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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



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
Aug 6 - TBA
Aug 13 - TBA
Aug 20 - TBA
Aug 27 - TBA



Our program today featured our lovely youth exchange daughter from Chile, Ricio ("Chio") Robolledo. Chile is a long, narrow country stretching along South America's western edge, with more than 6,000km of Pacific Ocean coastline. Santiago, its capital, sits in a valley surrounded by the Andes and Chilean Coast Range mountains. The Easter Islands, a famed archaeological site, including nearly 900 monumental statues called moai, created by inhabitants during the 13th–16th centuries is a Chilean territory. The moai are carved human figures with oversize heads, often

resting on massive stone pedestals called ahus. Chio presented a colorful slide tour of her home country, her family, and her year in Rock Island. She noted that the population of Chile is approximately 19 million and that the country has an average width of just over 120 miles. Growing up in Chile, Chio attended the same school from 1st grade through high school graduation. In total there were over 2,500 students. She also noted that Chile does not give credit for her year of school in the United States so she will be returning to another years as a senior in her school. He future plans are to return to the US for college with hopes to become an architect and settle permanently in our country. She also mentioned that in Chile the news portrays America as a racist society and she said she is eager to return home and let everyone know that the image is untrue. She found Americans to be loving, helpful, and kind, leading to her desire to ultimately live here. Chio said her hobbies were primarily athletic with track and field at the top of her list (she ran hurdles and pole vaulted), followed by volleyball, and going to the beach. In Chile she lives with her mother, father, and an older brother and sister. Her slides showed all areas of Chile from the moai on Easter Island, to the Andes mountains, the driest desert in the world, beautiful lakes, and fields of desert flowers. Speaking of her year in Rock Island she said she loved her year at Rocky and made many close friends in classes and on the track team. She gave great praise and thanks to her three host families; Tom and Sue Hammar, Bob & Kathy Lelonek, and Bob and Sue Cassatt. She also had many kind words for Rocky Assistant Principal, Karla Thies, who she said became her "best friend" at Rocky. Chio was an absolutely delightful exchange daughter and we will greatly miss her. Her year winds down with a west coast trip (our members donated \$228 to her trip spending money). She will also attend the Central States Rotary Summer Conference in Grand Rapids.



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Club Notes & Announcements!

□ **WELCOME GUESTS!** Guests at today's meeting included Virginia Houlton, a guest of hubby Fred Houlton, Michael Swartz, a guest of Dave Geenen, Sue Hammar wife of Tom Hammar and Nora Shattuck, daughter of Molly Shattuck. We had two visiting Rotarians; Duncan Cameron from the Naples, Florida Club, and Jenni Swanson, from the Moline 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!

□ **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. 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 a bottle of fine wine from the Lo Milani cellar. The first lucky ticket was held by Howard Beck who opted to take the cash and donated it to the Rotary Foundation. The second lucky winner taking home a bottle of Lo Milani's finest wine was Frank Lambert. Proceeds from our raffle go to the Rotary International Foundation. **Thanks to all who participated!**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JUNE ROTARIANS!

John Oliger	June 4	Jeff Dimer	June 15
Larry Tadlock	June 5	John Wetzel	June 16
Mike Oberhaus	June 7	Justin Peterson	June 20
Pete Wessels	June 10	Jim Stanbary	June 22
Linda Golden	June 11	Mike Locander	June 26
Eric Spriet	June 12	Anne McGlynn	June 29
Sarah Gorham	June 14	James Benson	June 29



FUN AT THE BALL PARK!

Thursday, July 18th 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 a 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!

This is one of the best opportunities to get to know your fellow members and to enjoy a full evening of inexpensive entertainment.

Get your tickets from chairman, John Oliger.

Dayton Dragons

vs.

Quad City River Bandits.



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 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. A few dates in June and 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!

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR BIRDIES PLEDGE?

Time is running out 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!



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER!



Sara Cross joined our club in 2017 when she was Development Director for the Boy Scouts of America. A change in job responsibility caused her to resign her membership when she could no longer attend meetings. Fortunate for us, she switched employers and is now Executive Director for the First Tee of the Quad Cities, and in that new job she is again able to attend Rotary. We're thrilled that her previous short stint with us was a positive experience and that today President Sue had the pleasure of "re" inducting Sara as a member of our Club. Welcome back Sara! We look forward to working with you to serve our community!



Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 30 years. Our goal of ridding the world of this disease is closer than ever.

As a founding partner of the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#), we've reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979.

We've helped immunize more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries. So far, Rotary has contributed more than \$1.8 billion toward eradicating the disease worldwide.

Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. But it's crucial to continue working to keep other countries polio-free. If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year

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