



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

ANDY McCray Chief Meteorologist CBS WHBF-TV

Featured speaker at today's meeting of Rock Island Rotary was Andy McCray Channel 4's chief meteorologist. McCray is proud to call the Quad Cities home! He joined the Local 4 News team in the fall of 2002 after working at TV stations in Rhinelander, WI, and Rockford, IL. Andy graduated from the Ohio State University with a Bachelors of Science in Meteorology in 1999. While in Columbus he interned at two TV stations but long before his college days he'd already decided he wanted to be a meteorologist! Already a huge Weather Channel fan at the ripe age of 8 years old, his family won a holiday decorating contest in Dayton, OH. Part of the prize was one of the local television stations broadcasted the weather "live" from the McCray's front yard! Andy was officially hooked. Andy was awarded the National Weather Association Seal of Approval in 2004. Every 3 years his seal is renewed based on his continuing meteorology education, including attending seminars all over the country. Andy is proud of organizing the WHBF-TV effort to become one of the first television stations in the country to be recognized by the National Weather Service as StormReady. In the spring of 2012, the station became one of the first 10 TV stations in the country to receive such recognition! Andy and his wife make Rock Island their home and have been Rock Island homeowners for the past 17 years. McCray feels that the most important technological innovation in forecasting weather is Doppler Radar because it not only identifies rain, snow, hail, and other weather patterns, it also lets forecasters know what is going on in the air in the storm, allowing the forecaster to see the motion of the precipitation along the radar beam. It can measure how fast rain or hail is moving toward or away from the radar and can also detect wind rotation. Mr. McCray noted that the past year was an incredible weather year for the Quad Cities. We registered records for the snowiest November and January in our history; the coldest temperature in our history (-33 on January 31st); and the worst flood in history with the crest reaching 22.7 feet. Forecaster McCray spoke at length about tornadoes, stating that annually there are about 1,300 in the USA which exceeds the total number in the rest of the world. The Quad City area annually sees 30 to 35 tornadoes. He stated that tornadoes can form any time of year and always need to be taken seriously. When a tornado "warning" is issued a tornado has been verified on the ground and may have winds up to 200 miles per hour. The local weather sirens are sounded for any "severe weather" which includes tornadoes, rain with 1.75 inch hail or larger, and/or winds in excess of 70 miles per hour. Mr. McCray said we are lucky to have a National Weather Service office in the Quad Cities with it's own doppler radar. In addition to viewing radar models, the weather service sends up two weather balloons each day that transmit information back to the base giving data on winds and weather movement thousands of feet into the atmosphere. McCray then took us through the "anatomy of a storm" with a series of slides showing everything from initial cloud formation to devastation and destruction left after the storm passes. Mr. McCray said that he always strives for accuracy, stressing that he never says "100%". He realizes that his forecasts have a direct effect on people's lives and local business. "People do change their plans based on weather forecasts, so I want to be as accurate as possible in my forecasting. He also noted that he does his own forecasts and prepares his own graphics for his televised weather reports. There were many questions stimulated by Andy's interesting and informative talk. McCray answered them all with the same ease and confidence as he displays each night on our local news. Thank you for a great program!



September-October Calendar

- Sept 17 - Dr Christopher Peters - Better Angels
- Sept 24 - Nisha Ladlee - Family Resources
- Oct 1 - Ami Porther, Executive Director Quad City Botanical Center
- Oct 8 - Leslie Van Dyke, Director of Operations for the new Sports Complex in Bettendorf
- Oct 15 - Rick Harnish, Executive Director, Midwest High Speed Rail Association the rail project from Moline to Chicago.
- Oct 22 - John Thompson, President of Deleon-Thompson, Inc. in Moline.
- Oct 29 - Amanda Murray, Rebound Exchange Student



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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

Have a program idea? Contact
the chairman listed above for a
possible date.

Club Notes & Announcements!

□ **WELCOME GUESTS!** Guests at today's meeting included Emil Rosin our Rotary Exchange "son" from Finland along with Alleman Jr. Rotarians, Owen Connolly and Sophia Best. Two visiting Rotarians, Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport Club and Duncan Cameron from the Naples, Florida Club joined us. Virginia Johnson, wife of Don Peterson was Don's guest. Brian Parkinson from Reynolds, Illinois was a guest of Bruce Peterson. Ashley Velez of Davenport was a guest of Cindi Gramenz. Guests are always welcome at the **Number One Club**, Rock Island Rotary!

□ **NEW MEMBER APPLICANT.** Dr. Reginald L. Lawrence II, the new Rock Island-Milan School Superintendent has applied for Club membership. Please direct any comments to President Mark Mayeski or 1st Vice-President, Angela Campbell.

□ **SERVICE** –Rotary member are needed to 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!

□ **SPECIFIC ITEMS NEEDED FOR HEART OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY**
We have received a specific plea for help with the following items that are in very short supply: toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, soap, diapers, baby power and lotion, and wipes. They also need of shoes for young people, if anyone has access. Items can be dropped off at the Hear of Hope or bring them to un upcoming Rotary meeting and we will get it to them.

□ **SAVE THE DATE** – Wednesday, December 4th is the date of our annual Christmas Party at Circa 21. Full details will be coming shortly, but for now, be sure to SAVE THE DATE!

□ **HAVE ITEMS FOR OUR NEWSLETTER** – Send to Bob Swanson bobdebswanson@att.net.



