



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

**FIGGE
ART MUSEUM**

Guest speaker at Rotary today was Renata Peck from The Figge Art Museum. The Figge, as it is commonly known, serves as the major art museum for the eastern Iowa and western Illinois region. The Figge works closely with several regional universities and colleges as

an art resource and collections hub for a number of higher education programs. The current facility opened on August 6, 2005, and is the renamed successor to the Davenport Museum of Art, which was opened on October 10, 1928, as the Davenport Municipal Art Gallery. The museum has its roots in the Davenport Art Association, which was founded before February 23, 1878, and was re-located on November 15, 1889, to the Bianca Wheeler art studio. The Figge Art Museum is one of the oldest art institutions in the country and is considered the first municipal art gallery in the United States. The new building was designed by Stirling Prize-winning Modernist British architect David Chipperfield. It was Chipperfield's first architectural commission in the United States. The Figge Art Museum gets its name from the V.O. and Elizabeth Kahl Figge Foundation, which donated \$13 million towards its \$47 million construction. The Figge family, a local banking family of Swiss origin, has a long tradition of philanthropy and cultural enrichment. The first pieces of its collections were donated by Davenport community leader Charles Ficke (1850–1931), a successful lawyer and former mayor, who collected art from around the world. Robert E. Harsche, then Director of the Art Institute of Chicago, reported that to his knowledge no American public art gallery had "started out with so large a number of important paintings as a nucleus." The museum has over 4,000 works of art, ranging from the 16th century to the present, and is best known for its extensive collection of Haitian, Colonial Mexican and Midwestern art, particularly pieces by Thomas Hart Benton, Marvin Cone and Grant Wood, including the only self-portrait Wood ever painted. In 1990, Grant Wood's estate, which included his personal effects and various works of art, became the property of the Figge Art Museum through his sister Nan Wood Graham, the woman portrayed in American Gothic. The institution also houses a substantial American collection (including works by Albert Bierstadt, James McNeill Whistler, William Merritt Chase, Winslow Homer, Andrew Wyeth, Ansel Adams, Andy Warhol, Robert Rauschenberg and Jasper Johns), European art (including work by artists such as Albrecht Dürer, Rembrandt, Claude Lorrain, Francisco Goya, Sir Thomas Lawrence, Sir Joshua Reynolds, Sir Henry Raeburn, Toulouse-Lautrec and Pierre-Auguste Renoir), and works from East Asia (with pieces by Hokusai, Hiroshige and Kunisada). As owners of Grant Wood's estate, the museum is also home to the Grant Wood Archives, and received substantial support from The Henry Luce Foundation for the conservation of these archives. The museum exhibits an important collection of pieces by Frank Lloyd Wright, the American architect and designer from the Midwest. Ms. Peck reported that the Figge had 110,000 visitors last year including 36,000 from 47 states that came for the special exhibition of French Modern Art. In addition to displaying art the Figge hosts education classes for adults and children, conducts outreach programs with Augustana College and area elementary schools, and hosts a gift shop, family activity center, an auditorium, and a café. Members were treated to free one day passes.

May – July Calendar

May 28 - Figge Art Museum
June 4 - Chio – Youth Exchange Year
June 11 - Tom Hammar – Biking through Europe
June 18 - Friends of Douglas Park
June 25 - President Sue Cassatt
July 2 - District Governor Bobbi Burke
July 9 - New President, Mark Mayeski
July 16 - Norm Moline, "China"
July 23 - Cathy Jordan – DeLaCorda Home
July 30 - IDOT - I74 Bridge Update



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Club Notes & Announcements!

□ **WELCOME GUESTS!** Rock Island Rotary greeted three guests at today's meeting. Virginia Houlton was a guest of hubby Fred Houlton. We had two visiting Rotarians; Duncan Cameron from the Naples, Florida Club, and Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport Club. Guests are always welcome at the **Number One Club**, Rock Island Rotary!

□ **LITTLE LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS** – If you volunteered to keep an eye on one of our Little Library locations, please make a special trip past your location and see that the box is still in good shape and that the Library has a good supply of books. If you see needed maintenance or a lack of books, Please, notify Kathy Lelonek. We have books to resupply the libraries and people who will make repairs to the boxes. However, we need to make sure that Kathy is notified when upkeep or replenishing the book supply is needed. Thanks for your help!

