



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

BERT BLOOD SCHOLARSHIPS

Today, in memory of Rock Island Rotarian, Bert Blood, our club presented scholarships and heard presentations from an area 4-H high school student and a former 4-H member now attending Augustana College. Albert M. "Bert" Blood, was born in 1870 on a farm near Cambridge, Illinois, graduated from Iowa's Cornell college and then the University of Chicago. Professionally, Bert was Superintendent of Schools in Tiskilwa and Park Ridge, Illinois for 17 years, and served as President of the Cook County Teachers Association and as Secretary of the Educational Council of Cook County. In 1917, he opened the A.M. Blood Co., a school supply business in Rock Island. He became a Rock Island Rotary Club member in 1920 and served as our club's honorary president during 1969-70. Bert chaired the agricultural committee of the Rock Island Chamber of Commerce. Although an urban businessman, Bert never lost touch with his rural roots. He organized our club's annual Rural/Urban program up to his death, at age 101 in 1972. Bert not only challenging 4-H students to academic excellence, but also worked to ensure that Rock Island Rotary kept in touch with our dependence on rural production and supply. To honor his 101 years of life and preserve his rural legacy, our Club established a \$101 memorial scholarship in 1973 awarded annually to a college bound high school student who, in the eyes of our club's judges, presented the best 4-H project. As tuition costs increased and with the help of Rock Island County's 4-H Foundation, the program was expanded, and funding increased. Today we presented a \$1,500 scholarship to Sarah Saddoris, a student at Riverdale High School and member of The Buccaneers 4-H Club. Sarah plans to attend Fontbonne University in St. Louis majoring in Elementary Education. We also presented a \$500 scholarship to Maya Chavez a former 4-H member now attending Augustana College majoring in International Business; and a \$500 scholarship to Brittany Olson, a sophomore at Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids majoring in Animal Science. Brittany plans to transfer to Iowa State University next year. The program began with Jenny Garner, County Director, University of Illinois Extension, Milan Office providing a quick update on the Extension Service. Her comments are detailed on page 3. Two student presentations were made. The first by Sarah Saddoris who reviewed her active high school life at Riverdale High School. She worked on the Homecoming committee all four years, participated in the Dress Up Days designed to build school spirit. She was a 4 year member of the golf team and captain her senior year, a 3 year member of the softball team, 4 year member of the basketball team, and 1 year member of the track team. She noted that each activity helped develop her leadership skills. She is active in FFA, attending state and national conventions and was an AG Day presenter. She is President of her 4-H Club and previously held virtually every other office. She has frequently spoken on, "What 4-H Has Done for Me". She also has shown animals including calves, pigs, and horses. Sarah says the most important lesson all of this has taught her is, "Don't procrastinate!" Our second student speaker was Maya Chavez, a first year student at Augustana College. She spoke on the impact 4-H has had on her life. She noted that credits earned in high school allowed her to finish the Freshman year at Augie in half a year and she is now a sophomore in her second semester of college. She said 4-H was a huge influence in her life. She joined 4-H in 5th grade and remained active through high school. She got involved in "Teens As Teachers" and the "Teen Hunger Program", organizing and leading fundraisers. She also has served as a 4-H Ambassador to the Illinois Legislature and worked with Senator Neal Anderson's office. She said 4-H taught her self discipline, organizational and communication skills. She speaks Chinese and is learning Japanese and Korean. She is looking forward to studying in Japan and China as part of her college career. Our third scholarship recipient, Brittany Olson, is currently away at college and was unable to attend today. Her scholarship documents will be sent to her.



Bert Blood at 100 Years Old

April - May Calendar

- 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 Heirich--Empower House
- May 28 - Figge Art Museum

(See Blood Scholarship photo display, page 5)



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Club Notes & Announcements!

☐ **WELCOME GUESTS!** Rock Island Rotary numerous guests to today's meeting. Sheila Guse and Chris Elsberg both members of the Rock Island 4-H Foundation Board joined us along with high school scholarship recipient Sarah Saddoris and family members Amy Saddoris, Michael Saddoris, Emily Saddoris, and Yvonne Pettit; and college scholarship recipient, Maya Chavez and family members Jose Chavez and Michelle Chavez. Alleman Jr. Rotarian Carly Boens also attended today's meeting. Wendy Bezotte representing Royal Family Kids attended as a guest of the Community Grants Committee. Mary Macumber Schmidt from the Davenport Club was our only visiting Rotarian today. Guests are always welcome at Rock Island Rotary!

