



# Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



Rock Island Library Director, and our own 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Angela Campbell was today's featured speaker. In 2014 the Library adopted a four-year

strategic plan. That plan expired at the end of 2018 and a new Strategic plan was adopted. Last year, the library board got feedback from patrons during a series of "Coffee and Conversation" meetings. Then last fall, it approved the plan which will be used through 2022. Director Campbell says the strategic plan includes closing Rock Island's 30/31 branch library, mainly because it's too small. Other projects in the Rock Island Library's strategic plan include what Campbell called "interim cosmetic improvements" at the Main branch downtown. Ms. Campbell explained that the procedure followed in developing the plan consisted on internal assessment and self-evaluation by library staff and leadership; External public assessment, meeting with community members to determine issues and , concerns regarding the city in general. They also asked citizens who they trusted to work on solving the concerns that were raised. Third they shared the information collected with the public. They held six coffee and conversation meetings and learned that people want to be more connected. Second, Rock Island residents wanted the library to emphasize education and life-long learning. Many people wanted the library to help reduce disparities in education; and provide more access to tools and resources students need. Many citizens asked about and had suggestions regarding buildings, technology, and funding. The public also suggested more marketing and communication to help get the word out about the Rock Island Library and what it offers. The final step in the process was taking action which included identifying the mission, vision, and values of the library and establishing goals, objectives, and strategies. "The goals and strategies within the plan are part of a long-term process designed to propel the Rock Island Public Library, and the community we serve, into the next decade," Angela said. The mission was stated as making our community stronger by connecting people to resources, services, events, and each other. The vision is seeing the Rock Island Public Library as a bastion of democracy, where people of all ages, backgrounds, and cultures can engage in self-directed or group-learning activities that foster education, literacy, and community participation. The values set forth are 1. Providing Equal Access to Resources; 2. Facilitating community engagement opportunities; 3. Fostering education and lifelong learning; and 4. Offering vibrant spaces where all are welcome. The Goals of the library are: To have equal access to resources; To be a hub for community connections, To have vibrant and safe facilities for all; and To market all the library offers and be more connected with our community. The Strategies developed are extensive and detailed. For Enhancing Community Connections include reaching out to the community with increased offsite programming and a mobile library; Developing stronger working relationships with current partners; Supporting the work of community-based boards and committees with increased librarian participation. Strategies for promoting education and lifelong learning include increasing public programming; providing support for hands-on learning and sharing economies by adding lending "things" in addition to books; and continually developing the expertise of staff with scheduled continuing education. Strategies for Improving Facilities and infrastructure included cosmetic updates to library facilities, phasing out the 30/31 branch library, adding a mobile library, and having a capital campaign to enhance facilities. Marketing strategies include targeted email, incentive campaigns with patrons and area businesses, and involving community members as advocates for the library. The Public Library is a wonderful and important community asset. Thanks Angela for an interesting and detailed program!

## February - March Calendar

- Jan 31 - Birthday Books at Earl Hanson Elementary School
- Feb 5 - Kevin Koski - "Portent of the Panther"
- Feb 5 - Rotary Blood Drive
- Feb 12 - Club Assembly - Sue Cassatt
- Feb 19 - "Breaking Traffic" - Our District Project Report
- Feb 26 - Daniel Joiner - Community Health Assessment Report
- Mar 5 - TBA
- Mar 12 - TBA
- Mar 19 - TBA
- Mar 26 - TBA
- Apr 5 - Bert Blood Scholarship



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Feb – Mar: John Wetzel  
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June – July: TBA

# Club Notes & Announcements!

□ **WELCOME GUESTS!** Rock Island Rotary was pleased to welcome several guests attending today's meeting. Regina Haddock of Dress For Success Quad Cities was a guest of the Community Grants Committee. Alleman Jr. Rotarians Jonathan Fernandez and Anthony Dockery-Jackson were present. Our former Exchange son, Felipe Ortega from Chile visited and was a guest of the Club. Barbara Parker was a guest of hubby, David Parker. Finally, our current Exchange Daughter, Sheeo Hernandez, was also present. Guests are always welcome at Rock Island Rotary!

□ **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.

