



# Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

## Fresh Films

Fresh Films began as an after school program in Chicago, and now with help of corporate sponsors and the Internet, Fresh Films has grown into a nation-wide competition that attracts thousands of kids. They all want a chance to make a short feature film in one week. Today's guest speaker was Kelli Feigley, Founder & Managing Director of Fresh Films. Fresh Films is a dynamic hands-on program that engages diverse teenagers to work on a film set. Mentored by pros & college students, teens collaborate as they rotate through all film positions gaining significant confidence, tech skills and 21st century skills (leadership, teamwork, problem solving). The resulting EMMY quality films and shows are released in theatres, on DVD, online, on TV, at schools and internationally with funds from distribution reinvested to support more youth programming. Students call Fresh Films "AWESOME" "SO COOL" and "BEST WEEK EVER"! But at it's core, Fresh Films is an experiential learning experience that develops creative problem solvers, hard-workers, team players and digitally-adept leaders all through the fun and relevancy of film. And with hundreds of STEAM careers in the \$650 billion dollar media industry, Fresh Films is an opportunity to transform how youth think of science, technology and their future. In 2016 Fresh Films, a working film studio relocated from Chicago to Augustana. Fresh Films travels to cities around the country to film episodes of its popular kids' science show, **Detectives Club**. In each city, local teenagers work on-set and alongside professionals to learn the skills of filmmaking. Augustana students work with the teenagers and professional crew as paid interns. In it's first year at Augustana, Fresh Films hired 13 Augustana interns who worked in several positions, some based on campus and others on location and on the road with the crew. Ms. Feigley showed two videos demonstrating the work Fresh Films produces. One was a "teaser" for an upcoming PBS documentary made by Fresh Films titled "I AM ABLE". It chronicles several "disabled" youth and illustrates how with proper nurture and professional leadership those often considered "disabled" are very able to achieve and be successful. The second video was a brief look at a documentary about Gi Gi's Play House. Fresh Films is based at Augustana, but in addition to the Quad Cities also films in Chicago, Minneapolis and New Jersey. Their goal is to inspire teens, expose them to career opportunities, and teach technical skills. They view their production studio as a training ground for junior high, high school and college students. Fresh Films uses the fun of film to connect with teens to build their technical skills as well as their ability to problem solve, work-hard, communicate and be a leader. Feigley stated that 53% of their participants are female and 55% are youth of color. Teens do not need previous experience, and the program is free. Program partners include the Creative Arts Academy and Boys & Girls Clubs of the Mississippi Valley. Kelli's enthusiasm was evident in this fast paced and very interesting presentation. What a great opportunity for area kids!



Kelli Feigley

### May – June Calendar

- May 14 - Kelli Feigley, Fresh Films
- May 21 - 11:30 am Prior to our meeting community unveiling of Spring Forward's new 15-passenger van at the QC Botanical Center parking lot, Rotarians invited!
- May 21 - Missy Heirich--Empower House
- May 28 - Figge Art Museum
- June 4 - TBA
- June 11 - TBA
- June 18 - TBA
- June 25 - President Sue Cassatt
- July 2 - New President Mark Mayeski



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## Officers

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Carrie Crossen, Treasurer  
Bruce Peterson, Past Pres.  
Bob Swanson, Sergeant at Arms

## 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  
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Justin Peterson  
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## Club Notes & Announcements!

□ **WELCOME GUESTS!** Rock Island Rotary greeted several guests at today's meeting. Our exchange daughter "Chio" Rebolledo attended, as did Rock Island Junior Rotarians Ana Jacobs and Blake McKillip and Alleman Jr. Rotarian, Aaron Mickelson. Virginia Johnson, wife of Don Peterson was Don's guest and our lone visiting Rotarian this week was Duncan Cameron from the Naples, Florida Club. Guests are always welcome at the **Number One Club**, Rock Island Rotary!

□ **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!

□ **SPRING FORWARD'S NEW 15-PASSENGER VAN** community unveiling at 11:30am prior to our May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting at the Botanical Center parking lot. Our Club made the initial contribution to make this purchase possible. Rotarians are urged to come for the unveiling and photo. See the Rotary emblem proudly displayed on the van!

