



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

HANSON ELEMENTARY INSPIRE CHOIR

Today, Rock Island Rotary was treated to one of our favorite programs as the Inspire Choir from Earl Hanson Elementary School made their annual visit to our club. As joyous as the occasion was, it also had a sad side. Inspire Choir founder and long time director, Jean Mercer is retiring at the end of the current school year. We thank her for the many years of dedicated service to the school and to the hundreds of children she has impacted. As Earl Hanson's music instructor and we sincerely thank her for the many years she has brought the Inspire Choir to our Rotary meetings. She will be greatly missed!

Once again the Inspire Choir put on a wonderful program for Rock Island Rotary. For the most part we'll let pictures tell the story, but will note that the program included the following selections: *Champions One and All*, *I Want to Do Somethin that Shows I was Here*, *Count on Me*, *Touch the Future*, *Pass it Along*, *Power of Music* (words set to Beethoven's 5th Symphony), *Ripples of Kindness*, *Agents of Change*, and our favorite, *R-O-T-A-R-Y*. Mrs. Mercer stated that the whole idea of the Inspire Choir was to be inspirational to both listeners and singers and to spread positive thoughts through music. The choir practices once each week after school. Mrs. Mercer said she has met her successor and has very high hopes that the Inspire Choir will continue into the future and hopefully will be back with us next year.

April – May Calendar

- Apr 30 - Dan Coyne Logan – Edison Elementary Principal
- 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





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Club Notes & Announcements!

□ **WELCOME GUESTS!** Rock Island Rotary had many guests at today's meeting. Karen Phillips attended to witness presentation of the A.T. Peara Award to husband, John Phillips. Dianne Phillis, wife of Bud Phillis attended as did Hilde Wray, Sam Wray's wife. Virginia Johnson attended with husband Don Johnson. Kathy Lelonek. Visiting Rotarians included Deanna Jensen-Valliere from the North Scott Club and good friend Duncan Cameron from the Naples, Florida Club. Our exchange daughter Chio Rebolledo was in attendance along with Rocky Junior Rotarians Grant Florence and Madeline Lelonek and Alleman Jr. Rotarians Giang Le and Carly Boens. Guests are always welcome at the **Number One Club**, Rock Island Rotary!

□ **BE A WALKER, RUNNER, OR HELPER** for our 2019 Rotary Ramble on Sunday, April 28th. 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. 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!

□ **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, a beautiful Larry Tadlock ash bowl, and wine from the Lo Milani cellar. The first lucky ticket was held by John Daly who snatch up the Tadlock bowl. Speed however wasn't necessary since John also had the second winning ticket. He took the cash and donated it to the Rotary Foundation. The final winning number was in the hands of PDG Ruth Lee (a wine lover) and she took home Lo Milani's finest! Thanks to all who participated. Proceeds from our raffle go to the Rotary International Foundation.

IT'S BIRTHDAY BOOKS THIS THURSDAY!

Join the fun this Thursday as Rotarians hand out books to Earl Hanson students having a birthday in April. Please arrive at 2:15 and be prepared to smile! The kids love getting books they can take home and they also enjoy meeting Rotarians and sharing juice and cookies as part of the celebration. It only takes about 45 minutes of your time and is a fantastic way to be part of a rewarding and important service project. Meet Molly Hammer at the school and be prepared to autograph books!



HAVE YOU INVITED A GUEST LATELY?

FOUNDATION MINUTE

It takes more than installing sanitation facilities for a water and sanitation project to succeed in the long term. It's also important to cultivate healthy habits. Good hygiene practices can reduce diseases such as cholera, dysentery, and pneumonia by nearly 50%. Washing hands with soap can save lives.

The Rotary Club of Box Hill Central, Victoria Australia, facilitates Operation Toilets, a program that builds toilets and delivers sanitation education to schools in developing countries including India and Ethiopia. The group constructs separate facilities for boys and girls to ensure privacy, and Rotary members teach students how to wash their hands with soap. Workers in each school are instructed in how to maintain the facilities.

In the Philippines, the Rotary Club of Puchong Centennial Malaysia sponsored several speakers to instruct students about oral hygiene, hand washing and the importance of frequent bathing. After each presentation, students were given kits that included toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, combs and other toiletries.

And in the United States, members from the Rotary Club of Ithaca in Ithaca, New York, visit schools within their district to instruct youngsters about the importance of handwashing and how to effectively wash their hands.

Your contribution to The Rotary Foundation enables this to happen. Giving to the Foundation is much easier – just go to rotary.org/donate,

Thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSATT LEADS THE WAY!



Past District Governor, Ruth Lee had the honor today of presenting President Sue Cassatt with a Paul Harris Fellow pin and certificate. Some time back, Sue opted to sign up for automatic withdrawals from her bank account. Even a small amount set aside each pay period adds up fast. Our club contributes \$400 once you reach \$600 in donations to put you over the \$1,000 Paul Harris threshold. Sue stated that achieving Paul Harris Fellow status was easy and painless with her automatic withdrawal plan and that she looks forward to adding +1 and +2 Fellowships in the future. Congratulations Sue, and thanks for your leadership and generous support of the Rotary International Foundation!

JOHN PHILLIPS RECEIVES A.T. PEARA AWARD

Last week our club hosted the Annual Rotary Awards Luncheon. When it came time to present our highest and most prestigious award, 2019 recipient was hundreds of miles away attending his daughter's college music concert and then traveling on to visit his son. Non-the-less, John Phillip's dedication to Rotary and to Service Above Self earned him the prestigious PEARA Award announced in absentia last week. The award is given to the Rock Island Rotary member who best personifies the lofty ideals of Rotary International. It is a once in a lifetime award and adds John's name to an incredible list of past recipients, first awarded to A.T. PEARA thirty-eight years ago. John is a Paul Harris Fellow and served as our Club president for the 2015-16 Rotary year. John currently serves on our Club Foundation Committee serving as Development Chair. John's wife, Karen was on hand to witness the presentation. Congratulations John on a well-deserved honor!



THIS FRIDAY!

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**

THIS SUNDAY



- **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.** ****