



Rock Island Rotary

Weekly Review

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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



I-74 BRIDGE

July – September Calendar

- Aug 6 - Carrie Crossen – Pet Foster Mom
- Aug 13 - Katie Snyder - Mississippi Bend Trykes
- 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- Nisha Ladlee - Family Resources

Guest speaker at Rotary today was, George Ryan the I-74 Corridor Manager for the Illinois Department of Transportation. Mr. Ryan received his degree in Civil Engineering from Bradley University. He was hired by the DOT to manage the construction of the new I-74 bridge. The I-74 Mississippi River Bridge Project is a collaborative effort between the City of Moline, the City of Bettendorf, the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Iowa Department of Transportation. The project consists of total bridge replacement as well as interchange ramp reconfigurations and local roadway improvements both in Moline and in Bettendorf. Construction for this project began July 2017 and is expected to be completed in 2021. The new bridge will be 85 feet taller than the existing bridge with four lanes in each direction as well as a multi-use path for pedestrians. The project cost is estimated at \$1.2 billion. 88% of the funding comes from the federal government. Iowa and Illinois each share the remaining 12% with each paying for their own land-based work. According to Ryan, this is the most difficult project he has managed. He previously was project manager for the I-74 renovation through the city of Peoria which he described as a 5-year \$500 million project compare to our bridge project which is a \$1.2 billion project to be completed in 3.5 years. Mr. Ryan said the project has had numerous delays caused by a very difficult winter and extended spring and early summer flooding and extremely fast currents. As it stands, he expects the west bound bridge lanes to open in mid-2020 and the east bound span to open in mid-2021. The current bridges will be removed sometime in 2022. That will be accomplished by removing the decks and then dynamiting the remaining structures. Debris falling into the water will be picked up by cranes on barges and the recovered steel will be recycled. The new bridge is designed to last for 100 years with minimal maintenance. The spans will include an LED lighting system capable of changing colors when desired. There will be four lanes going each way plus a pedestrian/bike lane attached to the east bound span. Ryan expects the speed limit on the new bridge to be 50-55 miles per hour. He encouraged those interested to go to the project webpage, www.i74riverbridge.com. The webpage includes information on the history of the I-74 bridge, information about the environmental impact of the project, and a description of the benefits the new bridge will bring. There is also a complete construction schedule and details on the materials used. Mr. Ryan also urged everyone to see the I-74 Virtual Reality Tour. You can explore the new I-74 Mississippi River Bridge in a unique way. Inspired by cutting-edge virtual reality technology, the Iowa Department of Transportation partnered with Iowa State University's Institute for Transportation and the university's Virtual Reality Applications Center to develop a fully immersive experience of the I-74 Mississippi River Bridge. You can "take the tour" from now until September 27th at the Rock Island Public Library, 401 19th Street in Rock Island. There were many questions answered well by Mr. Ryan. We all came away realizing the magnitude and difficulty of this incredible project. Thanks for the interesting and informative update!



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Apr. – May: Gary Rowe
June – July: Volunteer Needed

Club Notes & Announcements!

□ **WELCOME GUESTS!** Guests at today's meeting included George Coin, brother and guest of Stan Coin; Patrick Hanrahan a prospective member and guest of Bud Phillis; and our lone visiting Rotarian, Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport, Iowa Club. Guests are always welcome at the **Number One Club**, Rock Island Rotary!

□ **IMPORTANT COMMITTEE MEETINGS NEXT TUESDAY.** The **Rotary Ramble Committee** and the **Trivia Night Committee** will both meet immediately after next Tuesday's Rotary meeting. Committee members please plan to stay after for a brief meeting.

□ **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!

□ **PAUL HARRIS MATCHING FUNDS** – are temporarily suspended to allow the fund balance to grow. We've had a fortunate problem, recently so many Rock Island Rotarians earned Paul Harris honors that the matching fund balance has been depleted. It is anticipated that after allowing the fund to replenish a matching system we be established again.

□ **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.



FOUNDATION RAFFLE REPORT

Today's raffle featured a 50/50 cash drawing, a Larry Tadlock bowl, and a bottle of fine wine from the Lo Milani cellar. The first lucky ticket was held by Stan Coin who took the bowl. Frank Lambert won both the cash and the wine and donated his cash prize to the Rotary International Foundation. Proceeds from our raffle go to the Rotary International Foundation. **Thanks to all who participated!**

Pumpkin Palooza is set for Wednesday, October 2. We take 90 1st and 2nd graders from Earl Hanson to Country Corners for a special day of October fun in the sun. Volunteers are needed for the day to join in the joy and accompany the kiddos. 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

Sponsors are needed to help purchase a special T-shirt for the day. Sponsorship is \$100 and your name/logo will be on the shirt. Dave Geenen shares that those shirts are worn many, many days by our Earl Hanson kiddos so your sponsorship not only provides awesome kids with a new shirt, but it spreads your support through our community for months and years to come. For info, to volunteer or sponsor contact Sue Rector at 563-343-7985 or suerektor@augustana.edu. Thanks for considering.





DINING BOOKS ARE BACK!

Chairman Bud Phillis will have the new 2019 – 2020 Quad City Dining Books at our next meeting. 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!

PERFECT ATTENDANCE!

Congratulations to Eric Westphall Rock Island Rotarians who completed the recently completed 2018-19 Rotary year with perfect meeting attendance. Pretty outstanding since Eric just joined in 2018! Thanks for your dedication to Rotary!



STAN COIN HONORED

Foundation chairman, Bud Phillis presented Stan Coin with a Paul Harris +6 Award at today's Rotary meeting signifying that Stan has passed \$6,000.00 in donations to the Rotary International Foundation. Thanks Stan for your generosity and support for our Foundation. Foundation funds are used to combat disease, promote literacy, improve the economic strength of third world nations and to enhance world peace and understanding

SPONSORS NEEDED FOR TRIVIA NIGHT



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



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!

HELP MAKE TRIVIA NIGHT 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.

Please let chair Kathy Trone know if you have something to donate. We will be more than happy to stop by and collect the item. Contact Kathy via email Kathy@wesselspc.com.



NEW CLUB DIRECTORY BOOKS AVAILABLE

Each member is entitled to receive a copy of the directory. If you didn't get a copy last week, stop by the Sergeant at Arms table and we'll see that you get one! Please check the list of Paul Harris Fellows, to ensure that all you have bestowed are listed. If their name is not the same as yours and you would like to be identified as the source of their honor, let Bob Swanson know and we will add it for next year's book.