□ **SAVE THE DATE - ROTARY NIGHT AT THE BALL PARK** has been scheduled for **Thursday, June 18th**. Reserved box seat tickets are just \$10 each. Invite the whole family, work colleagues, and friends for a great evening under the stars at Modern Woodmen Stadium. Save the date.

□ **ROTARY PLANS A FLOAT FOR THE LABOR DAY PARADE.** In addition to our traditional Rotary President ride in Bud's Prowler, president Cassatt announced today plans to enter a float in the upcoming Rock Island Labor Day Parade. Molly Shattuck is providing the trailer and Sue Cassatt the truck. Plans include a large Rotary Wheel and other decorations. Want to help? Let Sue know. Ideas and skills are both needed. Rotarian riders, walkers, our new exchange student, and cyclists will fill out our entry.

□ **COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE** will meet next Tuesday at 11:30. Ardo Holmgrain, Kevin Koski, Jeff Dismar, Steve Morenz, Jim Moran, , Marcy Bell, and any other interested Rotarian should attend.

□ **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 a 50/50 cash drawing and bottle of fine wine from the Lo Milani cellar, and a Dr. Larry Tadlock wood carved bowl. The first lucky ticket was held by Rick Devinney who snatched up the bowl. Mark Mayeski accepted the cash and donated it to the Rotary Foundation. The final lucky winner taking home a bottle of Lo Milani's finest wine was Anne McGlynn. Proceeds from our raffle go to the Rotary International Foundation. **Thanks to all who participated!**

FOUNDATION MINUTE

Last April in response to emergency relief, The Rotary Foundation 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 are now able to 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.

To date four such grants have been issued and the fund is now depleted. The Foundation encourages donations to the fund so that when disasters occur, Rotary will be able to help.

(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.) Thank you for your help. To donate go to WWW.rotary.org/donate. Thank you.

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM – EXCHANGE DAUGHTER “CHIO”

Don't miss next week's meeting. Our program will be provided by our exchange daughter, Chio Rebolledo. She will tell us about her year as a visiting Youth Exchange student and tell us about her family and home in Chile. Chio will be finishing her year with us shortly and will embark on her tour of the western United States. We will be accepting donations to help ensure Chio has adequate funds to take home a selection of souvenirs of her year with us and can participate in the various activities planned by Rotary for the students on the West Coast tour. All reports are that Chio was one of the very best exchanges daughters we've had the pleasure of hosting. We also have word that our student for next year arriving later this summer will be a boy from Finland. Kevin Koski is already planning gala events for his arrival!



OUR WATER PROJECT CONTINUES FORWARD!



Two weeks ago, we reported that Howard Beck and Illinois Casualty Company each purchased water filters in support of our Kenya Water Project. Today we learned that Rotarian Clarence Darrow purchased a filter. A Rotarian since 1997, Clarence has been a supporter of numerous Rotary projects and we are thrilled to add him to the list of Rock Island Rotarians who have invested in one or more water filters. Clarence's donation will ensure that 70 more children receive safe, sanitary, drinking water for at least the next 3 years. Thank you for your generosity.

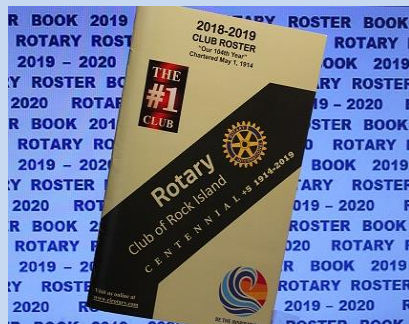
Water filters cost \$350 and are delivered to village schools in rural Nairobi, Kenya. Rotarians can purchase a filter or donate toward the purchase of a filter. Any amount, large or small is gratefully accepted.

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!



LAST CHANCE TO PROOF ROSTER BOOK ENTRY!



Every member received a proof of the photo and information we currently have for your Rotary Directory listing. There are still about 20 members who have not 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! Everything must be prepared and sent to the printer next week, so please reply quickly. If we do not receive a reply we will assume your current listing is accurate and will use what we have. Thanks!

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