



# Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



## June – August Calendar

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 – DeLaCerde Home  
July 30 - IDOT - I74 Bridge Update  
Aug 6 - TBA  
Aug 13 - TBA  
Aug 20 - TBA  
Aug 27 - TBA  
Sept 3 - Christopher Peters - Better Angels  
Sept 10- Andy McCray Chief Meteorologist, WHBF-TV

## BIKING ACROSS EUROPE

Tom Hammar presented our program today telling about his adventures biking in Europe, in total a 12 day trip with 4 days spent biking in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. Tom along with wife Sue and two long time family friends flew out of Chicago and ultimately landed in Munich, in southern Germany. In total the trip was a 12 day vacation with four spent biking in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. Tom presented a interesting travelog complete with color photos. Photos included several castles including Neuschwanstein Castle built on a rugged hill above the village of Hohenschwangau near Füssen in southwest Bavaria, Germany. The Disneyland Castle is said to be modeled



Neuschwanstein Castle

after Neuschwanstein Castle. The Wartburg Castle was Martin Luther's haven after the pope condemned him as an outlaw and order his execution. While in the castle Luther translated the Bible from Latin to German, making it accessible to the common people for the first time. Tom's tour also took him to the homes of Mozart in



Wartburg Castle

Salzburg, Austria and Bach in Eisenach, Germany. He also visited the churches and saw the organs on which Mozart and Bach played. His four day bike trip was around Lake Constance which borders on Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. They biked 20-30 miles each day and staying in bed and breakfast facilities. Their luggage was sent ahead daily and was waiting for them when they arrived. Rooms were comfortable and breakfasts were great, so says Tom. Tom told of seeing scores of vinyards, historic churches, incredible scenery including the Swiss Alps, and enjoying the warm hospitality of the local citizens. He also managed to attend a Rotary function while on the trip and reported that Rotarians in Europe as are welcoming and dedicated as they are throughout the world. Thanks Tom for sharing with us!



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June – July: Tom Hammar

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## Club Notes & Announcements!

□ **WELCOME GUESTS!** Guests at today's meeting included Sue Hammar, a guest of hubby Tom Hammar; and grandkids, Brady and Nora Shattuck also guests of Tom. Kay Cowan from Kirksville, Missouri, Jaxon Womack, and Melissa Womack attended also as guests of Tom Hammar. Dr. Rev. Mel Grimes and Betsy Vanausdeln from Churches United were guests of the Community Grants Committee. 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!

□ **2019-2020 PUBLIC IMAGE COMMITTEE** will meet just prior to next week's meeting (June 18). Kim Calhoun, Avalon Thomas-Roebal, Cindi Gramenz and Sue Cassatt should meet with chairman Bob Swanson at 11:30am. Please try to attend.

□ **JUST 3 WEEKS LEFT** in our Birdies for Charity campaign. So far Kevin has received 17 pledges for a total of \$1.19. Please make your pledge at next week's meeting

□ **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.

□ **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, a bottle of fine wine from the Lo Milani cellar, and three one day passes to the Figge Art Museum. The first lucky ticket was held by Julie Gelaude who opted to take the cash and donated it to the Rotary Foundation. The second lucky winner taking home the wine was Bud Phillis. Julie Gelaude had the third winner too and got the Art passes. Proceeds from our raffle go to the Rotary International Foundation. **Thanks to all who participated!**

## FUN AT THE BALL PARK!

**Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>** is the date of our annual Rotary Night at the Ball Park! Don't miss the fun of professional baseball and see some of the future major league stars as they begin their pro careers. Thursday night is also "Thirsty Thursday" at Modern Woodman Park with \$2 beer and soda specials.

Rock Island Rotary has a reserved block of prime box seats and the cost is just \$10 per seat. This is a family event so bring grandma, grandpa, and the kids! While you're at it, invite the neighbors and work colleagues. It's a great social night out under the sun and stars! Rotarians from all over the metro area will be in attendance and we want Rock Island to be the largest and the most fun delegation!