□ **DISTRICT 6420 DISTRICT CONFERENCE** is this Friday and Saturday in historic Galena. Still time to decide to go. They won't turn you away if you show up! Our Club will reimburse \$50 of fees for those that go. There are lots of great activities and sessions, plus all the quaint shops and history in Galena. Come join the fun!

□ **Have Items for our Newsletter?** Email to [bobdebswanson@att.net](mailto: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 a 50/50 cash drawing and bottle of fine wine from the Lo Milani cellar. The first lucky ticket was again held by Exchange daughter Chio who gladly accepted the cash. The second lucky winner taking a great bottle of Lo Milani's finest wine was Bud Phillis. Proceeds from our raffle go to the Rotary International Foundation. **Thanks to all who participated!**

## FRANK LAMBERT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Frank Lambert was our featured Rotarian at today's meeting. Frank joined our club in 1985 and has served two terms as our club president. He has served on many club committees and is our current Community Grants Committee chairman. Frank was born in Eliza, Illinois and spent his youth living and working on the family farm, which was homesteaded by his Great, Great Grandfather in 1847. His mother was a teacher for over 40 years, and his father, with the exception of 4 years during World War II when he served as an aviation mechanic, farmed. Frank's sister also had a 40-year career as a teacher. His brother, like Frank, is an accountant. Frank attended Westmer High School in Joy, Illinois. He received his degree in accounting from Western Illinois University and made his first career move accepting a position with Seymore Golden at Peat, Marwick & Mitchell in Rock Island. After four years there, Frank got into banking and worked for many of our local banks in a long and highly regarded career, his last stop being with the Andalusia Bank. He currently is a "seasonal" employee of Tom Hammar & Associates. Frank has been married to wife Joyce for 44 years and has two grown children, Erin and Alex, and four grandchildren. He is most proud of having established 10 Paul Harris Fellows with our club. Rock Island Rotary is fortunate to have members such as Frank Lambert. Thanks for sharing a bit of your life with us!

## FOUNDATION MINUTE

Rotary International is a global organization that operates in nearly every country in the world and deals in twenty-nine (29) currencies. Rotary takes stewardship of its funds very seriously. Money is spent on life-changing, sustainable grants, as well as programs and services that support its members' transformative work. Three billion dollars have been invested in thousands of projects over the past 100 years.

Rotary International is a member organization and is overseen by its Board of Directors. As a separate part of RI, the Rotary Foundation is organized as a public charity operating exclusively for charitable purposes and is governed by a Board of Trustees. RI and TRF are both tax-exempt organizations. (The former is new for RI)

The headquarters of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation are in Evanston, Illinois, USA. There are associate foundations in Australia, Brazil, Canada, German, India, Japan and the United Kingdom.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO OUR CLUB BY-LAWS

Since adding corporate memberships wherein one representative is named "primary member" and others "alternate" members a few questions have arisen. Rotary International has us list only the primary member on their official roster of members. Alternate members have all benefits of participating in club activities and projects, but other aspects of their membership are limited by International rules. Our corporate membership program has been very successful and popular. We've gained a number of outstanding colleagues and many have become quite active in our club. Therefore, to provide an understandable path for alternate members to become Club officers, and to gain full International privileges, the following amendment to Article 13, Section 2 of our By-laws has been recommended by our Board.:

***An alternate member may elect to pay, either personally or through the corporate sponsor, the cost of district and Rotary International dues, and by doing so will be recognized as an International Rotary member. This includes establishment of a My Rotary account and recognition of foundation contributions. In order to hold Club office, an alternate member may convert to an individual active membership by paying the International, District, and Club dues.***

Changing the club bylaws requires sending written notice to each member 10 days before the meeting, having a quorum present for the vote, and having two-thirds of the votes support the change. This is our official notice to members.

## HAVE YOU LET PRESIDENT-ELECT MARK MAYESKI KNOW?

What committees would you like to serve on for next year? Those that volunteer will very likely get their preference, those that fail to respond will be put where help is needed. If you have a preference, email Mark Immediately at [markmayeski@hotmail.com](mailto:markmayeski@hotmail.com). Here are the committees available\*:

Program Committee (weekly speakers)	Membership Committee
Community Grants (formerly Budget Priorities) Committee	Salvation Army Bellringing Committee
Bert Blood Scholarships Committee	Fund Raising Committees
Youth Exchange Committee	Literacy Committee
RIHS Entrepreneurship/Enterprise Class Committee	Invocations Committee
Pumpkin Patch Committee	Global Projects Committee
Nominating Committee	Public Image Committee
Interact/Ryla Committee	Rotaract Committee
Earlyact Committee	Blood Drive Committee
Awards Luncheon Committee	Fun Committee
Rotary International Foundation Committee	RI Rotary Club Foundation Committee
Earl Hanson Partnership Committee	Rotary Ramble Committee
Food Pantry Committee	Dueling Piano's Committee

\*Committees may be combined, deleted, or new ones added depending on Club needs and interests. Give Mark several options by suggesting two or three that you would be interested in joining. Reply NOW!