FOUNDATION RAFFLE REPORT

Today's raffle featured a 50/50 cash drawing and a bottle of fine wine from the Lo Milani cellar. Steve Morenz held the first lucky ticket. He took the cash and donated the winnings to the Rotary International Foundation. John Daly held the final winner and took home the wine. Proceeds from our raffle go to the Rotary International Foundation. **Thanks to all who participated!**

Pumpkin Palooza is fast approaching on Wednesday, October 2. If you haven't yet volunteered to help, please contact Sue Rector at 563-343-7985 or suerektor@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 T-shirts for the kids. Sponsorship is \$100 and your name/logo will be on the shirt.



DINING BOOKS ARE BACK!

Chairman Bud Phillis has the new 2019 – 2020 Quad City Dining Books. The cost is \$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. Let Bud know how many books you want!





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.

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

ROTARY REINDEER RAMBLE

SUNDAY

December 8, 2019

9:00AM

START & FINISH – CIRCA 21, 1828 3rd Ave, Rock Island, IL 61201
COURSE - Flat & Fast, scenic, accurate, wheeled distance.

SHIRTS - Size guaranteed to pre-registered runners and walkers

RUNNER'S AWARDS -- Overall male and female 3 awards per ages 0-9, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80+
WALKER'S AWARDS -- Overall male and female, 3 awards per age groups 0-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+ ALL THIS PLUS GREAT FOOD & DRINK!

REGISTER ONLINE - GETMEREREGISTERED.COM/ROTARYREINDEERRAMBLE

REGISTRATION FEES -- Pre registered, postmarked not later than 11-25-19 \$25.00.
Rotary members \$23.00 After Nov 25, \$30.00 for all!

PACKET PICKUP & REGISTRATION 7:30AM to 8:45AM RACE DAY

GRAND PRIZE! TRAVEL GIFT CERTIFICATE \$250.00 for pre-registered runners only! MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN! NO EXCEPTIONS!

If you have questions call Dick or Mary Fislar at 309-788-0500 or e-mail cruisemaster18@yahoo.com

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM (MAY BE DUPLICATED) PLEASE PRINT!!!

First name _____ Mid _____ Last Name _____

Age race day _____ Date of birth ____/____/____ Male _____ Female _____ Run _____ Walk _____

Circle shirt size S M L XL XXL (ADD \$2.00 for XXL) Phone ____/____/____

No shirt option _____ deduct \$5.00 if you choose no shirt!

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

WAIVER (MUST BE SIGNED) In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I for myself, my executors, administrators, and assignees, do hereby release and discharge Rock Island Rotary, the City of Rock Island, any sponsors, supporters or volunteers, for all claims of damages, demands, actions whatsoever in any manner arising or growing out of my participation in the ROTARY REINDEER RAMBLE 5K Run or Walk. I attest and verify that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in this event, am physically fit, and sufficiently trained to participate in this event.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Participant, or Parent or Guardian if under 18 years of age.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ROCK ISLAND ROTARY Mail entry and payment to ROTARY, P.O. Box 4271. Rock Island, IL 61201. NO REFUNDS RACE WILL BE HELD REGARDLESS!

We're happy to announce CHIP TIMING FOR THE RACE!

WE NEED TO SELL WINE RAFFLE TICKETS!



Tickets for our Wine Raffle Fundraiser are available from Ruth Lee and Anne McGlynn. All members are asked to help promote and sell tickets. First prize is \$750 worth of wine of the winners choosing. 2nd place is \$500 and 3rd place \$250. Wine will be provided by the Grape Life Wine Store & Lounge. Cash prizes are available if the winner lives too far away to come select their wines. Tickets are just \$5 or five for \$20. We need to sell lots of tickets! All members are encouraged to not only purchase tickets, but to take a packet and sell to your non-Rotarian friends and associates. We need the entire Club to pitch in on this. Whether or not wine is your thing, you undoubtedly have friends and colleagues that enjoy wine and would gladly "donate" \$5 or \$20 for a chance to win a big return with proceeds going to a great cause!

AN EVENING OF FUN TO HELP THE HEART OF HOPE

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 28th at 6pm at the Davenport Central Gymnasium. That's the date the **Flight Squad** will come to town to help raise money for the Heart of Hope Outreach and the Hope at the Brick House. So, what is the **Flight Squad**, you ask? The Flight Squad is an exhibition team that travels around the country mixing basketball, dunks, gags, humor, and dance to help local charities. Spectators can expect to see some impressive action and interesting antics from the Flight Squad, a team of former professional and Division 1 athletes who played for U.S. and overseas teams.. Who will they play you ask? An all-star team of local educators including Bettendorf's Jayme Olsen, Davenport Central's Julian Vandervelde, Mark Polite from Davenport North, Dan Coyne Logan from Rock Island High School, James Porter from Davenport Central, Jordan Harris and Nickolas McFarlin from Beyond the Baseline.

The cost of admission is just \$10 or \$25 for your entire family! Channel 4 sports director Jay Kidwell will be the announcer for the game and the Pleasant Valley Sparkles will provide cheerleading. You've undoubtedly heard of and seen the Globe Trotters; the Flight Squad presents the same high-quality family entertainment with the profits going to help the less fortunate members of our community.

So, come on out! Bring the family and join the fun! Grandkids love the Flight Squad so bring them too!!

