



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



Today's guest speaker was Austin McClain an Outreach Advocate from Family Resources. Braking Traffik is a program of Family Resources that offers community training and direct services to survivors of sex and labor trafficking. Human trafficking is the third largest

industry in the world and no community is immune. Human trafficking — using force, fraud or coercion to exploit someone for sex or labor — affects all ages, races, and ethnicities. The problem is real and happening right here in the Quad Cities. Family Resources' Braking Traffik program is dedicated to ending human trafficking in Iowa and Illinois. Founded by former Iowa Senator Maggie Tinsman in 2008, the nonprofit continued to grow under the leadership of Braking Traffik's executive director, Cathy O'Keeffe. In April 2016, Braking Traffik merged with Family Resources, allowing the program to further expand services. Braking Traffik provides community outreach and education, legislative advocacy and comprehensive direct services to survivors of human trafficking in Scott, Jackson, Clinton, Muscatine and Louisa counties in Iowa, and Rock Island County in Illinois. In July of 2018 our Club obtained a \$1,500 district grant and matched those funds and made a \$3,000 donation to Braking Traffik Quad Cities. In the fiscal year 2017 Braking Traffik survivor advocates provided on-going direct service to 39 identified survivors of human trafficking in the Quad Cities. Of those survivors, the average age of a minor was 15 years old and the average age of an adult was 34 years old. In 2018, McClain stated that 105 survivors of trafficking in the Quad Cities were served by the organization. 100 were survivors of sex trafficking and 5 were labor trafficking survivors. The over-all average age of the survivors was 13. Ninety were females and fifteen were males. In addition to direct service, survivor advocates also conduct a weekly support group called S.T.O.R.M. (Survivors of Trafficking Overcoming Relationship Manipulation) for women in the Scott County Jail and for residents of the Family Resources shelter. Psycho-Educational groups are also conducted monthly to youth in the Residential Treatment Programs at Family Resources and at the Scott County Juvenile Detention Center. Braking Traffik has conducted training to thousands of professionals and community members including law enforcement, medical personnel, school administrators and other agencies across the region. More than 5,500 Iowa and Illinois students, parents and teachers have gone through Braking Traffik's curriculum, "Any Kid, Anywhere." The school program is presented to middle and high school students to teach them about the definitions and signs of trafficking, risk reduction, and how to end the demand. The program includes the viewing of Braking Traffik's award-winning documentary "Any Kid, Anywhere: Sex Trafficking Survivor Stories," featuring three Iowa survivors of human trafficking. The documentary is used across the nation in training and awareness initiatives. Furthermore, Braking Traffik also provides training to hotel and motel staff through the "Hotel/Motel Project" to raise awareness of the signs of trafficking and how staff can identify and respond to suspected incidences of human trafficking. Legislatively, Braking Traffik works endlessly to strengthen Illinois, Iowa, and federal laws on human trafficking to provide justice for survivors.

February - April Calendar

- Feb 26 - Awards Committee Meeting 11:15am
- Feb 26 - Daniel Joiner and Sherri Behr DeVrieze – Community Health Assessment Report
- Feb 28 - Earl Hanson Birthday Books
- Mar 5 - TBA
- Mar 12 - TBA
- Mar 19 - Henry Hall – Rocky Girls Basketball
- Mar 26 - TBA
- Apr 2 - Laura Fontaine – 2020 Census
- Apr 9 - Bert Blood Scholarship
- Apr 16 - Rotary Awards Luncheon
- Apr 23 - Earl Hanson Inspire Choir
- Apr 30 - Past District Governor Jim Nelson, Peru Aquarium & Botanical Garden Project



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Club Notes & Announcements!

□ **WELCOME GUESTS!** Rock Island Rotary was pleased to welcome several guests to today's meeting. Alleman Jr. Rotarians John Do and Parker Smith were present as was Rocky Jr. Rotarian, Aislinn Geedey. Hilde Wray, wife of Sam Wray joined us today. Ashley Velez a Moline Rotarian and Alyse Hardin, both with Family Resources accompanied our guest speaker. Guests are always welcome at Rock Island Rotary!

□ **BIRTHDAY BOOKS** – Coming on Thursday, February 28th. Extra help is needed to handle two months' worth of kids. January's presentation was "iced out" when school was cancelled. Mark your calendar!

