



# Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

## ROCK ISLAND ROTARY 2019 AWARDS

### April – May Calendar

- Apr 23 - Earl Hanson Inspire Choir
- Apr 29 - Dan Coyne-Logan, Principal,  
Earl Hanson Elementary
- May 7 - Becky Paulsen, President's  
Executive Institute, Western  
Illinois University
- May 14 - Kelli Fegley, Fresh Films
- May 21 - Missy Heirich--Empower  
House
- May 28 - Figge Art Museum

Today, for the forty-fifth year, Rock Island Rotary hosted a Luncheon at which some of our community's finest were recognized. Our keynote speaker was Dan Huber, CEO of Frontier Hospitality Group. After a successful career running chambers of commerce and economic development organizations, Dan joined forces with Bart Baker to marshal the Frontier's 66 years of hospitality business "know-how" into a dynamic development company. The entire team focuses on the values of Frontier founders: Honesty, integrity, compassion, respect and result orientation. Dan has a history of being a high achiever. He was first named CEO of a chamber of commerce at age 25, and became CEO of Iowa's third largest chamber of commerce at 29. He has been recognized as a community leader and difference maker in the Quad Cities since 1999. Iowa Governor Terry Brandstad named Dan to the Iowa Department of Transportation Commission in 2014. He currently serves as commission chairman. He spoke on the topic of "Excellence" and stressed through the use of quotations from numerous highly successful people that Excellence comes as a result of hard work, dedication, and striving for perfection. He said none of us are perfect, but if we strive to reach that goal we will attain excellence along the way. It was a great motivational message leading into our 2019 awards. Lauded for Academic Achievement were Augustana College's top two senior scholars, Zachary Schrank and Brianna Hillyer introduced by Kai Swanson, Special Assistant to the President of Augustana. Both students have a perfect 4.0 grade point average. Alexandra Cajigal and Sydney Heiller were recognized as the top two students in the Alleman Class of 2019 with introduction by Fr. Daniel Mirabelli. The girls are tied for valedictorian honors with grade points in excess of 4.8. Rocky Assistant Principal Karla Thies had the honor of introducing Rock Island's top two seniors, Aislinn Geedey and Corina Castaneda. They also are tied for Rocky's valedictorian honors. The six scholars were each presented with attractive plaques. The Community Service Award presented to an area resident for outstanding service to our community was presented by Awards Chairman Chris Lemon to Darrell and Mary Anne Reynolds. The award recognized Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds for their dedication and work for the betterment of our community. Although unable to attend the luncheon, Chairman Lemon noted that the Reynolds donated \$100,000 for scholarships at Rock Island High School and \$100,000 for Scholarships at Alleman High School. They also were the major source of funding for the new Alleman Athletic Field and for the renovation of Rock Island's Douglas Park. Last year they funded a new program through the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation in which former Rocky graduates are brought back to spend time and tell their success stories to current students at Rock Island High. Rock Island High School senior, Breanna Beal was named winner of the Excellence Award, recognizing superiority in an occupation or field of endeavor and setting a high standards of performance over a sustained period of time. Miss Beal was lauded for her incredible career in high school basketball. Among many honors it was noted that she is the all-time leading scorer for boys and girls in the Western Big 6 Conference, a 3-time winner of the Illinois Ms. Basketball Award, and 3-time winner of the Illinois Gatorade Player of the Year Award. She is also the first Quad City area McDonald's All American and played in their All American game last month in Atlanta. She will be playing in the Jordan Brand All American Game this Saturday in Las Vegas. In the fall she will attend South Carolina University. Club President Sue Cassatt revealed Bob Swanson as the first recipient of the Luckenbill-Wraw Award in recognition of outstanding dedication and contribution to Rock Island Rotary during the past year. President Cassatt noted that Bob has been a valuable resource and supporter throughout her presidency. She summed it up with, "We all know the many things Bob does for our club". Steve Morenz, last year's winner of the A.T. Peara Award had the honor of introducing the 2019 Peara Service Above Self Award considered the highest honor bestowed by Rock Island Rotary. It is a life-time award and can be won just once. The Award, recognizes a 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. Rotarian John Phillips was named this year's A.T. Peara Award recipient. Mr. Morenz noted that John serves on numbers boards and commissions in our community as well as holding numerous committee positions within our club. He gave many years of outstanding service as Rock Island City Manager and has been a Rotarian for the past 32 years. John served as president of our club in 2015-16 and has frequently entertained us with his mastery of vocals and the 12-string guitar. He was unable to attend today's luncheon, traveling to see his daughter perform in a concert at her college. None the less, he received a standing ovation from the appreciative crowd.



