



# Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



## PRESIDENT MARK MAYESKI

Mark Mayeski kicked off his presidential year by praising our club, thanking our members, and setting forth a clear strategy for the coming year. He noted that after attending Presidential training sessions with Rotarians from all over our District he realized how much our club does and how active we are in our community and the world. He said he is a believer in identifying what we are doing well and to make sure we keep doing it! He also said we need to identify weaknesses and work on improving. In areas doing well Mark singled out our Foundation Giving, lead by Bud Phillis, noting that we are always in the top one or two clubs in the district. He congratulated Bob Swanson and Bud Phillis for our ongoing International Water Project that so far has reached over 14,000 children in Kenya. John Phillips and Bill Stengel were thanked for their work with our local Club Foundation. Our Community Grants Program was cited for all the wonderful help it has provided to multiple community projects and activities and chairman Frank Lambert was lauded. Kathy Lelonek and Dan McNeil were congratulated for their excellent work as our Literacy co-chairs. Chris Lemon was recognized for his work in chairing both our annual Award Banquet and our Blood Drive. The success of our partnership with Earl Hanson school was complimented along with chair, Molly Shattuck. Finally, Jeff Dismar and his excellent and dedicated work in Rotary Youth Exchanges was noted. President Mark then identified two main areas of focus for the coming year: 1) Increasing our membership to 85; and, 2) Promoting Fellowship among our members. He outlined strategies to achieve those goals. First he identified fundraisers and Service Projects and urged members to volunteer to help on the various committees involved. He noted that the chair for each fundraiser has been named so we could hit the ground running with the start of the new Rotary Year. Kathy Trone is chairing our Tricia Night, which has become our most profitable fundraiser. This year a giant raffle featuring a \$1,000 travel voucher and a huge basket of quality spirits will be added to the Trivia Night festivities. Our Wine Raffle is also being expanded with Ruth Lee and Anne McGlynn acting as co-chairs. The Rotary Ramble is being moved back to its original December date with Bruce Peterson and Kathy Lelonek chairing and Mary and Dick Fislar assisting. Bud Phillis will continue as chair of our Dining Book fundraiser, with sales starting in two weeks. Another successful fundraiser is our Birdies for Charity with Kevin Koski leading the effort. In each case President Mark asked club members to not only participate in and support the projects, but also to volunteer to join the fellowship of planning and running the event by serving on the committees. Mark also noted we are dropping our Dueling Pianos Fundraiser, making it even more critical that the ones we are keeping are successful. A second strategy laid out by Mayeski was upgrading our Public Image effort. Bob Swanson is chairing the committee which has expanded to eight members and already is showing a significantly larger footprint for our club on FaceBook, Twitter, and in newsprint.. Public Service Announcements, along with a steady flow of press releases are in the works. Concluding his comments, Mark asked the Public Image, Membership, Rotary Ramble, and Trivia Night committees to each move to a separate section of the room and then invited all members who have not yet volunteered for a committee to sit in on any that interested them. There was no obligation to "join" the committee, unless interest was peaked and the member offered to join. As the meeting concluded it appeared that many committees had new members! Good job President Mayeski!!



### 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 - 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- TBA



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## Officers

Mark Mayeski, President  
Angela Campbell, 1st VP  
Justin Peterson, 2nd VP  
Anne McGlynn, Secretary  
Carrie Crossen, Treasurer  
Sue Cassatt, Past Pres.  
Co-Sergeants at Arms  
Cindi Gramenz  
Bob Swanson

## Board Members

Rick Emery  
Kathy Lelonek  
John Oliger  
Bill Stengel  
Howard Beck  
Kim Calhoun  
Cindi Gramenz  
Eric Westphall

## 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 Dick Fislar, a guest of wife Mary. We also were pleased to host two visiting Rotarians, Jenni Swanson from the Moline Club and Sara Samsky from the North Scott 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!

□ **FINAL BIRDIES FOR CHARITY REPORT** – Chairman Kevin Koski reported that 42 club members made Birdies Pledges totaling \$2.60 per made birdie. Although a few short of our number of pledges goal, the dollar amount easily exceeded our goal, pushing the total to a new record for our club. Final dollar figures will not be known until the Birdies are counted and the John Deere Charitable Foundation adds its "kicker" to the proceeds!

□ **LABOR DAY PARADE** – Mark your calendar. Rotary will have two cars, a float, plus bikers and walkers. Got ideas for our Float? Talk with Sue Cassatt who is chairing our Parade entry. Join in the fun, be a part of Rotary's parade entry! The date is Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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](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, and a bottle of fine wine from the Lo Milani cellar. The first lucky ticket was held by Bill Stengel who took the cash and donated his winnings to the Rotary International. The second lucky winner was Sue Rector who won the wine and donated it to our wine pull fundraiser! Proceeds from our raffle go to the Rotary International Foundation. **Thanks to all who participated!**

## FUN AT THE BALL PARK APPROACHING!

**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.**

## DINING BOOKS ARE BACK!



Chairman Bud Phillis will have the new 2019 – 2020 Quad City Dining Books at our July 23<sup>rd</sup> 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!

## NEW CLUB DIRECTORY BOOKS AVAILABLE

Our 2019-20 Club Directories were distributed at last week's meeting. Each member is entitled to receive a copy of the directory. Thanks to all for getting your photos and information to Bob Swanson so that the books could be available for our first meeting of the new Rotary year. If you didn't get a copy last week, stop by the Sergeant at Arms table and we'll see that you get one!

The directory contains a list of all of our club's Paul Harris Fellows, from the first to the most recent. Please check the list to ensure that all Paul Harris Fellows you have bestowed are listed. Occasional the list we receive is missing a few names. Also, 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. Be sure to let him know if any names are missing.

THANKS



## 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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

### **JOHN DEERE CLASSIC HELPS RAISE MONEY FOR ROTARY**

In addition to our customary raffle, today a special fundraising auction was held featuring passes for this week's John Deere Classic PGA Tournament. Two pairs of VIP Any Day Passes, with admission to the Clubhouse and 9<sup>th</sup> Green Porch and VIP Parking were up for auction. Linda Golden took one set and John Phillips took the other. Then four Any Day Passes with an All Week General Parking Pass went on the block and were purchased by President, Mark Mayeski. Funds raised went to support the Rotary Foundation.