



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

“PORTENT OF THE PANTHER”

A Kevin Koski Production

Whether its Leprechaun Ears, a Pig Nose, a Pumpkin Hat, or Finnish Lore, we never quite know what to expect when Kevin Koski takes the rostrum. Today Kevin treated us to some 18th Century history. First noting that he is a descendent of a 16th Century Finnish Warlord (who was quickly captured



and executed), Kevin then took us on an American History adventure beginning in 1768 when Shawnee Indians witnessed a bright comet over what is now Xenia, Ohio. In Shawnee a comet was dubbed a “panther”. Born that night, a male Shawnee baby was named “Child of Panther” which in the Shawnee language was “Tecumseh”. This baby would grow to be a warrior and chief, who became the primary leader of a large, multi-tribal confederacy in the early 19th century. Tecumseh’s childhood was typical of the warlike and migratory Shawnee tribe. He participated in his first raid at age 9½ and by age 10 was an accomplished warrior with a collection of scalps. By age 11 he learned from his older brother, how to drink and soon became an alcoholic. He learned to speak, read, and write English from two white captive girls, agreeing in return to teach them Shawnee. By age 13 Tecumseh had participated in so many raids and battles that he took an oath to never again torture or kill prisoners. Using just his bow and arrows, Tecumseh participated in a deer hunting contest and brought in 30 hides in just 3 days. At age 18 in an alcoholic induced fete of bravery (or stupidity) he jumped on the back of a charging buffalo and tried to kill it using only his knife. When the buffalo suddenly stopped, Tecumseh went flying and ended up with a broken hip. From that day forward he swore off alcohol. Tecumseh spent much of his life with his younger brother, Tenskwatawa (“The Prophet”). The first major battle he fought in was in 1791 in the Battle of the Wabash. An alliance of Miamis, Shawnees, Delawares and Potawatomis numbering over 1,400 faced a force of about 1,000 Americans led by General Arthur St. Clair. Of the 1,000 officers and men that St. Clair led into battle, only 24 escaped unharmed. It is considered the largest victory ever won by native Americans. Tecumseh also participated in the 1794 Battle of the Fallen Timbers in which an American army of 4,400 routed the 2,000 warrior Indian force. In this battle William Henry Harrison became Tecumseh’s nemesis. Tecumseh left his village placing his brother “The Profit”, in charge with instruction not to engage the Americans under any circumstance. He was told to evacuate the village, known at Prophetstown, if attacked. Tecumseh undertook travel throughout the country in an attempt to unite all the tribe into one native American force with the goal of driving the whites east of the Mississippi for all time. Harrison learned that Tecumseh was away and attacked Prophetstown. The profit disobeyed orders and fought when Harrison’s forces attacked, and his force of 300 Indians was easily defeated by the American force of 1,400 in what was to become known as the Battle of Tippecanoe. Upon his return Tecumseh banished his brother and formed an alliance with the British to fight the Americans in the War of 1812. He participated in the British victory at the Siege of Detroit and was credited with stopping the killing and torture of American prisoners after the Siege of Fort Meigs. Tecumseh was killed participating in the Battle of the Thames when American forces attacked and defeated the British and Indians on October 5, 1813. Throughout his life Tecumseh had an uncanny ability to predict comets, earthquakes and other natural events, including his own death. His brother the “Profit” took credit for many accurate predictions passed to him by Tecumseh. Thanks Kevin for another chapter of American history and our heritage!

February - April Calendar

- 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
- 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 a number of guests at today's meeting. Alleman Jr. Rotarians John Do and Parker Smith were present along with Rocky Jr. Rotarian, Aislinn Geedey and our Exchange Daughter, Sheeo Hernandez. Debbi Swanson, wife of Bob Swanson and Virginia Johnson, wife of Don Peterson were guests. We had two visiting Rotarians today, Bob Lagerblade from the River Cities Club and Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport Club joined us today. Guests are always welcome at Rock Island Rotary!
- **THANK YOU!** – 2½ Gallons of blood were donated today by 20 donors at our Rotary Blood Drive. Thanks Chris Lemon for leading the project!
- **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.
- **ROCKY INCUBATOR CLASS** – We are all invited to hear the first "Pitch" from this year's Rocky Entrepreneurship Class on Monday, February 11th from 8am until Noon in the Rock Island High School Auditorium. Each team will explain their project and make their case for funding for their concepts.
- **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

Through the Rotary Foundation amazing thing happen!

In Afghanistan to break the cycle of poverty and social imbalance, Rotary members in the US partnered with ProLiteracy Detroit to recruit and train tutors after a study showed that more than half of the local adult population was functionally illiterate.

Rotary members helped develop the SOUNDS program in South Africa, Puerto Rico and US which teaches educators how to improve literacy by teaching children to recognize letters by sounds instead of names.

And Rotarians are providing clean, fresh water to every public school in Lebanon, so students can be healthier and get a better education!

According to Rotarian Mark Wilson, "When you teach somebody how to read, they have that for a lifetime. It ripples through the community, one by one."

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

FOUNDATION RAFFLE REPORT



Today's raffle featured cash, wine, and a Tadlock bowl. Sarah Gorham held the first winner and took the beautiful Dr. Tadlock maple bowl. Student guest Parker Smith had the next lucky ticket and took the cash. The third and final winner was held by President Sue who gladly accepted the Milani Cellar wine. Thanks to all who participated. Proceeds from our raffle got to the Rotary International Foundation.

TWO IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

BETH GRABIN

As one of our newest club members, it was great to get to know Beth a bit better. Many of us are familiar with her sister's popular Rock Island Coffee & Pancake House; but didn't know of the family connection. Beth works for Quad City Bank & Trust Company and serves as Chief Accounting Officer of QCRH, the holding company that owns Quad City Bank. She has a degree in accounting from Northern Illinois and supervises a staff of 22 accountants. Beth is a CPA and joined QCR Holdings, Inc. in 2007. She has over 14 years of banking, risk management, and accounting experience. She manages both internal and external financial reporting. She also leads the accounting function with respect to mergers and acquisitions. Beth serves as President of the Junior League of the Quad Cities and is active in the community and volunteers for the Lead(h)er and Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Mississippi Valley. Beth enjoys travel and working out.



MARK MAYESKI




Rotary First Vice-President Mark Mayeski took a turn under the Rotary Spotlight. Mark is a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones. He spent 112 years in Denver working for City Group and then seeing the signs of the coming "crash" liquidated his stock options and in 2010 moved into the Financial Advisor field. He earned his Master of Business Administration from Colorado State University in 2010 and now operates his own Edward Jones office in Rock Island. Mark said that he helps individual investors work toward their financial goals by developing long-term investment strategies tailored to their unique situations. Mark is a specialist in financial strategies for paying for education, retirement planning, preparing for the unexpected, and estate planning. Strategies include use of stocks, bonds, mutual funds, insurance, and annuities. Mark is proud to be an Edwards Jones advisor noting that they are rated 4th in Illinois in the best places to work among large companies.



FEBRUARY 15TH IS ROTARY NIGHT AT THE STORM

If you have not seen the STORM in action, you're 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 to Rotary's Polio Plus campaign. Rock Island Rotary President Sue Cassatt 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 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!

Rotary 



- **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.** ****