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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

DAN COYNE LOGAN HANSON ELEMENTARY



Today Earl Hanson Elementary principal, Dan Coyne-Logan was guest speaker at Rock Island Rotary. As leader of our “adopted” school, Mr. Logan provides an annual update on the school, its needs and its accomplishments.

Prior to starting his comments, Rotary made a presentation of our own. Molly Shattuck presented Mr. Logan with a check for \$3,685 raised at our last Rotary Trivia Night. Molly noted that 100% of our Tricia Night proceeds is annually directed to support Earl Hanson school. The money will be used for two new rugs for Hanson’s kindergarten rooms and to provide field trips for students in all grades. Mr. Logan expressed his

great appreciation and noted that with 74% of his student population being low income, many would be unable to experience field trips without Rotary’s help. He also mentioned that the demographics of the school somewhat mirror our country. 35.3% are white, 30.2% black, 16.5% Asian, 13.6% multi-racial, and 4.6% Latino. Logan announced that on June 1st the last day students and staff will be in the building, a project to construct a new secure entrance to the building will begin. Hopefully, it will be completed by August 1st when staff returns for the 2019-20 school year. Mr. Logan explained that Hanson Elementary houses the district’s Gifted Program and the district’s Behavioral Disorders program meaning that many of the schools 390 students are bussed to the school each day. He stated that teaching these days involves far more than reading, writing, and arithmetic. Students bring to school all of the stress and environmental issues they experience in their homes and neighborhoods. Teachers now receive advanced training in teaching coping skills and providing nurture and support for children that may not receive positive influences outside the school. Principal Logan then showed an interesting video regarding “ACES” (Adverse Childhood Experiences) which detailed how human brains develop and how they are influenced by both genes and environment. The crux of the message was that we all experience adverse childhood experiences. Some of us are fortunate to have had strong support and nurture that taught us how to cope with adversity. Unfortunately many children today lack such support and do not develop coping abilities. They tend to freeze, flee, or fight. Mr. Logan pointed out that punishing a child for displaying neurological symptoms of “ACES” does not cause improvement in the child’s conduct. In fact it may just add another adverse experience. Logan stated that his teachers are schooled to react with compassion and to provide support and nurture to help the child learn to cope with adversity. He also noted that at times it is extremely challenging for the teacher to stay calm and react appropriately when a student displays disrespectful or bad conduct. When asked what schools can do about the outside environment issues the children face, Mr. Logan mentioned that Earl Hanson offers a number of free, before and after school activities including homework help, Inspire Choir, free hot breakfast/lunch programs, before and after-school childcare programs, ballet, yoga, Lego Club, Karen School, Art Club, Technology Club and two days each week a food pantry in cooperation with the Riverbend Food Bank. Mr. Logan stated that Earl Hanson’s goal is to create confident, compassionate, life-long learners and leaders. The priorities at Earl Hanson and Rock Island – Milan School District 41 are to 1) Increase student achievement 2) Build Respectful Relationships and 3) Improve Operations. Once again Mr. Logan’s visit provided ample evidence that our partnership with Earl Hanson School is in good hands! Thanks for a great program.

April – May Calendar

- 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
- June 4 - TBA
- June 11- TBA
- June 18 - TBA

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Club Notes & Announcements!

□ **WELCOME GUESTS!** Rock Island Rotary greeted several guests at today's meeting. Amelie Hyhsok visiting from Germany was a guest of Kathy Lelonek. Rock Island Junior Rotarians Madeline Lelonek and Grant Florence attended along with our exchange daughter Chio Rebolledo. Visiting Rotarians included our good friends, Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport Club and Duncan Cameron from the Naples, Florida Club. Guests are always welcome at the **Number One Club**, Rock Island Rotary! Invite a friend or colleague to next week's meeting!

□ **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!

TWO NEW PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Foundation chairman, Bud Phillis had the privilege of presenting two new Paul Harris Fellow awards to Frank Lambert. Frank established the awards in honor of his son, Alexander Lambert, and daughter, Karen Wagner. Alex and Karen both live in the Des Moines area and grew up witnessing their father's dedication and support for Rotary ever since he joined our club in 1985. Congratulations Frank!



FOUNDATION RAFFLE REPORT



Today's raffle featured cash and wine from the Lo Milani cellar. The first lucky ticket was held by Howard Beck. He took the cash and donated it to the Rotary Foundation. Howard's generosity was rewarded when his name was called once again, giving him a great bottle of Lo Milani's finest wine for his dinner table! Thanks to all who participated. Proceeds from our raffle go to the Rotary International Foundation.

JEFF DISMER IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Today's Rotarian Spotlight featured Jeff Dismer who joined Rock Island Rotary in 1997. Jeff is a hometown Rock Island boy, born and raised here and a graduate of Rock Island High School. He is a practicing architect and a principal in Studio 483 Architects. The firm is a regional business serving central Illinois and Iowa. Jeff said his firm traces its roots back to the 1800s. More recently Jeff, along with his firm, designed such well known landmarks as The Mark (now the TaxSlayer Center), the new Rock Island Police Station, the IMAX Theater, and the Quad City Airport addition. Jeff served two terms as Rock Island Rotary president and for the past 8 years has been our Youth Exchange Officer. Exchange is his passion, having hosted 7 inbounds and sent 3 sons, a niece and nephew as outbounds.



