



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



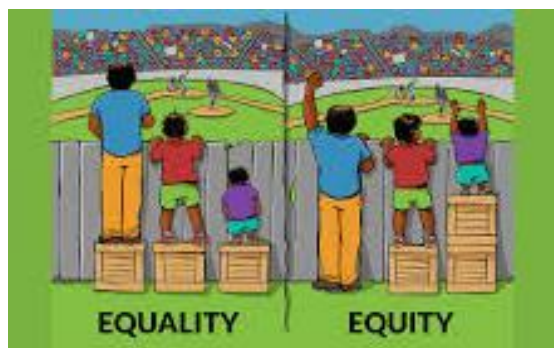
DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

Laura Fontaine of The Day Foundation was scheduled to speak today about the 2020 Census. However, with the sudden death of Amy Rowell, director of World Relief in Moline, things changed and Augustana's Dr. Monica Smith, the first Vice President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion took the podium. Ms. Fontaine, an applicant for membership in our club will be rescheduled for an upcoming date. Dr. Smith has worked in higher education for nearly 20 years. Her most recent accomplishments including establishing employee and student diversity advisory councils, working with enrollment management to increase scholarships to eligible students, and delivering diversity awareness training and educational programs throughout the college while serving as the chief diversity officer in the Office for Diversity and Inclusion at Elizabethtown College in Elizabethtown, Pa.. She also has taught both undergraduate and graduate classes at Eastern University in St. Davids, Pennsylvania, and the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. She has a doctorate and master's in social work from the University of Pennsylvania. She also received a Certificate of Achievement, National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education, Standards of Professional Practice Institute. Over the course of the past 10 years, the number of enrolled students of color at Augustana has increased from roughly 200 to nearly 600. And in the last year, the number of international students grew to 195. After significant progress in growing the number of students of color and developing many campus initiatives to support diversity, the hire of Dr. Smith reinforces Augustana's commitment to creating an inclusive environment for all students. Doctor Smith explained the aspects of her position by defining each term. She defined "diversity" simply as "Human Differences". She stated that our country has a set of norms and anything that differs from the norms is considered diverse. She defined "Equity" by pointing out how it differs from "Equality". Equality implies that everyone gets or is treated the same. Equity differs in that its central goal is fairness. She showed a cartoon showing three people trying to look over a fence. One was tall, one was medium, and one was short. Equality gave each a small box to stand on. The tall person could easily see over the fence. The medium height person had to strain to barely see over the fence. The short person still could not see at all. Equity gave each person a different sized box based on their needs. The tall person got a small box. The medium person got a larger box, and the short person received a much larger box. The result was that all three were raised to a height where each could see over the wall. Dr. Smith defined "Inclusion" by saying, Equity equals being invited to the party. Inclusion equals being asked to dance. Put into more real-life terms she stated that in a group or committee setting, diversity would be recognizing that the group is made up of persons of various backgrounds, races, genders, etc. Equity is the fair treatment, access, opportunity, and advancement for all people, while at the same time striving to identify and eliminate barriers that have prevented the full participation of some groups.. Inclusion is the act of creating environments in which any individual or group can be and feel welcomed, respected, supported, and valued to fully participate. She stated that the best decisions are those coming from a diverse group in which equity and inclusion exists.



April – May Calendar

- Apr 2 - Laura Fontaine – 2020 Census
- Apr 9 - Bert Blood Scholarship
- Apr 16 - Rotary Awards Luncheon
- 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 Heinrich--Empower House
- May 28- TBA





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Club Notes & Announcements!

□ **WELCOME GUESTS!** Rock Island Rotary was pleased to welcome Rotary Assistant District Governor, David Bills from the River Cities Club. Rock Island Jr. Rotarians Corina Castaneda, Bryce Trask our exchange daughter, Ricio (Chio) Robolledo, and Alleman Jr. Rotarians Carly Boens and Giang Le attended today's meeting. Charles Butler Rock Island High School Chief of Security joined us along with interim District 41 Superintendent and River Cities Rotarian, Bob Lagerblade. A special guest was Dr. Reginald Lawrence II, the new District 41 Superintendent of Schools starting that position as of July 1st, 2019. Former member Sara Cross was present representing "First Tee of the Quad Cities" and Mark Zimmerman visiting from the Davenport Club joined us today. Guests are always welcome at Rock Island Rotary!