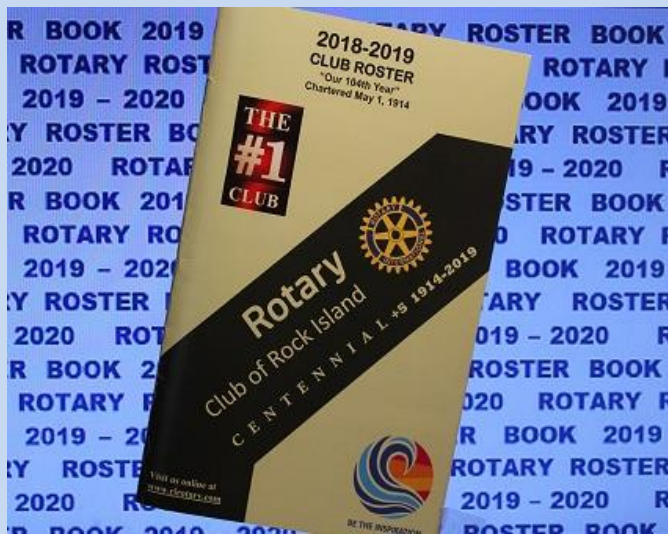


## IT'S BIRDIES TIME!

The John Deere Classic PGA Tournament is just two months away, so it is time for our annual Birdies for Charity Campaign!. Pledge sheets are available from chairman, Kevin Koski, and at the Sergeant at Arms table. All money pledged will go to our local Rock Island Rotary Club Foundation which funds projects solely for the benefit of Rock Island and our citizens. If you plan to support the Club Foundation, pledging your contribution through the Birdies program means that John Deere will add a matching contribution to your own donation, making your gift even larger!. Last year the Club raised over \$5,000 through Birdies. So, get your form, fill it out. You also have a chance to win our Club's \$50 best guess prize or even the John Deere Classic's new car grand prize!

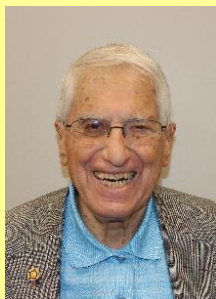


## TIME FOR OUR ROTARY ROSTER BOOK UPDATE



In preparation for the new Rotary year starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be updating our Club roster book. Every member should have received a proof of the photo and information we currently have for you. Over half the club has already sent a reply email confirming everything is okay or indicating any changes that are needed. If you have not yet responded, please do so asap! For members that need a photo or want a new photo, Bob Swanson will take photos before and/or after our remaining May club meetings. Everything goes to the printer on June 15<sup>th</sup>, so please reply quickly.

## CONGRATULATIONS STAN!



This week Rotarian Stan Coin celebrated two milestones. First he completed his 67<sup>th</sup> year as a Rock Island Rotarian and secondly he welcomed into the world his first great grandchild! In celebration of the two events, Stan made a \$100 donation to the Rock Island Rotary Club Foundation. Congratulations Stan, your dedicated membership, weekly attendance, and generosity is an inspiration to all of us!

## CONGRATULATIONS HOWARD!



In celebration of his work anniversary, Illinois Casualty Company made a donation in honor of Rotarian Howard Beck, purchasing a water filter unit for our Kenya water project. Howard then made his own donation and purchased a second filter unit. Their generosity will supply 140 children with safe drinking water for the next 3 years! Congratulations to Howard and Illinois Casualty Company.

**REMEMBER, COME EARLY NEXT WEEK. MEET IN THE PARKING LOT AT 11:30 FOR THE COMMUNITY UNVEILING OF THE SPRING FORWARD 15-PASSENGER VAN. ROTARY MADE THE LEAD DONATION FOR PURCHASING THE VAN!**