□ **DON'T FORGET** – February 5<sup>th</sup> is our Rotary Blood Drive. Just show up at the Botanical Center any time between 10:30am and 1:00pm and the Blood Bank staff will be happy to help you make the donation of life.

□ **ROTARY NIGHT AT THE Q.C. STORM** is February 15<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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

Joi Burton, a member of the Rotary Club of North Garland County, Arkansas proves how a small club can make a difference in the world. Through Rotary, Joi experienced a great love for the country of Kenya, and after her first visit she was invited by a friend to live a few weeks in a village a day's drive from the Nairobi airport. Before she left, the Rotary Club of Arlington South gave her \$500 to do a project in the village that was comprised of a few houses, several huts, a school and a church – no electricity, no water and was located several miles from the nearest road.

The day after she arrived she told Moses, the man that accompanied her, that she had a "little bit of money" from her club and asked if there was something they needed. He told her they needed concrete to replace the floors in the school as the children were getting their uniforms dirty from having to sit on the floor all day. She and Moses went to the nearest town and purchased gravel, sand, and cement – the villagers then completed the floors in all the rooms.

The next week, she again told Moses that she had a "little bit of money" and asked if there was anything else they needed. They needed glass to replace the broken windows in the school. She and Moses bought large plates of glass and were able to place windows in the entire school. The following week, she again told Moses that she had a "little bit of money" left – what else do they need? They then purchased metal paint and brushes to paint the rusted tin roof. And with a little more of that money left – they were able to make ladders with sticks and rope to paint the roof! And on the last week that Joi stayed – she still had "a little money left" where they purchased school books and two cases of chalk! They were completely out of chalk.

This experience built the foundation for other efforts including global grants for wells. What a difference one small Rotary club can make with a little bit on money. Thank you.

## FOUNDATION RAFFLE REPORT



Today's raffle featured cash, wine from Lo Milani's cellar, and an Ash wood bowl made by Dr. Larry Tadlock. Ruth Lee held the first winner and took the cash and made it a donation to our local Club Foundation. Bill Stengel had the next lucky ticket and took bowl. The third and final winner was held by Moran who gladly accepted the Milani wine. Thanks to all who participated. Proceeds from our raffle got to the Rotary International Foundation.



## FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 BLOOD DRIVE - FEBRUARY 5<sup>th</sup>

Project Chairman, Chris Lemon announced that Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> will be the date of our annual Rock Island Rotary Blood Drive. It is not too late to sign-up or just "show up". Anytime from will work. Just step into our "clinic" in the room adjacent to our banquet hall at the Botanical Center. Chris stresses that the Blood Bank staff is very accommodating and urged people to select whatever time fit their schedule on the 5<sup>th</sup>, even if others have signed up for that time. "The staff will make it work", Lemon said. Time slots are available from 10:30 to 1:15pm so you can donate before, during and after our meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup>. The freezing weather causes a reduction in donors nationwide, but the need for blood and plasma doesn't ebb. Please step up and donate!





## ROTARY SUPPORTS DRESS FOR SUCCESS



Regina Haddock receives check from Chairman Frank Lambert

Community Grants Chairman, Frank Lambert presented a \$400 donation to Regina Haddock, founder of Dress For Success. Ms. Haddock explained that Dress for Success began in New York and has since spread across the nation and to 26 countries internationally. The group serves under-employed and unemployed women in the Quad Cities area of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois by providing a network of support, professional attire and development tools to help them thrive in work and life. They provide appropriate clothing for job interviewing, provide counseling on how to interview, and resume review and assistance. If a client is successful in obtaining a job, Dress For Success will provide her with one week's worth of clothing appropriate for their position. Our donation will be used to purchase badly needed clothing supplies.

