



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



Jim Sanderlin, today's guest speaker serves as Director of Development and Communication for Bethany For Children and Families. Bethany is a private child welfare, mental health, community education, and social services provider that

has offered aid and support to children and families in western Illinois and eastern Iowa since 1899. Mr. Sanderlin began his comments relating a story about Gottlieb Germann a harness maker in the cavalry department at the Rock Island Arsenal in the last 1800s. In 1898 Gottlieb heard the sound of a baby crying and upon investigating discovered an abandoned baby boy left in a barn. With no one else to help Gottlieb faced a dilemma - walk away or take the child home to his wife Annie. Gottlieb already had children of his own and struggled to make ends meet on his \$2 a day wage. He did take the child home and he and Annie made the commitment to care for the child. As the word spread among his friends and colleagues Gottlieb began hearing about other abandoned children who also needed care. He and Annie rented home in Rock Island and began taking in children, trusting the lord to provide. Churches and other individuals began to help as the word of Gottlieb's deeds spread. Annie and Gottlieb opened a kindergarten and provided education for the orphaned children. A young teacher from Davenport volunteered to teach the children. In 1899 the Germann's incorporated the Union Mission Home. In the first year the home took in 58 children. Many private clubs and community groups contributed money and volunteers. Leading citizens agreed to serve on the board. The county came across with funds. In 1902 with a Board of Directors in place the Union Mission name was officially changed to Bethany Home. Bethany now has six offices including a Mental Health Center in Davenport. The also have a fully equipped mobile dental office providing dentistry to children throughout the area. The organization staffs a professional team of 70 social workers, licensed counselors, case managers, and educators, directed by a Board of volunteer community leaders. Offering 22 programs and services, Bethany serves over 10,000 children and families annually. Bethany's programs and services are accredited by the Council on Accreditation, a nonprofit accreditor of human services. Since the 1980s, Bethany has moved beyond the provision of child welfare and adoption services addressing problems and situations that impact the children, youth, and families of the Quad Cities area. During these years, Bethany developed and tested different prevention and early-intervention service modalities in its efforts to increase the effectiveness of its services and prevent family-of-origin disruptions. Today, the agency provides services in Scott, Clinton, Jackson, Muscatine, and Cedar counties in Iowa, and Rock Island, Henry, Mercer, Whiteside, Knox, Warren, and Henderson counties in Illinois. Bethany's service area covers over 7,050 square miles and a population of over 642,100 people, of which over 145,800 are under 18 years of age and over 28,400 are children in poverty. Sanderlin said the mission of Bethany for Children & Families is to keep children safe, to strengthen families, and to build healthy communities. Agency services include adoption; foster care; programs that provide counseling and therapy services to children at their school; a mobile dental program that visits children at their school to provide dental examinations and cleanings free of charge to those children who have no insurance or have Title XIX insurance; an after-school program that helps at-risk youth learn anger management and social skills; programs to help families and teens overcome homelessness; child welfare services that provide protective and preventative services to children who are at-risk or are victims of abuse or neglect; and education programs for junior high and high school students that teach self-esteem, respect, risks of sexual behavior, and responsibility. Thank you Mr. Sanderlin for an informative and interesting story.

March - April Calendar

- Mar 19 - Henry Hall – Rocky Girls Basketball
- Mar 26 - Clair Peterson, Tournament Director, John Deere Classic
- 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!