□ **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.



FOUNDATION RAFFLE REPORT

Today's raffle featured: cash and wine from the Lo Milani cellar. Frank Lambert once again held the first lucky ticket and elected to take the cash, only to quickly donate the entire amount (plus more) to the Rotary Foundation. The second ticket was held by Kristia LaShoure, who will be able to add some good wine to her birthday celebration! Thanks to all who participated. Proceeds from our raffle go to the Rotary International Foundation.



SAM WRAY – ROTARIAN

Rock Island Rotary lost one of our finest with the passing of Sam Wray on March 27th. Sam joined our Club in 1975, served as Assistant Sergeant at Arms, supported all of our activities and causes, and along with his lifelong sweetheart Hilde, co-founded our Kenya Water Filter Project, donating \$40,000 to the cause over the past three years. Their contributions alone have provided safe drinking water for nearly 8,000 children. He will be deeply missed.



FOUNDATION MINUTE

In Eastern Ukraine, thousands have died, and millions have been displaced by the fighting between pro-Russian rebels and the Ukrainian military. Children, many of whom have lost a parent or sibling, are among those affected by the violence, often suffering deep emotional scars. When the conflict in Ukraine began in early 2014, Rotary members throughout Poland stepped up to help. Working with Rotary's Poland-Ukraine Intercountry Committee, (Poland, Ukraine, Sweden and Slovakia.) Rotarians began an annual two-week camp that allows kids to enjoy games, field trips, and outdoor activities while receiving support from mental health professionals. It's a peaceful place where they can begin to heal from the trauma of war.

Children who experience violence can be prone to violent behavior themselves. This camp shows them a different path.

More than 100 children have attended over the past four years. At first, some endure sleepless nights or nightmares. A few withdraw and emotionally shut down. But over the two weeks, many relax, learn coping strategies, build connections to others with similar experiences and, perhaps most important, rediscover how to be kids again.

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

KEEP TABS ON YOUR ROTARY FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS

If you want to ensure that Rotary International records accurately match with your personal records, there is an easy way to check. The procedure below can be used to add your photo to Rotary International's data base, update job and interest information, as well as club and address information. It is also a great way to keep tabs on your Rotary contributions and awards status.

Here are the "step by step" instructions to access your information:

1. On the internet, Go to www.rotary.org (If several file choices show up, click on **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL HOME**)
2. Click on **MY ROTARY**
3. Click on **SIGN IN TO MY ROTARY** (If you haven't established an "account" do that first by clicking on **REGISTER FOR AN ACCOUNT** and create your account (no cost or credit card is requested), then sign in to **MY ROTARY**)
4. Click on **MY PROFILE** (this is where you can update personal information)
5. Click on **DONOR HISTORY REPORT**
6. Under "Individual Reports" click again on **DONOR HISTORY REPORT**
7. You will then see an "OVERVIEW" of all your donations to Rotary International. Click on the **TRANSACTION DETAIL** tab at the bottom of the page and you will see each of your donations listed by date and amount. You will also see how your donations have been applied for Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

If you have trouble, contact Bob Swanson or Bud Phillis. If you see incorrect information in your account, report it to Bud.

APRIL ROTARY BIRTHDAYS

Tom Showalter	April	1	Kristia LeShoure	April	23
Mark Zimmerman	April	17	Rick Emery	April	26
Rick Devinney	April	18	Dennis Pauley	April	29
Alex Kelly	April	21	Stephanie Masson	April	29



JAMES BENSON STEPS INTO THE SPOTLIGHT!

This week's Rotarian in the Spotlight was James Benson who joined our Club in 2015. James is Pastor of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in



James was born and raised in Pittsburgh and as such is a Pirate fan. He was educated at Baldwin Wallace College (now University) in Berea, Ohio. He received his degree in English with a minor in music. James is married to Katie, who is director of the Rock Island High School Orchestra. They have two children attending Jordan Elementary School. James is currently work on his Doctorate which he hopes to finish in the next couple of years. James noted that Good Shephard has a strong emphasis on missions. The congregation of over 150 takes annual mission trips with anywhere from 6 to over 25 church members going. James told of traveling last year to Chavies, Kentucky with the Appalachia Service Project to help renovate homes for the poor. Work included digging out and pouring a foundation under an existing home to prevent it from sliding into the hollow.