□ **SERVICE** – Help is 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.

□ **CLUB FUNDRAISER AND INTEREST SURVEY** – If you have not filled out and returned your survey, please do so and send it to Bob Swanson or Sue Cassatt; or bring it with you to next Tuesday's meeting. Additional blank forms are available at the Sergeant's table.

□ **DUELING PIANOS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER** March 7th. is the date. Our Dueling Pianos is a fun event and one of our major fundraisers. The talent we hire puts on a great, hilarious performance and does it without being crude or raunchy! Please join us. See the flier on page 4 for ticket details. Free beer is included with this year's ticket.

□ **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

Go Organics aims to improve productivity and sustainability for farmers who cultivate less than five acres of crops, based on the belief that creating economic stability for small farmers will help cultivate peace. It works to improve the marketplace for these farmers and to provide simple and cost-effective technologies that helps improve operations. It offers farmers through microfinancing an affordable cold storage unit that will keep crops fresh up to ten days longer thus opening market opportunities. Go Organics also guarantees the sale of a certain amount of their produce. It introduced technologies to dry produce properly, to package them safely and to prevent the growth of mold.

The mission of Go Organics is to channel the work to those who are in need and to bring these people into the workforce. Small farms produce around 80% of the world's food and make up 90% of the world's 570 million farms. Leung says, "If we can raise their standard of living – its sustainability – we're going to make a lot of changes the whole world – it's going to be amazing."

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

FOUNDATION RAFFLE REPORT



Today's raffle featured cash and wine from the Lo Milani cellar. The first ticket was held by Sam Wray who took the cash and donated it all to our Club Water Filter Project. Howard Beck had the second lucky ticket and took home the Milani wine.

Thanks to all who participated. Proceeds from our raffle got to the Rotary International Foundation.

STORM WINS IN OVERTIME ON ROTARY NIGHT!

Rotarians from throughout District 6420, including a contingent from Rock Island Rotary, were treated to an exciting evening of fast on-ice action at the first ever "Rotary Night at the Quad City Storm". The home team faced the Macon Mayhem who jumped in front early in the first period. The Storm got a tying goal when Shane Bennet faked a shot and then carried the puck past the Macon goal keeper and tuck it in the net. Unfortunately, the Mayhem got a second tally just 22 seconds before the period ended, taking a 2-1 lead in to the break. Fourteen and a half minutes into the second period the Storm got even again when Al Graves tied the game tipping a shot by teammate Cody Walsh just enough to get past the Mayhem keeper. The score remained tied at 2-2 through the remainder of the period and all the way through the 3rd period. The teams squared off for overtime, but the Storm made quick work of the visiting Mayhem when Bennett raced toward the Macon goal with the puck. A defending opponent knocked the puck off his stick, but it went directly to Walsh who slammed it into the Mayhem goal just 30 seconds into overtime. The large home crowd, including many Rotarians, went home happy and excited. We look forward to next year's Rotary Night and hope even more Rock Island Rotarians will join the fun and support our local professional hockey franchise. In addition, the Storm donated \$5 for each ticket purchased to the Rotary "End Polio Now" campaign.

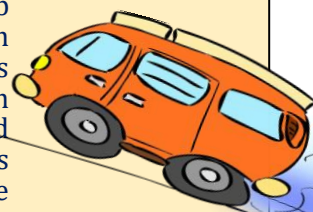



Some of the Rock Island Rotarian group and their families take a moment away from the hockey action to say "Cheese" and smile for the camera as they enjoy Rotary Night at the Storm. Our exchange daughter from Chile, Rocio Robolledo Hernandez (Sheño) made her first visit to American professional hockey.



ROCK ISLAND ROTARY COMMITS CLUB FOUNDATION FUNDS TO SPRING FORWARD

The Rock Island Rotary Club Board of Directors approved donating \$9,100 in local club foundation funds to Spring Forward to assist in the purchase of a 15-passenger van which will be used to provide transportation for over 500 children and 30 adults annually. It will support transportation for children to summer camps; taking children home from afternoon after-school programs; taking immigrants and refugees to and from morning family literacy programs; and will transport children from all programs for field trips. Our Name and Rotary Logo will be displayed on the back door of the van. Additional funds needed for the van purchase will come from a loan provided by the Day Foundation. Our Club Foundation directors also recommend that next years' Foundation disbursement (anticipated to be approximately \$9,700) also be donated to Spring Forward to be used to repay the Day Foundation loan. Final action on that step will be dependent on a vote of next years' Club Board of Directors. An anticipated \$2,400 District grant will also be applied to the van purchase.