The game starts at 6:35, but the fun begins ever earlier. See president Mark Mayeski display his blazing fastball as he throws out the ceremonial first pitch! **Get your tickets from chairman, John Oliger.**



## ROTARY SUPPORTS CHURCHES UNITED

Community Grants Committee Member Jim Moran presented a \$600 Rock Island Rotary donation to Rev. Dr. Melvin Grimes, Executive Director, and Betsy Vanausdeln, Associate Director and manager of Winnie's Wishes Shop and the food pantries of Churches United. The funds will be used to support the hunger, shelter, and domestic abuse missions of Churches United. Churches United hosts 25 Food Pantries responding to nearly 140,000 needs for meals annually. They have hot meal food sites in Davenport, East Moline, and Moline with nearly 100 congregations and other groups serving free hot and nourishing meals to over 20,000 hungry people each year. They also have Winnie's Place, a shelter program helping women, with or without children, who are homeless and/or survivors of domestic abuse. Winnie's Place allows the victim to move away from their current situations towards a world of new opportunities. Rotary is pleased to help make these essential services possible.



## HELP US FILL THE BASKET!!

Rock Island Rotary is building a huge basket of adult beverages! Bourbon, Gin, Rye, Rum, Wine, Vodka, Brandy, Tequila, Vermouth, Champaign are all needed! Rotarians are asked to donate a bottle (minimum value of \$18) which will go towards building our gift basket to be auctioned off at our annual Trivia Night. Raffle tickets will be sold in July. The winner can pick from one of two prizes. One prize will be our huge basket of wine/spirits. The other will be a \$1000 travel voucher for a cruise through Picture Perfect Travel and Rock Island Rotary. Then a second winner will be chosen for the other prize. Proceeds will go to Earl Hanson Elementary School and our Community Grants program. Please call/email Kathy Trone with any questions. Please bring donations to next week's meeting.



## HAVE YOU MADE YOUR BIRDIES PLEDGE?

Just two weeks left to make your Birdies for Charity pledge! 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!. So far 22 members have pledged a total of \$2.05 per birdie. Our goal is 46 pledges and \$2.20 per birdie. 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! Get your pledge in NOW.



## FOUNDATION MINUTE

The Rotary Foundation is changing the world by providing grants for projects and activities around the globe and in our own backyards. Sixty-five million dollars in grants have been given to clubs and districts to fight disease.

Rotary makes amazing things happen, like:

Providing clean water: Rotary has worked with partners to provide more than 80 percent of Ghana's people with clean water to fight Guinea worm disease.

Reducing HIV infection: In Liberia, Rotary members are helping women get tested for HIV early in their pregnancies. They used prenatal care to reduce new HIV infections in children by 95 percent over the last two years.

Ending polio: Rotary members have played a key role in bringing the world to the brink of polio eradication. Their efforts have not only ended polio in 122 countries but also created a system for tackling myriad other health priorities, such as Ebola.

Your contribution to The Rotary Foundation enables this to happen. Giving to the Foundation is much easier – just go to [rotary.org/donate](http://rotary.org/donate), Thank you

## Greeters are Needed

Our list of greeters is running bare! Please stop by the Sergeant at Arms table and sign up to welcome fellow members as they enter our meeting room. Most Tuesdays in July are open. It's a great way for members, old and new to say hello and get better acquainted with fellow Rotarians! Stop by the Sergeant at Arms Table and sign up! Rotary needs your smile and handshake!

## ROTARY HONORS CHESS CHAMPION!



Nine years ago, Rock Island Rotarian Tom Hammar began teaching and coaching chess to 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade gifted students at our adopted school, Earl Hanson Elementary in Rock Island. Near the end of each school year, Tom holds a chess championship tournament culminating with the crowning of an annual champion. Tom noted that the first winner was Alek Jacobs, now a sophomore at Augustana College. This year's champion was Jaxon Womack a Hanson 6<sup>th</sup> grader. Jaxon was presented with a plaque that remains in the school listing him as the 2019 Chess Champion. He also received a special gift from "Coach" Hammar. Jaxon was accompanied at today's meeting by his proud mother, Melissa Womack. . Tom noted that chess is an exciting game and teaches the kids concentration, sportsmanship, learning and following rules, planning and using strategies. He also said he encourages the youngsters to do more reading of the classics and to foster that effort gives the kids books to read. Jaxon is currently reading *Huckleberry Finn*, a gift from coach Hammar.

## NEW PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

Rotary Foundation Chairman, Bud Phillis had the pleasure of introducing our most recent Paul Harris Fellow. Anthony Crossen, husband of club treasurer Carrie Crossen was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow and received his certificate and Paul Harris pin in absentia. Wife Carrie accepted on Anthony's behalf who had work commitments preventing him from attending today's luncheon. Congratulations to Carrie and Tony and thank you for your ongoing support of the Rotary Foundation!