ROCK ISLAND ROTARY SUPPORTS FIRST TEE OF THE QUAD CITIES

Community Grants Chairman, Frank Lambert had the pleasure of presenting a \$400 donation from Rock Island Rotary to Sara Cross, Executive Director of First Tee of the Quad Cities. Sara noted that the goal of the project is to teach youngsters the lessons learned from the game of golf by using the sport as a way to involve and reach kids. According to Cross, golf teaches discipline, sportsmanship, honesty, ethics, commitment, and value of work. To ensure the program reaches children from all areas of the community our contribution will be used to help children from the Martin Luther King Center and from the Boys Club and Girls Club participate in the program free of charge. The total program consists of an 8-week session including classroom work and golf play at the new First Tee facility built at Rock Island's Highland Springs Golf Course.



TRICIA ASKS FOR HELP!

For many years, Rotarian Tricia Barron has carried on an annual project all by herself with no accolades or desire for recognition. Most of us didn't even know she was doing it. But every year she contacts the kindergarten teachers at our adopted school, Earl Hanson Elementary, and arranges to take fabric material she purchased to the school and lets the kindergarten students each "decorate" a piece of material.

She then takes them all home and sew each decorated piece into a pillow. Tricia then takes them back to the class along with stuffing and shows the children how to "stuff" their pillow. She then takes the stuffed pillows back to her home and sews them into a finished pillow. Tricia then returns them to the school in time for the children to present them to their mothers for Mother's Day. This has been going on for years and we bet most club members are hearing about it for the first time today! Tricia would like help at 8:30am on April 29th to help the children with decorating; and again, on May 8th to help the children stuff their pillows. No sewing skills are required! Call Tricia to volunteer 781-5114.



The Rotary Club of North Scott

Jeff Martens, Public Relations Chair
jeffreymartens3@icloud.com

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE TO ROTARY CLUB MEMBERS
3/22/2019**

CONTACT: NSRotary@aol.com for reservations

Dr. Wendy Wintersteen, President of Iowa State University, to speak at North Scott Rotary April 12



Dr. Wendy Wintersteen

**IOWA STATE
UNIVERSITY**

North Scott Rotary is pleased to welcome Dr. Wintersteen on Friday, April 12 as the speaker at their noon meeting in the Williamsburg Room of the Best Western Plus Steeplegate Inn, 100 W. 76th St., Davenport, Iowa. The club invites any interested Rotarians, their guests, and prospective members to attend. Please RSVP if possible to NSRotary@aol.com. Cost for the meal is \$13 and can be paid at the door.

Dr. Wendy Wintersteen became the 16th president of Iowa State University in 2017, following a nationwide search and unanimous vote of the Board of Regents, State of Iowa. She is the first woman president in Iowa State history. And she's only the second ISU graduate to hold the university's highest office.

Dr. Wintersteen has served Iowa State for 40 years in several capacities, including as one of the first female ISU Extension associates in integrated pest management. She served 11 years as dean of the internationally recognized College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and director of the Iowa Agriculture and Home Economics Experiment Station, and she held the university's first endowed deanship.

She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in crop production from Kansas State University and a Ph.D. in entomology from Iowa State.

As president, and with the support of her administrative team, Dr. Wintersteen is advancing Iowa State University with priorities focused on enhancing student success; recruiting and retaining excellent faculty and staff; strengthening innovation and research excellence; developing a culture of entrepreneurship; making Iowa State a leader in creating a welcoming and inclusive campus environment; and growing state and private support for the university, its faculty, staff, and students. Please join us in welcoming President Wendy Wintersteen.

www.NorthScottRotary.org

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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JUST SHOW UP AT 10AM
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 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. ******

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ROTARY CLUB OF ROCK ISLAND

P.O. BOX 4514, Rock Island, Illinois 61204-4514

Chartered, May 1, 1914 Club Number 112, District 6420

Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) 70½ or Older

If you are 70½ or older, you may be subject to the “Required Minimum Distribution (RMD).” This IRS rule requires those with assets in a 401(k), 403(b), IRA or other tax deferred fund to withdraw at least a minimum amount of these funds each year as taxable income.