☐ **MARK YOUR CALENDAR – Next Tuesday is our Rotary Awards Banquet.** It is an event you don't want to miss! Special keynote speaker plus awards for students, community members and Rotary Club colleagues. The meeting will start promptly at 12:00 noon with dining beginning at 11:30am. Please arrive early!

☐ **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.

☐ **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 and wine from the Lo Milani cellar. Dr. Larry Tadlock once again held the first lucky ticket and took the Milani Wine. The second ticket was held by Steve Morenz, who claimed the cash! Thanks to all who participated. Proceeds from our raffle go to the Rotary International Foundation.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS EXTENSION, MILAN OFFICE



Jenny Garner, County Director, University of Illinois Extension, Milan Office provided an update on Extension programs. The Illinois Nutrition Education Programs (INEP) provides nutrition education to individuals and families in communities around the state of Illinois. Healthy choices are not always the easy choices, especially on a limited budget. This is why the program focus is on reaching participants where they are in their own communities. Through nutrition and cooking classes, interactive displays, and online resources, knowledge is provided, and they teach the skills necessary to help them make healthier meals, spend their food budgets effectively, and make healthy living a natural part of their day. Garner noted that 15,000 residents of our area are under nourished. She also reported that 4-H impact now reaches 19,000 youth in our area.

FOUNDATION MINUTE

In response to emergency relief, The Rotary Foundation recently established a new support fund to receive contributions for disasters that strike around the world. Entitled the Rotary Disaster Response Fund, staff in Programs and Grants will reach out to the affected areas and their districts to assess the need and desire for funding. Upon a qualified response - much like a district grant - the affected district will be awarded funding in increments of up to \$25,000, consulting the TRF chair as needed. Only districts in the affected country may request a grant. These districts can apply for more than one grant and should some of the allocation not be used – the funds will be returned to the Disaster Fund. Should requests exceed available funds, the General Secretary of RI will triage requests until additional funds are available.

(The fund will accept DDF contributions and those in cash will be credited towards a club's Annual Giving Goal and per capita giving calculations. However, the donations will NOT apply to SHARE or the DDF calculation.)

Your contribution to The Rotary Foundation and their new fund exemplifies RI's mission to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional and community leaders. Giving to the Foundation is easy – just go to rotary.org/donate, Thank you.

ROCK ISLAND ROTARY SUPPORTS TO ROYAL FAMILY KIDS



Community Grants Committee chairman, Frank Lambert presented a \$500 check to Wendy Bezotte of Royal Family Kids. The motto of Royal Family Kids is "Confronting Abuse. Changing Lives. Transforming Communities". Bezotte is Executive Director of the Quad Cities Chapter of RFK. Each summer Royal Family Kids provides a week long summer camp for abused children ages 6-12, who, for their own protection have been moved into the Foster Care system. Campers are royalty! During camp week, each camper can expect to be treated like a king or a queen. The children have many activity options, including frequent swimming, various sports, fishing, crafts, a royal tea party, and various evening activities, which include drama, singing, and getting to show their talents in the annual Spotlight Night. All are designed to be successful confidence building experiences.

Royal Family Kids provides a "family" environment with "Aunts & Uncles" and "Grandmas & Grandpas". Bezotte says their volunteers love serving at camp and span from age 16 all the way up to 70! All receive extensive training in working with children who have backgrounds of abuse and neglect and are background checked. The camp's goal is to treat these children like "Royalty", encourage self-esteem and self-worth, and to let them know that people do care and want to help. Our donation of \$500 will be used to provide two tee shirts for each camper who will also receive a photo album of their experiences at camp and a duffle bag for taking home their gifts and apparel.

Next week's meeting, April 16th, Rotary Awards Luncheon, will start serving food at 11:30 and the program will start sharply at noon. Thanks.

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**

BERT BLOOD SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS



L to R : John Wetzel, Sue Cassatt, Maya Chavez, Sarah Saddoris, Jenny Garner



President Cassatt presents scholarship to Maya Chavez

President Cassatt presents scholarship to Sarah Saddoris



Maya Chavez and Sarah Saddoris, 2019 recipients of the Rock Island Rotary Club's Bert Blood Scholarships. Maya is a first-year student at Augustana College majoring in International Business. She plans to study in East Asia and has been approved for a month's study in Japan next January. In the future she hopes to study in China and Korea. Sarah Saddoris is a senior at Riverdale High School. She plans to attend Fontbonne University in St. Louis majoring in Education. She hopes to become a middle school consumer science teacher. Scholarship recipient Brittany Olson, a sophomore at Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids majoring in Animal Science. was unable to attend today's meeting. Brittany plans to transfer to Iowa State University next year to continue her studies.



- **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.** ****