



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



COACH HENRY HALL

Guest speaker today at Rock Island Rotary was Rock Island High School girls' basketball head coach, Henry Hall. Mr. Hall has a special

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

relationship with Rock Island Rotary since becoming a teacher at Earl Hanson elementary school in 2007. Rock Island Rotary “adopted” Earl Hanson school and provides birthday books, library assistance, and hosts an annual fundraiser to benefit the school. We enjoy receiving an annual report from the school’s principal and an annual visit from the Hanson “Inspire Choir”. Hall, a native of Kewanee, Illinois took over as head coach of Rocky’s girls basketball program in 2018. He previously served 8 years as the varsity assistant coach. Prior to coaching at Rock Island, Hall coached at both Alleman and United Township. In his eight seasons as an assistant to Thad Hoover, the duo led the Rocks to a 193-50 record, and a seven-season streak of Western Big 6 Conference championships and four straight appearances in the Class 4A Sweet 16. As head coach Hall led the Lady Rocks to another undefeated, conference championship season, an overall record of 28-2, including Regional and Sectional Championships and a berth in the state’s “Elite Eight”. Rock Island athletic director Michelle Lillis said, “Henry has been an integral part of building a highly successful program. He knows what it takes to build and continue the program. What I love is that he is an educator first. He will put his students first and prepare them to be great in the classroom, on the court and for their future.” Hall said watching the Lady Rocks’ program grow is the biggest reason he went all in on going for this job after Hoover resigned. “I think having helped coach Hoover take the program to where it is now and the fact that I have grown attached to the kids, all the way down to the youth programs, this was where I had to be.” Hall also had the task of blending a group of young inexperienced players with Brea Beal, who Hall unashamedly calls, “The best player in the state”. He not only was able to accomplish that task, but by the end of the season had four girls named to the Western Big 6 All Conference team. How did he accomplish it? Hall said his seniors, Carlee Camlin and Brea Beal were outstanding leaders. He said they bought into his philosophy of “play together – play for each other” early on. He stressed play as a team and share the ball. He also said that he told them that they had to take the younger girls under their wings. He said both seniors led by example, playing hard all the time and putting in the extra work required to become champions. Coach Hall said, “When young girls saw the seniors, one that is recognized as the best ever to play in the Big 6, dive on the floor in practice for a loose ball and were always the first ones to practice and the last to leave, that made an impression.” They gained an appreciation of how hard you must work to be successful. In the end he said the group became a family. He also said he feels the relationships built are more important than the championships they won. Looking toward next year, Hall said although he lost two fantastic seniors, the other three starters were a freshman and sophomore, and a junior, so they will all return. He also said the entire junior group this year got much playing time and will be counted on to step up next year. “We have 8 consecutive conference championships and we’re not about to let that get away”, Hall said. He also noted with Geneseo and Sterling entering the conference next year the competition will be tougher than ever. It is easy to see why Henry is successful, his personality overflows with enthusiasm and love for his players.

NEW MEMBER PROPOSED

Laura Fontaine, Program Officer with the Doris and Victor Day Foundation has been proposed for membership by David Geenen. Monta Ponsetto will be her mentor. Please direct comments to President Sue Cassatt or 1st Vice-President Mark Mayeski.



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Kathy Lelonek
John Oliger
Justin Peterson
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Tammy Weikert

Club Notes & Announcements!

□ **WELCOME GUESTS!** Rock Island Rotary was pleased to welcome Rock Island Jr. Rotarians Corina Castaneda and Bryce Trask along with our exchange daughter, Ricio (Chio) Robolledo. Virginia Johnson was a guest of husband, Don Peterson. Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport Club as our only visiting Rotarian guest 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.

□ **MARK YOUR CALENDAR** – Rotary Awards Banquet is April 16th! It is an event you don't want to miss! Special keynote speaker plus awards for students, community members and Rotary Club colleagues.

□ **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** is underway in the lobby prior to our meetings. Rotary receives a donation for each order Rotarians place. Delivery 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 Frank Lambert who took the cash, which is his custom. Few know that he typically adds out of his own pocket and donates it all to the Foundation. Tammy Weikert held the second ticket and won the Milani wine. Thanks to all who participated. Proceeds from our raffle go to the Rotary International Foundation.

AUTO-WITHDRAWAL DONATION OPTION A FAVORITE!