ROTARY DUELING PIANOS

Get A Little Off Key

featuring



hosted by Rock Island Rotary & Twin Rivers Rotary After Hours

Thursday
**March
7th**

The
Establishment
220 19th St. Rock Island

7:00pm
doors open @ 6:30
\$40 tickets (\$45 at the door)
\$250 VIP Table of 4
All tickets include beer
After party at Icons Martini Bar

Tickets can be purchased online at **Eventbrite**
keyword "A Little Off Key"

or

contact Sue Lerschen-Cassatt at 309-644-0101,
SCassatt@wintrustmortgage.com

Money raised from the event will go to support
local youth programs and other Rotary projects!

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ROTARIAN IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

Kim Calhoun stepped into the spotlight today and helped us get to know her better. Kim, her husband and two “almost grown” daughters live in Rock Island. Kim was born in central Illinois and came to the Quad Cities to attend Augustana College. After graduation she stayed in the area and had a 22-year career with the Argus/Dispatch. When the paper was sold Kim took her present position as Marketing Designer for Circa 21 Dinner Playhouse. Kim says she absolutely loves her job and enjoys going to work every day. She is responsible for the creation of all Circa 21 posters, emails, postcards and lobby boards. She said the people she works with are fantastic and loves the fact that Circa 21 is just one of 2 dinner theaters in the nation with a performing waitstaff (the Bootleggers). Kim although one of our newest members, has become a valued and active club member. We're thrilled you joined Rotary!



TAMMY SPEAKS FOR THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



Tammy Weikert accepted the task of speaking for the Rotary International Foundation today as part of our “Foundation Tuesday” activities. Tammy said that she had no knowledge of Rotary until she met Rotarian Anne McGlynn when both were working out at the Rock Island Fitness Center. She said Anne kept talking about Rotary and the wonderful things our Club does. With her curiosity aroused, Tammy accepted Anne’s invitation to be a guest at a club meeting. She found that people were welcoming and the “service above self” attitude was inspiring. She decided to join our Club and was first exposed

to the International Foundation and ways one can contribute when she attended our new member orientation program. She heard about the simple and easy automatic withdrawal option and signed up. Since then each month a small donation is automatically transferred from Tammy’s bank account to the Rotary Foundation. In just a few years Tammy has earned two Paul Harris Fellow designations and will soon have a third completed. All of this she said is painless and takes no effort at all on her part. She urged others to speak with her or Bud Phillis if they want information on how to get things rolling! Donation envelopes were on the tables for contributors.

[Trafficking cont. from page 1] Due to Braking Traffik’s statewide anti-trafficking efforts in Iowa and Illinois, they were awarded the 2016 FBI Director’s Community Leadership Award. This award recognizes Braking Traffik for their strong community partnerships and coordinated efforts made among social service providers, medical personnel, law enforcement, and faith-based groups to ensure survivors of sex and labor trafficking receive the care they need. Through awareness and education, communities locally and across the country, can better identify the problem and assist survivors. McClain stated that trafficking is typically done by a person known to the survivor and begins with recruiting, followed by gaining trust and love, and then moves into exploitation. Risk factors are poverty, history of abuse, run aways, and immigrants. Seventy percent of trafficking begins with online contact. 60% of the survivors had previous child welfare service contact. Our donation of funds for supplies was greatly appreciated! We appreciate the work done by Braking Traffik and for keeping us up to date on the issue.



- **Rotary Ramble 5K Run or Walk** – Raising Funds for **Rock Island Rotary** Community Projects
- **Sunday April 28th , 2019 at 8:00 am**
- **Location – The Establishment and Illinois Casualty Company Rock Island, IL**
- **5K Runners** – Overall Male and Female Winner Awards
1st, 2nd and 3rd 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
1st, 2nd, and 3rd 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 28th, 2019
- **Official Entry Form – Please Print !!! OR Register Online:**
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. ******