## DAVID PARKER IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

Rotarian David Parker stepped into the spotlight today and told us about his home, now known as the Victorian Inn Bed & Breakfast, located at 701 – 20<sup>th</sup> Street. The residence has been the Parker family home for the past 75 years. The Victorian Inn Bed and Breakfast is on the National Register of Historic Places and a Local Landmark located within the Broadway Historic District in the Heart of Old Rock Island. The 20 room Inn was built in 1876. Modernized in 1905 by a local Liquor Baron and given to his daughter as a wedding gift, the Inn has 7 fireplaces and 9 baths. There are 3,000 square feet on each floor of this 3-story mansion. The Victorian Inn is at the entrance to 500 homes that comprise the Broadway Historic District, which David noted is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest National Register area in the United States. David noted that the Inn has two King Suites, two Queen Suites, and one Twin Bed Suite. Each suite is complete with private bath, cable tv and Wi-Fi. Bed sheets are ironed, and pillow cases are hand pressed with care. Breakfast is prepared by David's wife, Barbara and always includes fresh fruit, home made breads, and a special family recipe entrée. David also related interesting memories of growing up in Rock Island, including watching the building of the Centennial Bridge and riding the electric trolley to downtown Rock Island. Thanks David for an interesting and informative "spotlight".



## BIRTHDAY BOOKS

**MOLLY NEEDS OUR HELP THIS THURSDAY AT EARL HANSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. BIRTHDAY BOOKS FOR JANUARY BIRTHDAYS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED. PLEASE ARRIVE AT 2:15. YOU WILL BE DONE AND ON YOUR WAY BY 3PM. ENJOY THE KIDS, COOKIES, AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE!**





- **Rotary Ramble 5K Run or Walk** – Raising Funds for **Rock Island Rotary** Community Projects
- **Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> , 2019 at 8:00 am**

**Location – The Establishment and Illinois Casualty Company Rock Island, IL**

- **5K Runners** – Overall Male and Female Winner Awards  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards for these age groups:  
0-9, 10-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 +
- **Walker Category** – Overall Male and Female Winner Awards  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards for these age groups:  
0-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+
- **Food / Drinks Awards and Drawing** – Post race and at the Awards Ceremony.
- **Fees / Registration** 5K Runners and Walkers - **\$30.00** by 04/14/19 Mail or online registration  
**\$35.00** after 04/14/19 and on Race Day Morning  
**\*\*\* Entries after 4/14/19 cannot guarantee a race shirt. Quantities will be limited \*\*\***  
**Phantom Runner – \$20.00 Shirt Only with no race registration by 4/14/19** ( Must provide address and contact info.)
- **Additional Donations** accepted for Rock Island Rotary projects.
- **Packet Pick Up and /or Race Day Registration:** 7:00am - 7:30am on Race Day
- **Grand Prize Drawing for a \$200 Visa Gift Card** – Pre-Registered Runners Only that have Registered by 04/21/19  
**Must be present to win – No exceptions!**
- **Food and Drink** – Post Race at the Awards Ceremony – Snacks, Fruit, and refreshments.
- **Sponsors** – Rock Island Rotary, The Establishment, Illinois Casualty Co, The River Cities' Reader and many more  
**Online registration at:** Getmeregistered.com – Search for Rotary Ramble 5k – April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- **Official Entry Form – Please Print !!! OR Register Online:**  
[https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get\\_information.php?event\\_id=MTU0ODAwNDUyNzU1NTRZ3fxHOpi9B8fX](https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get_information.php?event_id=MTU0ODAwNDUyNzU1NTRZ3fxHOpi9B8fX)

First name \_\_\_\_\_ Mid \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_ Age on race day \_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Run \_\_\_\_\_ Walk \_\_\_\_\_ Phantom Runner Shirt only \_\_\_\_\_  
 Circle Shirt Size **S M L XL XXL (add \$2.00 for XXL)** Phone # ----- \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

- **Waiver must be signed and acknowledged:**

In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I for myself, my executors, administrators, and assignees, do  
 Hereby release and discharge Rock Island Rotary, the city of Rock Island, any sponsors, supporters or volunteers,  
 for all claims, of damages, demands, actions whatsoever in any manner arising or growing out of my  
 participation in the **ROTARY RAMBLE 5K run or Walk**. I attest and verify that I have full knowledge of the risks  
 Involved in this event, and I am physically fit, and sufficiently trained to participate in this event.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ (Participant or Parent / Guardian if under 18 yrs. of age.)

Make Checks Payable to **Rock Island Rotary / Rotary Ramble** and mail entry with payment to:

**Rock Island Rotary / Ramble 5K PO Box 4514 Rock Island, IL 61204-4514**

**\*\*\*\* No Refunds – Race will be held Regardless and weather conditions may vary. \*\*\*\***