Possibly, you have more assets than you need for living expenses. You could consider making a charitable gift to the Rock Island Rotary Foundation, the Rotary International Foundation, or our Rotary Club Water Project.. For those 70½ or older, you can make a tax-free qualified charitable distribution (QCD) directly by the trustee of your IRA. This QCD will count towards your required minimum distribution. With the higher standard deduction in place, it may be of more benefit to make charitable deductions directly from your IRA in the form of a QCD to help lower your taxable income. We strongly recommend you seek the advice of your financial planner or tax professional for full information.

The following three pages are designed to will help you with contributions to the Rotary Foundation. If you prefer to make your distribution to our Rock Island Club Foundation or to our Club’s Water Project, we can provide similar forms for that purpose. All three are 501c3 charities and qualify for tax-free direct distribution..

There are other ways to give to Rotary and help support the young people of our community and the world. In addition to direct giving, Rotary can be part of your estate plan as well. Contact Bud Phillis, John Phillips, John Slover, or Tom Hammar for additional information and to learn how your donations to Rotary can make a difference!

***This information is provided for general and educational purposes. You should seek advice from your attorney or tax professional to see how this information applies to your situation.

**Thank you for helping Rotary Do Good in the World
through a gift from your Individual Retirement Account!**

The attached letters will help you make a transfer directly from your IRA.

Page 1. "From Plan Owner to IRA Administrator"
Please complete the underlined portions of the attached letter and
send it to your IRA Plan Administrator to initiate the transfer.

Page 2. "From Donor to The Rotary Foundation"
Upon initiating the transfer, please complete the underlined
portions from the attached letter and send (as addressed) to:

Vicky Perez, Senior Gift Administration Specialist
1560 Sherman Ave., FN120
Evanston, IL 60201-3698
FAX: (847) 556-2181

For assistance please contact Vicky Perez at vicky.perez@rotary.org or (847) 866-3401.

**For more information on how IRA "charitable rollover gifts"
and other tax-advantaged ways to give can further your
philanthropic and financial goals, please contact:**

Peter Doetschman, Sr. Planned Giving Officer

Planned.Giving@Rotary.org
(847) 866-3100

FROM PLAN OWNER TO IRA ADMINISTRATOR

DATE

IRA PLAN ADMINISTRATOR

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

RE: Request for Charitable Distribution from Individual Retirement Account

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please accept this letter as my request to make a direct charitable distribution from my Individual Retirement Account # _____ pursuant Sec. 408(d)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. I am 70 1/2 years old or older.

Please issue a check in the amount of \$ _____ payable to:

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International (FEIN 36-3245072)

And mail it as soon as possible, but to arrive no later than 31 Dec 2019, to:

**Attn: Vicky Perez, Senior Gift Administration Specialist
The Rotary Foundation
1560 Sherman Avenue, FN120
Evanston, IL 60201-3698**

In your communication to The Rotary Foundation, please include my name and address as listed below as the donor of record in connection with this transfer. Please copy me on your transmittal. If you have questions, please contact Vicky Perez at (847) 866-3401.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

PRINTED PLAN OWNER NAME ROTARY ID NUMBER

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

TELEPHONE NUMBER(S)

FROM DONOR TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

DATE

Vicky Perez, Senior Gift Administration Specialist
The Rotary Foundation
1560 Sherman Avenue, FN120
Evanston, IL 60201-3698

Dear Ms. Perez:

It is my pleasure to inform you that I have requested a qualified charitable distribution from my Individual Retirement Account payable to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International in the amount of \$ _____ from my plan trustee/administrator,

(NAME OF PLAN TRUSTEE/ADMINISTRATOR)

It is my intent to comply with Sec. 408(d)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, in connection with this gift. Accordingly, upon your receipt of payment from my trustee/administrator, please send me a written acknowledgement that states the amount of my gift, that no goods or services were transferred to me by your organization in consideration for this gift, and that my gift will not be placed in a donor advised fund or supporting organization, nor will it fund a life income agreement.

I intend that this gift be allocated to:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Endowment Fund – World Fund; | <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Fund – World Fund |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Endowment Fund – SHARE | <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Fund – SHARE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Endowment Fund – Rotary Peace Centers; | <input type="checkbox"/> Area of Focus _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PolioPlus | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, to be discussed. |

Gifts to Annual Fund or PolioPlus are eligible for Paul Harris Fellow recognition

Sincerely,

PRINTED PLAN OWNER NAME

ROTARY ID NUMBER

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

TELEPHONE NUMBER(S)

E-MAIL ADDRESS/FACSIMILE NUMBER