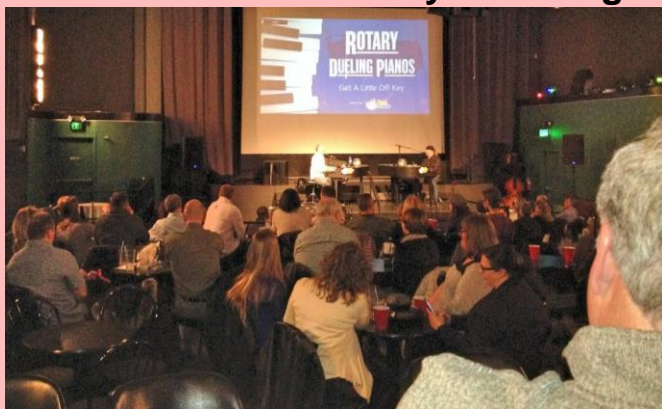
- ❑ **WELCOME GUESTS!** Rock Island Rotary was pleased to welcome Alleman Jr. Rotarians Isabella Gussi and Tristen Lindbeck along with visiting Rotarian, Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport Club as our only guests at today's meeting.. Guests are always welcome at Rock Island Rotary! Have you invited a friend or colleague to lunch lately?
- ❑ **BE A WALKER, RUNNER, OR HELPER** for our 2019 Rotary Ramble. Help will be needed to sign-in runners, hand out race numbers, operate stop watches, serve food, and many other race day tasks. See Mike Locander to sign up. Encourage friends, relatives, and colleagues to sign up to run or walk the 5K course. Awards will be given for many different age and gender categories.
- ❑ **RECEPTION FOR MIKE OBERHAUS** – Rotarians cordially invited. This Thursday, March 14 from 4 to 6pm at the Hauberg Civic Center, Rock Island. Celebrate Mike's retirement after 33 years of service to the Rock Island-Milan School District.
- ❑ **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 or just show up any Thursday at 5:15. It's easy duty!
- ❑ **KIWANIS ROSE SALE** began today in the lobby prior to our meeting. Rotary receives a donation for each order Rotarians place. Deliver will be on April 24th. You can pick up or have roses delivered with a vase and candy! Stop by the Kiwanis table next week.
- ❑ **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 cash and wine from the Lo Milani cellar. The first ticket was held by Jeff Dismar who took the cash and donated it to the Rotary Polio Plus Campaign. "Lucky" Larry Tadlock held the second ticket and once again took wine home for dinner. Thanks to all who participated. Proceeds from our raffle go to the Rotary International Foundation.

A Little Off Key – Dueling Pianos Fundraiser a Big Hit!



Last Thursday Rotarians and friends gathered at the Establishment Theater for the fourth annual Rotary Dueling Pianos Fundraiser. Pizza, popcorn, free beer, and a full cash bar added to the evening's enjoyment. Two very talented performers led nearly two hours of continuous music, laughter, and audience participation as we clapped and sang along with dozens of requested musical favorites. Kudos to the joint committee of Rock Island and RAH Club Rotarians who put the evening together! It was a fun evening and local charities will benefit from the money that was raised.

FOUNDATION MINUTE

During the past 100 years, the Foundation has spent \$3 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects. With your help, we can make lives better in our community and around the world.

The mission of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

Our donations make a difference to those who need our help most. More than 90 percent of donations go directly to supporting our service projects around the world.

Our 35,000 clubs carry out sustainable service projects that support our six causes. With donations like ours, we've wiped out 99.9 percent of all polio cases. Donations also train future peacemakers, support clean water, and strengthen local economies.

One donation can save a life. A child can be protected from polio with as little as 60 cents. Our partners make your donation go even further. For every \$1 Rotary commits to polio eradication, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has committed \$2. Thank you for your support!

in the Spotlight!

Kathy Trone stepped into the Rotary spotlight today. Kathy lives in East Moline and has been Office Manager for the Wessels / Stojan Law Offices for the past 19 years. In 2007 she was invited to attend a Rotary function and soon was recruited as a new member. Since then she has been extremely active as chairman of our Club fundraising committee. She has chaired Trivia Night and our Dueling Pianos events, to name just a few. Kathy has two grown boys and a daughter-in-law. Kathy chose to spend the bulk of her time talking about a non-Rotary project she is supporting. Family Resources established a project to assist victims of sexual violence. Most victims are women, but Kathy noted that children and men are also violated. She said that victims are typically taken to an emergency room where they are examined and provided with medical treatment. Their clothing is confiscated as evidence and on top of the mental and physical trauma, they are then released wearing just a medical gown. They are humiliated, hurt, embarrassed, and often without any resources or place to go. The Family Resources project provides a victim bag containing clothing, underwear, personal hygiene products and other necessities. Kathy urged Rotarians to support the project by directing donations to Family Resources.



NOMINATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR ANNUAL ROTARY AWARDS

On Tuesday, April 16th Rock Island Rotary will host our annual Awards Banquet at which time the top two scholars from Rock Island High School, Alleman Catholic High School, and Augustana College will be Honored and presented with plaques in recognition of their achievements. We then present the Rotary Community Service, Rotary Excellence, and Rotary A. T. PEARA Awards. The banquet also features a guest keynote speaker whose identity will be published in a future issue.

Rotarians are asked to nominate deserving individuals for our Awards Committee to consider for our Club Awards.

The EXCELLENCE AWARD may be presented to any community member who has demonstrated sustained excellence in their occupation or area of skill/expertise. The recipient need not be a Rotarian.

The COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD may be presented to any community member who has demonstrated outstanding and dedicated service to our community. The recipient need not be a Rotarian.

