



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



Welcome to former Rotarian, Katie Thompson!



You may remember former Rock Island Rotarian, Katie Thompson, as the Executive Director for Spring Forward Learning Center, or any of the other non-profits she has successfully led or volunteered for during her years as a Quad Cities young professional. But what you may not know is that Katie has started a new life, and she did so when she exclaimed during a recent vacation, "2019 is going to be *my* year." And her year, it is!

Katie now owns her own interior design company, In Her Own Eyes, with the design philosophy of "I believe space is meant to be ever-evolving and beautiful just like what nature provides to us on a seasonal basis." In addition to this new business, she created THE

Market: A Journey to Joy, a year-round, indoor, market to highlight the works of local makers, crafters, and curators. There are also foodtrucks on location on various dates/times.

In addition to the shared space of the 38 vendors, there are also four special events per year. Her goal is that by April 2020, THE Market, will have given back \$20,000 to community organizations. The first special event is The Market's 2019 Strength in Style Fall Fashion Show. Doors open at 3:30PM Saturday, September 21, in the Spotlight Event Center. There will be a fashion show at 4:00PM, with "Sip, Snack, and Shopping" afterwards. Strength comes in all shapes and sizes. Quad City survivors will model everything from active to party wear and showcase the many styles of strength in our community. Attendees will also get exclusive sneak peeks and first dibs on THE Market's fall clothing lines from the fabulous vendors! All proceeds benefit Family Resources Survivor Services. You can purchase tickets at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).

Rotarians also had a lot of great questions for Katie regarding THE Market. Such as:

Are gift certificates available? Not at this time.

Do you have a relationship with the theater? Not affiliated with one another, but supportive of each other.

Are there any permanent vendor spaces available? No, they are completely full.

How do you become a vendor? To be a guest vendor, there is a simple application process. Her goal is to have variety! To be a permanent vendor, which operate on 6-month contracts, it is a more tedious process. Contact Katie for more information.

Where do most visitors come from? All over! Both sides of the river and from far away. The bridge detour actually leads people by the shop, so traffic has been good!

You can visit THE Market at the refurbished Scottish Rite Cathedral, 1800 7th Avenue, Moline. Hours are Wednesday through Friday, 10am—6pm; Saturday 10am—5pm; and Sunday 12-4pm; closed Monday and Tuesdays. The Market doesn't yet have a website, but you can friend them on Facebook or Instagram.

August – September Calendar

Aug 27 - Peter & Mel Wessels
Sept 3 - State of the Schools –
Dr. Reginald Lawrence II
Sept 10 - Andy McCray -
Chief Meteorologist, WHBF
Sept 17 - Dr Christopher Peters
Sept 24 - Nisha Ladlee -
Family Resources



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Aug. – Sep. Kathy Trone
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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: Duncan Cameron from the Naples, Florida club; Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport Club; and guest of Gary Rowe, new superintendent, Dr. Reginald Lawrence.

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!

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 2nd. Parade kicks off at 9:30am. Line up location will be provided in future newsletters.

ROTARY RAMBLE - Sponsorships are now available for \$100. To learn more, contact Kathy Lelonek or Bruce Peterson.

BIRTHDAY BOOKS AT EARL HANSON - Don't miss the chance to wish a child a happy birthday by giving him/her a book! Our first "Birthday Books" of the school year is Thursday, August 29th, at 2:15. It will take less than an hour to hand out the books, but the reward is days of warm and fuzzy feelings because of the grateful smiles you will see at the event.

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!



EARL HANSON MEET & GREET

Rotarians are invited to Earl Hanson Elementary School on Wednesday, August 28, at 3:15pm for a Meet & Greet!

Meet the new principal and educators that encourage our youngest Rock Islanders to SHINE!

FOUNDATION RAFFLE REPORT



Today's raffle featured a 50/50 cash drawing, a bottle of fine wine from the Lo Milani cellar, and tickets to the River Bandits game. The first lucky ticket was held by John Daly, who donated the \$26 prize back to the Foundation. Ruth Lee won the wine and will add it to her stash.