Approximately 10 percent of our club members are now taking advantage of the automatic account withdrawal option to conveniently and painlessly donate to the Rotary Foundation. Chairman Bud Phillis can help set up a plan that fits your desires and budget. Just a \$10 per month donation (\$5 bucks per pay period for those paid twice a month) meets the Rotary goal of \$100 every year and makes you a Paul Harris "Sustaining Member". A withdrawal of \$50 per month will earn Paul Harris Fellow recognition is just one year! (You contribute a total of \$600 and our club provides a \$400 match.) For those that file long form tax returns, donations to the Rotary Foundation are deductible charitable contributions. After earning your own Paul Harris Fellow award, you can honor other family members and loved ones by directing that your continued donations establish Paul Harris Fellow recognition for them. If your situation changes you can terminate the automatic deductions at any time. It's a small commitment to make that has a huge impact. A \$10 donation provides polio vaccine for 66 children! In a year's time you will provide vaccine for almost 800 children!

FOUNDATION MINUTE

Mobile phones and simple text messages are not only used by us to update appointments, trace stock quotes, sport teams or your spouses' where-a bouts – they are now being used for the victory in the world's largest public health initiative: the eradication of polio. As the disease retreats from the global stage, thriving in only a few remote areas in three countries, it's up to health workers to deliver vaccines and share information with speed and accuracy. Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative are strengthening lines of communication by giving cellphones to health workers in Pakistan and Nigeria where a single text message can save a life.

Community health workers across Pakistan have received more than 5,000 phones through a partnership with Rotary, its government as well as Telenor the country's second-largest telecommunications provider and Eycon a data monitoring and evaluation specialist. Cellphone technology signals tremendous progress in polio eradication. It gives governments and polio eradication leaders an advantage in the decisions needed to make to eliminate polio.

Your continued support of Polioplus enables this happen. Thank you.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

President Sue Cassatt had the pleasure of inducting two new Rock Island Rotarians today. Arron Southerland, CEO of Illinois Casualty Company and Avalon Thomas-Roebl, Marketing Rep. for Illinois Casualty Company are pictured receiving their Rotary member pins from Sue.



OUR NEWEST PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

Foundation chair, Bud Phillis was pleased to present Kathy Trone with her certificate and pin in recognition of achieving the honor of **Paul Harris Fellow**. Kathy joined Rock Island Rotary in 2007 and has been extremely active as our fundraising committee chair. She said, "If I can do it, anyone can!" Mentioning that she put two boys through college



NOMINATIONS FOR ANNUAL ROTARY AWARDS DEADLINE NEXT TUES.

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. Pears 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. PEARS 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.



Rock Island Rotary will sponsor four local students for the 2019 RYLA at NIU Lorado Taft Campus, Lowden State Park, Oregon, IL. Attending will be our exchange daughter, Sheeo Hernandez, Andrea Rangel our 2019-20 outbound exchange student, and one additional student selected from Rock Island High School and one selected from Alleman Catholic High School.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive leadership training program for high school students in District 6420. Talented young people attend a weekend camp, starting on Friday evening and ending late Sunday morning, organized by Rotarians in district 6420 and held the first weekend in May. Students must be sponsored by their local Rotary Club and applications must be signed by the school principal and the students' parents.

Participants' expenses are paid by sponsoring Rotary clubs. The RYLA program enables young people to improve leadership and communication skills and meet Rotarians while having fun and making friends. For young adults, RYLA provides the opportunity to refine skills and explore pertinent topics with their peers and elders. For Rotarians, RYLA offers the chance to help develop leaders, share valuable expertise, and bridge the gap between generations.

Students connect with leaders in our community and around the world to:

- Build communication and problem-solving skills
- Discover strategies for becoming a dynamic leader in school or community
- Learn from community leaders, inspirational speakers, and peer mentors
- Unlock potential to turn motivation into action
- Have fun and form lasting friendships
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During the RYLA program, students will:

- Gain exposure to issues and exchange ideas with other talented students
- Explore new career paths and find out more about their chosen field from successful professionals.
- Learn how to coordinate youth activities and community service projects in our community.
- Discuss creative approaches for resolving family, social, and professional conflicts.
- Meet Rotary decision-makers in our community and learn about other Rotary programs for young people.





- **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. ******

QUAD CITIES **BIG**TABLE

48 Hours of Influence

**Friday, April 26
10:00 a.m.**

**Rock Island Public Library
Downtown Community Room
401 19th Street**



A Big Table discussion for ALL Rotarians! Let's talk about our clubs, growing our memberships, fundraisers, collaboration opportunities, and more!

Registration is not required for this FREE event.

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IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CALL ANGELA CAMPBELL 732-7399**

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:
