



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



District Governor



Bobbi Burke

Newly appointed District Governor Roberta (Bobbi) Burke visited our Club today and served double duty. First she presided over the induction of our officers and directors for the 2019-2020 Rotary year; then she stepped to the podium and was our guest speaker for today's meeting. Bobbi is a member of the Rochelle Rotary Club, having joined in 1988. She was the club's third female member and their first to have a baby!

After the birth of her third child in 1991, she took a hiatus from Rotary until her youngest started school. During that time she kept her hand in community service as co-chair of a committee to build a new "KidsGround" playground in Rochelle. Bobbi served as president of Rochelle Rotary (2008-2009) and has served at the district level as Assistant Governor Coordinator and currently as Assistant Governor and as Co-Chair of the District's Friendship Exchange Committee. She has worn several professional and avocational hats, as a Chiropractor, adjunct college faculty member, current member of the Kishwaukee College Board, Master Gardener, and is employed by First State Bank as coordinator of the bank's activity and travel club. Bobbi and husband Bob have two married sons and a daughter. She began her comments by stating that she loves Rotary and what it stands for. Making the world and our communities better is the most noble and rewarding task we can undertake. Says Bobbi of her love of all things Rotary: "FUN should be the fifth part of the Four Way Test!" Her theme took the form of several challenges. First, she challenged us to think about our meetings and ensure that they are attractive. Elaborating, Governor Bobbi said Rotary clubs need to meet the needs of their communities which may require change. She noted that two clubs in the district folded last year because they were unwilling to change. Meeting frequency and times may need to be altered to fit when prospective members can attend. Activities need to provide opportunities for members and their prospective guests to "get their hands dirty" by being involved in service project. Clubs may need to establish "satellite clubs" offering alternate meeting times and locations to accommodate members ability to attend. Social events need to be included with members encouraged to bring guests. Speaker topics need to be timely and of interest to the membership. She noted that District 6420 is holding steady at 1,700 members as is Rotary International with 1.2 million members; however the lack of growth is concerning. Governor Burke lauded new International President, Mark Daniel Maloney, of the Rotary Club of Decatur, Alabama. He selected the theme, "Rotary Connects the World". She noted that Rotary connects internationally through its programs to eliminate polio, peace and conflict prevention/resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, and programs for economic and community development. Her second challenge to us was, "How will we get connected?" Recognizing our club's leading support for the Rotary Foundation, she said we are off to a great start in connecting. Our challenge may be more connecting with our own community and connecting with our members and prospective members. Governor Burke concluded her comments by reminding us of upcoming District events including the Foundation Dinner on November 9th, the Mid-Year meetings on February 1st, The President Elect training March 6-8th, and the District Conference on April 24-25 to be held jointly with District 6440 at the Schaumburg Hyatt Regency Hotel. Thank you Governor Bobbi for a great visit!

July – September Calendar

- July 9 - President, Mark Mayeski
- July 16 - Norm Moline, "China"
- July 23 - Cathy Jordan – DeLaCorda Home
- July 30 - IDOT - I74 Bridge Update
- Aug 6 - Carrie Crossen – Pet Foster Mom
- Aug 13 - TBA
- Aug 20 - Katie Thompson
- Aug 27 - Peter & Mel Wessels
- Sept 3 - State of the Schools – Dr. Reginald Lawrence II
- Sept 10- Andy McCray Chief Meteorologist, WHBF-TV
- Sept 17- Dr Christopher Peters
- Sept 24- TBA



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Program Chairs 2019-20

Aug. – Sep. Kathy Trone
Oct. – Nov Cindi Gramenz
Dec. – Jan John Wetzel
Feb. – Mar: Volunteer Needed
Apr. – May: Gary Rowe
June – July: Volunteer Needed

Club Notes & Announcements!

□ **WELCOME GUESTS!** Guests at today's meeting included Virginia Houlton, a guest of hubby Fred. Dr. Reginald Lawrence, new Rock Island School Superintendent and a prospect member, was a guest of Gary Rowe. We had three visiting Rotarians; Duncan Cameron from the Naples, Florida Club, Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport Club, and Jean Tess from the Rochelle 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 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!

□ **GREETERS ARE NEEDED** for upcoming meetings. It is a great way to get acquainted with fellow members and to make our newer and prospective members feel welcome. It is a fantastic way for newer members to quickly meet fellow members. Stop by the Sergeant at Arms table and sign up to serve as a greeter for a future meeting.

□ **LABOR DAY PARADE** – Mark your calendar. Rotary will have two cars, a float, plus bikers and walkers. Join in the fun, be a part of Rotary's parade entry! The date is Monday, September 2nd. Parade kicks off at 9:30am. Line up location will be provided in future newsletters.

□ **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 Larry Tadlock who opted to take the wine. The second lucky winner was Bill Stengel who took the cash and donated his winnings to the Rotary International Foundation. Proceeds from our raffle go to the Rotary International Foundation. **Thanks to all who participated!**

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 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.**

DINING BOOKS ARE BACK!



Chairman Bud Phillis will have the new 2019 – 2020 Quad City Dining Books at our July meetings. The cost remains just \$35 per book and the Circa 21 coupon alone is worth more than \$35 if you use it to attend our club's Holiday Christmas Party. \$10 from each purchase is donated back to Rock Island Rotary, so besides being a great money saving coupon collection, it is also a fundraiser for our club. Dining books make great gifts and are always appreciated by anyone who enjoys eating out. Featuring over 150 high quality Quad Cities area restaurants, every coupon offers two for the price of one deals.

Let Bud know how many books you want!

NEW SOUND SYSTEM PASSES TEST!

Recently Bud Phillis suggested that our club obtain a wireless microphone so when members of the audience pose questions to our guest speakers we can have a mic in the audience so all can hear the question. We asked the Botanical Center if they have a wireless mic and learned that they do, but it is primarily used for wedding receptions and they charge a \$50 rental fee for it's use. Being innovative and frugal, we did some research and learned that we could purchase our own high-quality wireless mic system for \$59.95. That system included two wireless mics and the receiver needed to plug into the Botanical Center's sound system. Needless to say, we opted to purchase our own and put it into use today. We used our new system for both the podium mic and the audience mic, and they worked great! Not only will we have a mic for the audience, but no longer will we need to pass the mic back and forth between the podium and a speaker at the computer projector. Isn't technology wonderful!



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 raffled off at our annual Trivia Night. Raffle tickets will be sold July to November. 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 through Picture Perfect Travel. Take a Cruise, an All Inclusive, or anything you choose! Then a second winner will be drawn for the other prize. There will also be a silent auction with baskets and other items to bid on at Trivia Night. Proceeds will go to Earl Hanson Elementary School and our Community Grants program. Please bring donations to next week's meeting.





Rock Island Rotary TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, November 8th at 6:30pm

SAVE the DATE and get your team together for Rock Island Rotary's annual fundraiser! Cash prizes, cash bar, 50/50, silent auction and TONS of FUN with MR. TRIVIA!!!

This fundraiser supports Earl Hanson Elementary School and RI Rotary Community Grants. Corporate Sponsorships are available!

When: Friday, November 8th, 2019

Where: Milan Community Center, 2701 1st Street East, Milan

Time: 6:30pm START time, doors open at 5:45pm

Cost: \$100 a table, up to 10 players

RSVP: Kathy Trone 309-794-9400 or Kathy@wesselspc.com

The Rock Island Rotary Club is challenging all other Rotary Clubs in the QC Area to participate and TRY to win the "Traveling Trophy" for the SMARTEST ROTARY CLUB!



Rock Island Rotary TRIVIA NIGHT

Proceeds benefit Rock Island Rotary Youth Programs

Sponsorship Opportunities:

Gold Sponsor \$500

- Listed on all advertising material
- Complimentary Table for up to 10 players, including mulligans and double score sticker
- Day of event recognition as a Gold Sponsor

Corporate Sponsor \$250

- Complimentary Table for up to 10 players
- Day of event recognition as a Corporate Sponsor

Friend of Rotary \$100

- Day of event recognition as a Friend of Rotary



Rotary Club of Rock Island

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May 15th, 2019

Dear Business Owner/Corporate Donor:

The Rock Island Rotary Club is preparing for Rotary Trivia Night, an annual fundraising event, to be held Friday, November 8th, 2019 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Camden Centre in Milan, IL.

Proceeds from this event will help support youth programs in our community. Last year the club was able to support the Rock Island High School Interact Club, sponsor outreach activities for Rock Island elementary students and support various other QC youth programs. These valuable programs keep our youth engaged in positive, healthy activities.

We need your help to make this event a success. PLEASE consider donating an item for the silent auction. Any item is greatly appreciated, and all donations are tax deductible, as we are a not for profit, 501c3 organization. Your donation will be appropriately acknowledged at the event. If you would like to get a Trivia Team together, it is \$100 for up to 10 players and promises to be a fun night with Mr. Trivia at the microphone!

You may send your donation to the address above. I would also be more than happy to stop by and collect the item. Please let me know via email if this is your preference.

Kathy@wesselspc.com

Thank you in advance for everything you do to support events and organizations in the Quad Cities! If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,

Kathy Trone - Rock Island Rotary Fundraising Chair
(309) 794-9400

CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2019-2020 INSTALLED

Rock Island Rotary officers and directors for the 2019-2020 Rotary year had the honor of being installed today by District Governor, Bobbi Burke. Mark Mayeski accepted the gavel and will be our featured speaker at next week's meeting. Past President, Sue Cassatt, received her Past President's pin from past president Bruce Peterson. See next week's newsletter for more on the new regime of officers and board members.