Proceeds from our raffle go to the Rotary International Foundation. **Thanks to all who participated!**

Board Meeting Updates

The Rotary Club of Rock Island Board Meeting was held Monday, August 19th. The following items were discussed:

- The Board approved that at this time, only first-time Paul Harris Fellows will receive the \$400 in Foundation funds to help them achieve the \$1,000 requirement for the award.
- Thanks to Ruth Lee for suggesting that those with “Rotary Recognition Points” can donate those points back to the Club to help others receive additional Paul Harris Fellows. More to come on this new development!
- The Fiscal Year 2018/2019 year-end financials were approved. Thank you to Carrie Crossen for keeping such meticulous records!
- The remainder of the meeting included updates about Rotaract, our exchange students, the literacy committee, fundraising progress, and other service projects.
- All Rotarians are welcome to attend the Board meetings, and they do count as a “make-up” meeting if you’re trying for perfect attendance. Board meetings are on the third Monday of the month at 11:45am, on the 2nd floor of the Gere/Dismer Lofts (right above Quad City Arts). We hope you can make it sometime!



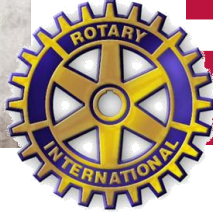
A perk of today’s meeting was a member spotlight by Rock Island Rotarian, Sara Cross. She did a magnificent presentation about the recent collaboration between First Tee of the Quad Cities, Boys & Girls Club, Rock Island Parks and Recreation Department, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center. The collaboration includes a shared 12 passenger van that can haul participants of the First Tee program between the golf courses and the other partners’ locations. During non-peak golf months, partners will also be able to use the van for educational and recreational needs. Sara said that the goal was to “Pool resources and impact the child at every level so they can succeed in the classroom.” The group plans on partnering on some other projects in the future which she said is going to be “BIG!” We look forward to hearing more from Sara in the future.



The Labor Day Parade is Right Around the Corner!

For those that wish to walk/ride in the parade, plan to meet at 8:00am on Monday, September 2, at the American Bank parking lot on 18th Avenue.

Thanks to Sue for securing the Rotary balloon! She could really use some help decorating the float the day of the event, so please plan on attending, if at all possible.



Welcome, Emil!

Outbound exchange student, Andrea Rangel, poses with inbound student, Emil Rosin. They grow them tall in Finland!





Thank you to Molly, Tom, Jeff, Ruth, Angela, and Kathy for meeting Andrea and her mother, Claudia, at the airport to wish her safe travels to Melbourne, Australia.



More photos of Andrea and her entourage at the Quad City International Airport. She will be missed by many!

*Stay Safe
& Have Fun!*



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!



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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



VOLUNTEER BELL RINGERS NEEDED!

Ring a bell...help change a life

ROTARY BELL RINGING AT ROCK ISLAND HY-VEE

Saturday, December 14

9am - 4pm

Contact Mark Mayeski to sign up for a 1-hour shift

2 people needed at both doors during all hours.

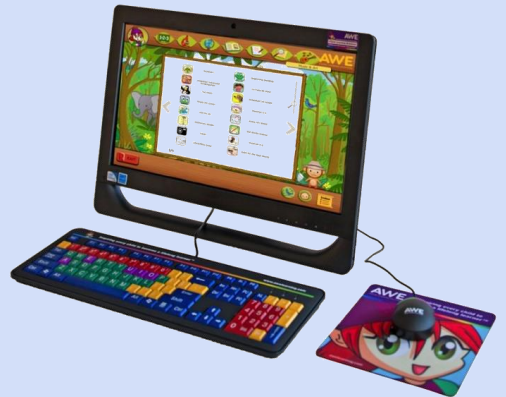
Sign-up today!

District Grant Awarded!

The Rotary District Grant and matching funds will pay for a new early literacy workstation at the Downtown Rock Island Public Library.

These computers support school readiness and encourage children to learn—all with a fun focus on reading literacy.

Students will love the new addition at the Library!



DINING BOOKS ARE BACK!



Chairman Bud Phillis has the new 2019-2020 Dining Books. 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!