FOUNDATION MINUTE

Rotary makes high-quality health care available to vulnerable mothers and children, so they can live longer and grow stronger. Rotarians work to access quality care, so mothers and children everywhere can have the same opportunities for a healthy future. An estimated 5.9 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate health care and poor sanitation – all of which can be prevented.

Haiti has the highest maternal and infant mortality rate of any country in the western hemisphere. Rotary provided a fully equipped medical jeep to volunteers and midwives to reach mothers and children in remote areas.

In Chennai, India, where there is a high mortality rate of women with breast and cervical cancer due to a late diagnosis, Rotarians provided a mobile cancer screening unit and awareness training.

And in Nigeria, rotary members launched a \$3 million, five -year pilot program to save the lives of mothers and children during home deliveries. Since 2005, they've also repaired 1,500 obstetric fistulas restoring dignity and hope to vulnerable mothers.

Your contribution to the rotary foundation enables this to happen. Giving to the foundation is much easier – just go to www.rotary.org/donate.

Thank you

ROTARY RAMBLE RUNNERS ENJOY BEAUTIFUL WEATHER, GREAT FOOD, AND PRIZES GALORE!

Sunday was the day of our first Rotary Ramble 5K Run/Walk held in Rock Island. Previously the race had been held on North Shore Drive in Moline in the month of December. With a new date and venue, attendance suffered a bit, but Chairman Mike Locander promised that the race would grow and be bigger and better next year. Rotarians were prominent in administering the race, preparing and serving delicious breakfast selections after the race, and participating as runners and walkers.



SPEAKING OF EARL HANSON, WHO WAS HE?

We adopted the school named in his honor, but how many of us know who he was or why a school has his name. Well, here is what our research found. Earl Hanson died in August of 1968 at age 69. He was a long-time superintendent of our Rock Island schools. Hanson was born in Chicago, graduated from high school in Des Moines and received his degree from Augustana College in 1923. He later enrolled in Augustana Theological Seminary. He married Rose L. Anderson in 1924. Mr. Hanson was hired in 1925 to teach history and coach the debate teams at Rock Island High School. Two years later he was named superintendent of Orion High School. He held that post for two years until he was named principal at Rock Island High School. In 1933 he obtained his master's degree from Columbia University in New York and four years later was named superintendent in Rock Island. He retired in 1966 and the same year was named the Quad-Cities Man of the Year. He served as Rock Island Superintendent for 29 years. For all he achieved in the schools, he may have been an even bigger community servant. According to his obituary he was: Chairman and president of the Rock Island Community Chest; President of the Rock Island YMCA board; Rock Island County Heart Fund chairman; Member of the board of the Family Service; Member of the board of the Rock Island County Boys Farm Home; President of the Rock Island County Tuberculosis Assn.; Member of the board of the Tri-City Symphony Assn.; Chairman of the Rock Island County Christmas Seal Sales; Vice President of the Illinois Welfare Assn.; First president of the Hauberg Civic Center Advisory Committee; A leader in all World War II bond drives; President of the Illinois Education Assn.; President of the Illinois Assn of School Administrators; Chairman of the National Council for Accreditation for Teacher Education; President of the Rock Island Kiwanis Club; President of the Augustana Alumni Assn. where he received an Outstanding Service Award and an honorary doctorate of laws degree; Vice chairman of the Augustana board of directors and chairman of the board's executive committee. Hanson held a doctor of letters degree from Marycrest College. He also wrote many educational articles as well as other articles that appeared in the Saturday Evening Post and Reader's Digest. Sound like someone who ought to have a school named for him? That's exactly what we did in 1971, when the doors opened at Earl H. Hanson Elementary School. I think he would be very proud of his namesake school and the wonderful principal and staff that make it truly a Rock Island treasure.



CHAMPION – Tony Mital

MORE ROTARY RAMBLE

<u>Order of Finish</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Order of Finish</u>	<u>Time</u>
Tony Mital	21:50	Jean Bermel	36:39
Chris Glass	22:22	Nancy Wilson	36:41
Allison Kapp	22:33	Erin Mahr	38:00
Jennifer Thomas	24:15	Lisa Weber	39:27
Axel Bransmeier	25:29	Chris Cashion	39:51
		Sarah Horr	45:22
		Sue Cassatt	47:50
		Erin Gehn	47:54
		Bob Cassatt	47:56
		Jennifer Schroder	47:56
		Cori Deboever	49:08
		Tricia Barron	49:59
		Sheila Barron	50:08
		Lisa Lockhart	56:47
		Kim Calhoun	56:50
		Sarah McGlynn	57:36
		Shawn Kilty	57:39