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## Officers

Sue Cassatt, President  
Mark Mayeski, 1st VP  
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Anne McGlynn, Secretary  
Carrie Crossen, Treasurer  
Bruce Peterson, Past Pres.  
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## Program Chairs 2018-19

Aug – Sept: Stan Coin  
Oct – Nov: Mike Locander  
Dec – Jan: John Wetzel  
Feb – Mar: John Wetzel  
Apr – May: Gary Rowe  
June – July: Tom Hammar

## Board Members

Rick Emery  
Sarah Gorham  
Kathy Lelonek  
John Oliger  
Justin Peterson  
Molly Shattuck  
Bill Stengel  
Tammy Weikert

## Club Notes & Announcements!

□ **WELCOME GUESTS!** Rock Island Rotary had numerous guests at today's meeting. Nancy Luckenbill attended to witness the first ever Luckenbill-Wray Award presentation. Debbi Swanson, wife of Bob Swanson attended as did former Rotarian Holly Sparkman as a guest of Kathy Lelonek. Kevin Beal and Nicole Adamson, parents of award recipient Breanna Beal attended, as did Dr Arthur Cajigal and Colleen Cajigal, parents of award recipient Alexandra Cajigal. Olivia Casteneda, mother of award winner Corina Castaneda joined us as did Kevin Geedey father of award winner, Aislinn Geedey. Other visitors were Mike Shumate and Cindy Cottrell, family of award winners. Deanna Jensen-Valliere was our only visiting Rotarian, joining us from the North Scott Club. Rocky students Grant Florence and Madeline Lelonek and Alleman student Carly Boens attended as guests of the club.

□ **BE A WALKER, RUNNER, OR HELPER** for our 2019 Rotary Ramble on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Help will be needed to sign-in runners, hand out race numbers, operate stop watches, serve food, and many other race day tasks. Contact Mike Locander to volunteer at [mikelocander@gmail.com](mailto:mikelocander@gmail.com). Encourage friends, relatives, and colleagues to sign up to run or walk the 5K course. Participants can sign-up online or at the Establishment Theater on race day prior to 8am. Awards will be given for many different age and gender categories.

□ **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!



## FOUNDATION RAFFLE REPORT

Today's raffle featured: cash and wine from the Lo Milani cellar. The doctors ruled today with Dr. Tricia Barron holding the first lucky ticket and opting to take the cash. Dr. Larry Tadlock held the second lucky ticket and took the Milani Wine. Thanks to all who participated. Proceeds from our raffle go to the Rotary International



## KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR TODAY'S AWARD LUNCHEON

DAN HUBER CO-OWNER & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

In business, as in life, there are those who sit back and wait, and those who get right to it. Dan Huber takes great pride in "getting right to it." He has been a co-owner of Frontier Hospitality Group since 2007, CEO since 2014. Dan spoke of the difference between a hotel run by developers and those run by hoteliers. "Hoteliers will give a guest an experience exceeding all expectations. We create a true home away from home. The quality of our Frontier people, their training, and our systems, create personal and memorable guest experiences. And we want our team, as well as our guests, to feel appreciated and welcome." Frontier employees, selected for their character as well as their skills, respect Dan's sense of urgency and his focus on results. He sets the bar high, bringing everyone together to achieve big things.

## FOUNDATION MINUTE

The lack of access to clean water, sanitation facilities, and hygiene resources is one of the world's biggest health problems – and one of the hardest to solve. Rotary has worked for decades to provide people with clean water by digging wells, laying pipes, providing filters, and installing sinks and toilets. But the biggest challenge has come after the hardware is installed. Too often, projects succeeded at first but eventually failed.

Rusted water pumps and dilapidated sanitation facilities are familiar sights in parts of Africa, South America, and South Asia – monuments to service projects that proved UNSUSTAINABLE.

That is why Rotary has shifted its focus over the past several years to emphasize education, collaboration and sustainability. Now the Rotary Foundation requires clubs and districts that apply for grants in other countries to show that local residents have developed a project plan that includes the above. In doing so, projects are successful.

Your contribution to the Rotary Foundation enables this to happen. Giving to the Foundation is easy – just go to [rotary.org/donate](http://rotary.org/donate), Thank you.

## 2019 ROTARY AWARD RECIPIENTS



President Cassatt and Brianna Hillyer. Augustana College



President Cassatt and Zachary Schrank, Augustana College



President Cassatt and Alleman student, Alexandra Cajigal with her parents Colleen and Arthur Cajigal



President Cassatt and Alleman student Sydney Heller and family



President Cassatt and Rocky student Aislinn Geedey and father Kevin Geedey



President Cassatt with Rocky student, Corina Castaneda and mother Olivia Castaneda



## 2019 ROTARY AWARD RECIPIENTS



President Cassatt with Excellent Award Winner Brea Beal along with her mother and father, Nicole Adamson and Kevin Beal



President Cassatt with Luckenbill-Wray Award Recipient, Bob Swanson

## 2019 A.T. PEARA AWARD RECIPIENT, JOHN PHILLIPS



Introduced as a "Great Rotarian" and a "Long Suffering White Sox Fan" John Phillips received Rock Island Rotary's highest Award. John exemplifies living the Four-Way Test and is highly respected by all as a man of character, honesty, and ability. Congratulations John!

We deeply regret that at the time of publication, we were unable to obtain a photo of our Community Service Award winners, Darrell and Mary Anne Reynolds. The couple has gone above and beyond in their support of local schools and our community. They are truly deserving of our recognition and award.

## BOARD REPORT

Our Club Board of Directors met yesterday. It was announced the Cindi Gramenz has volunteered to take over name badge creation and maintenance, a duty long carried out by Sam Wray. She will also assist Bob Swanson as Co-Sergeant at Arms. Kathy Lelonek reported that two more "Little Libraries" are needed for our Jr. High schools. She is looking for someone willing and able to build them. Jeff Dismer reported that 4 local students will be attending RYLA and that fees have been paid. He also reported that both our inbound and outbound students are having excellent experiences this year. The Board authorized purchase of a table cover with our club banner for use at upcoming events.

# 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**





- **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.** \*\*\*\*\*