTS THY LOVING KINDNESS MINISTRIES

Community Grants Chairman, Frank Lambert presented a \$300 donation to Sharon Hayslett from Thy Loving Kindness Ministries. The money will be used to purchase socks, underwear, gloves, hats, and boots for school children and needy senior citizens.



FIVE NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED

Quad City Bank & Trust Company is our newest corporate member. Today primary member, Amber Brummit and alternate members Beth Grablin, Eric Spriet, Miranda Marshall, and Doug Hultquist were officially inducted and welcomed into our club.



ROTARY BLOOD DRIVE – FEBRUARY 5th

Project Chairman, Chris Lemon announced that Tuesday, February 5th will be the date of our annual Rock Island Rotary Blood Drive. A sign-up sheet was circulated at today's meeting and will be available again at next week's meeting. Chris stressed that the Blood Bank staff is very accommodating and urged people to select whatever time fit their schedule on the 5th, even if others have signed up for that time. "The staff will make it work", Lemon said. Time slots are available before, during and after our meeting on the 5th.