The A.T. PEARA AWARD is the highest and most prestigious award given by Rock Island Rotary. It is given to a member of Rock Island Rotary in recognition of outstanding "Service Above Self" to our Club and the ideals of Rotary International. It is considered a lifetime award and may only be awarded once to the recipient. The recipient must be a member of Rock Island Rotary.

Rock Island Rotarians are urged to nominate potential award recipients in as many categories as desired. Please print the [nomination form on page 6](#). Submit your nomination(s) to Carrie Crossen.



FRIENDLY FINN STRIKES AGAIN!



As we approach mid-March our favorite Finn, Kevin Koski gave his annual reminder that St. Urho's Day is quickly approaching. Officially celebrated on March 16th, Kevin's enthusiastic promotion of the event aroused my curiosity. Here's what my research found:

The legend of St. Urho is not the product of one person, but of many. The original character is usually traced to Virginia, Minnesota, but like most good legends, there have been many voices in creating the history of St. Urho.

St. Urho was created by Richard Mattson, who worked at Ketola's Department Store in Virginia, Minnesota. Mattson is generally credited with conjuring up a Finnish counterpart to St. Patrick in the spring of 1956. Just as Patrick had driven the snakes from Ireland, Mattson's saint drove a plague of frogs from Finland. There were several Finnish names suggested, but Saint Ero or Saint Jussi, or even Toivo or Eino, just didn't have the correct ring of a saintly name. Urho Kekkonen became president of Finland in 1956, and some believe that is where the name came from. Others say that Kekkonen was called "Saint Urho" by the citizens of Finland, and the name was attached to Mattson's legend.

Also credited as the originator of the St. Urho legend is Dr. Sulo Havumäki, a psychology professor at Bemidji State College in Bemidji, Minnesota. He is credited with changing the plague to grasshoppers, who were consuming the grape crop that would become wine in ancient Finland. (Pre-historic Finland was allegedly a much warmer place than it is today.) St. Urho's triumph was saving the vineyards and the jobs for those who picked the grapes. That is how St. Urho became the Patron Saint of Finnish Vineyard Workers.

The legend spread, originally across Minnesota to Finnish settlements on the Mesabi Iron Range, and to Menahga, New York Mills, Wolf Lake, and of course, Finland. St. Urho's Day is now celebrated in towns with Finnish heritage across Michigan's Upper Peninsula; Thunder Bay, Ontario; Burlington, Vermont; Butte, Montana; and Hood River, Oregon, and of course, with Kevin Koski in Rock Island, Illinois.

Today, the St. Urho tradition is carried on in many Finnish communities, sometimes as an excuse to add an extra day of rowdy celebration to the St. Patrick's Day festivities. In many Finnish-American communities, however, St. Urho's Day is the celebration, and St. Pat's feast day is merely an afterthought, a day to sleep off the hangover.

Kevin also noted that one can be the beneficiary of a year of good luck by taking a Finn to lunch on St. Urho's Day. He noted that his calendar is open, and he can be reached at 788-6007.



All Dressed Up and Ready for Lunch!

SURVEYS BEING TABULATED

Although a bit disappointed that less than half the club returned surveys, those that were received are being tabulated and the results will be presented in a future issue. Thanks to those that helped!



- **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. ******

ROCK ISLAND ROTARY CLUB
2019 Awards Committee



Rock Island Rotary's annual Awards Luncheon is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 16th**. The Awards Committee seeks nominations for the following awards:

1. **Excellence:** Recognizes distinction or superiority in a field of endeavor. This can be for a single accomplishment or for achieving high standards of achievement or performance over as sustained period of time.
2. **Community Service:** Recognizes individuals or organizations who have worked effectively for the betterment of our community.
3. **A.T. Peara Award for Service Above Self:** Recognizes the Rock Island Rotary member who has exhibited the dedicated service and faithful commitment to the ideals of Rotary that were personified by A.T. Peara, for whom the award is named after.

The first two awards are open to any individual or organization that has demonstrated excellence or worked for the betterment of the Rock Island community. The excellence award applies to all lines of work and to all ages.

The A.T. Peara Award is limited to current members of Rock Island Rotary.

To ensure that our committee has adequate time to evaluate, consider, make the selections, and have awards prepared, the deadline for nominations is March 26th. Please consider making one or more nominations using the lower portion of this form. Additional copies are available if you need them. We greatly appreciate your participation and assistance.

Submit Nomination to: Carrie Crossen or by e-mail to ccrossen@choosethechief.com

NOMINEE NAME: _____ Your Name: _____

Nominated for (be sure to indicate):

_____ Excellence _____ Community Service _____ A.T. Peara Award

Reasons in support of your nomination:
