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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



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THIS FOSTER MOM SAVES LIVES!

July – September Calendar

Aug 13 - Gabi Lenger, Miss Blackhawk Valley
Aug 20 - Katie Thompson
Aug 27 - Katie Snyder - Mississippi Bend Trykes
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

Today's program was presented by our own Carrie Crossen.. Carrie brought along a delightful picture presentation of many of her "foster" cats and kittens. As a volunteer for the Quad City Animal Welfare Center in Milan, Carrie primarily fosters cats and kittens, including many that are pregnant or too young to be adopted. By providing a safe and quiet home, Carrie socializes the animals to human interaction, giving them a better chance to be adopted. Carrie began volunteering with the animal shelter in 2007 after she and her husband, Tony, adopted a golden retriever named Sandy. They've since adopted two more dogs and four cats from the center. Carrie says the most rewarding thing is knowing she is saving lives. By fostering cats and dogs brought into the The Animal Welfare Center, a no-kill shelter, Carrie prevents many animals from going to another shelter where they could be euthanized. The shelter only has space for so many. By placing cats and kittens in foster care, the shelter can help a lot more. Carrie said that every cat the shelter takes is spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and put up for adoption. Carrie began fostering cats and kittens in 2013 when she took two cats with litters of kittens owned by a elderly relative to the shelter. The shelter determined that the cats were too ill and malnourished to stay in the shelter. With no alternative, Carrie took them home. After nursing them back to good health she returned them to the shelter.. To date, she has taken in more than 200 animals on a temporary basis. With three dogs and four cats of her own, she keeps the foster cats in an area away from the other animals to reduce stress and prevent conflict. Carrie focuses her volunteer efforts on fostering. She takes cats because they are easier to care for than dogs. Often her "guests" are a pregnant mama, or a litter of kittens who are too small for adoption. She takes them home and cares for them until they are ready to go back to the shelter to hopefully be adopted.. Socialization is a big part of getting them ready for adoption. Carrie makes sure they are comfortable with people. Fortunately, Carrie's clients have a high adoption success rate when she returns them. For Carrie the work is a labor of love. "You feel good knowing you made a difference", Carrie said. "I can have a really stressful day, go home, and I'm playing with kittens. Pretty soon, you're laughing and forgetting the problems of the day". Because of Carrie's compassion, the shelter has been able to save many lives. Carrie came armed with facts as well as photos, stating that 44% of US households have a dog and 35% have one or more cats. She also noted that one unneutered female cat will have 3 litters each year with an average of 4 kittens. Those kittens can become pregnant as young as four months of age, having their own litter when they are six months old. In four years time that one unneutered female can be responsible for 20,736 new cats! By fostering Carrie helps find homes for kittens and help stop the proliferation by knowing all of her cats leaved the shelter healthy and spayed or neutered. Carrie urged anyone who might like to try fostering to attend a volunteer workshop held at the Milan Shelter the first Wednesday of every month. The shelter provides all needed supplies for those who agree to foster. Carrie's heart of gold showed through today's presentation. Thank you for a great program!



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Aug. – Sep. Kathy Trone
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Apr. – May: Gary Rowe
June – July: Volunteer Needed

Club Notes & Announcements!

□ **WELCOME GUESTS!** Guests at today's meeting included Andrea Rangel, our 2019 outbound exchange student; and, Barb Hill a prospective member and guest of the Club. Barb, please come again! We had two visiting Rotarians today, Duncan Cameron from the Naples, FL Club, and our District 6420 Newsletter editor, Kathy Schmidt from the Morrison, IL Club. Guests are always welcome at the **Number One Club**, Rock Island Rotary!

□ **BOB ON VACATION** – Bob Swanson will be on vacation so the **next three issues** of our newsletters will be edited by Angela Campbell. If you have an item that you want in the newsletter, please direct it to Angela's email which is campbell.angela@rigov.org

□ **SERVICE** – Al Metz made a plea today for help 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!

□ **A BLAST FROM THE PAST** - President Mark Mayeski is on vacation so today our immediate past president, Sue Cassatt, presided over our meeting. Seems she has already forgotten our routine and inadvertently hit the Rotary Bell 5 minutes too early. An alert 2nd Vice President, Justin Peterson, caught the faux pas and levied a fine, which Sue amiably paid! Then she did a super job of running the meeting! Thanks Sue.

□ **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! Walkers and bike riders are welcome! The date is Monday, September 2nd. Parade kicks off at 9:30am. Line up location will be provided

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 Sue Rector who took the cash and donated her winnings to the Rotary International Foundation. Steve Morenz held the second winner and took home the wine. Proceeds from our raffle go to the Rotary International Foundation. **Thanks to all who participated!**

Pumpkin Palooza is set for Wednesday, October 2. If you haven't yet volunteered to help, please contact Sue Rector at 563-343-7985 or suirector@augustana.edu. You can ride the bus with the kids or meet the group at the pumpkin patch.

Also, sponsors are needed to help purchase a T-shirts for the kids. Sponsorship is \$100 and your name/logo will be on the shirt. These 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.





DINING BOOKS ARE BACK!

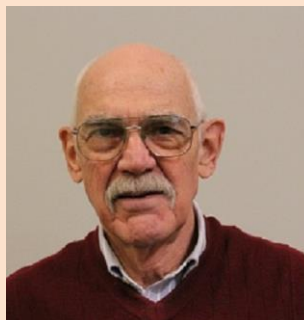
Chairman Bud Phillis will have the new 2019 – 2020 Quad City Dining Books at our next meeting. The cost remains just \$35 per book and the Circa 21 coupon alone is worth more than \$35 if you use it to attend our club's Holiday Christmas Party. \$10 from each purchase is donated back to Rock Island Rotary, 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!

Bud Phillis announced the following Rock Island Rotarians are to be congratulated for their perfect Rotary attendance. 1 year: Angela Campbell, Mark Mayeski, Lo Milani, Steve Morenz, Molly Shattuck, Eric Westphall. 3 years: Sue Lerschen-Cassatt. 7 years: Bruce Peterson. 8 years: Bob Swanson. 10 year: John Wetzell. 11 years: Marcy Bell, Jeff Dismer, Mary Fislar, Ruth Lee. 32 years: Richard Phillis. 38 years: Larry Tadlock. 49 years: Ardo Holmgrain.



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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

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.

AUGUST ROTARY BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to these Rocky Island Rotarians born in August!

Monta Ponsetto	August 4	Dan McNeil	August 9
Pat Cunningham	August 9	Jennifer Hirsch	August 10
Marcy Bell	August 11	Mary Fislar	August 11
Bud Phillis	August 12	Tricia Barron	August 15
Amber Brummit	August 17	John Daly	August 19
Duncan Cameron	August 19	Jim Nordquist	August 21
Chandler Poole	August 23	Carrie Crossen	August 25
Julie Gelaude	August 29	Bruce Peterson	August 30



PUBLIC IMAGE COMMITTEE HERE TO HELP!

Our public image committee is making a concerted effort to get the message of Rotary and all we do out to our community. We ask all other committee to let us know of events or activities you are planning at least 30 days prior to the event. We will do everything we can to promote the event and get media coverage (including social media) of the event. We need to share the good work Rotary Club does for our youth and community, not just to garner recognition, but also to potentially attract new members who want to be a part of the work we do.