



Rock Island Rotary

Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



Dr. Reginald Lawrence, II "State Of The Schools"

Featured speaker at today's meeting of Rock Island Rotary was Dr. Reginald Lawrence, II, the newly appointed Superintendent of Schools for the Rock Island – Milan School District. Dr. Lawrence presented the annual "State of the Schools" address to a packed audience of Rotarians and

September-October Calendar

- Sept 10- Andy McCray Chief Meteorologist, WHBF-TV
- 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

our guests for the day, the Rock Island Noon Kiwanis Club members. Lawrence most recently was one of six regional superintendents with Milwaukee Public Schools. He has 28 years of public education experience beginning as a junior high school math teacher. Prior to his current position, Lawrence served 20 years with Milwaukee Public Schools as a teacher, assistant principal and principal. He also served as instructor for the Professional Urban Teaching Linking Seminar at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and is a former member of the Wisconsin Army National Guard, which he served for more than 18 years where he retired as a sergeant. Lawrence earned his doctorate of education from National Louis University in Milwaukee in 2016. He also holds an administrative leadership certificate, a master's degree in curriculum and instruction and a bachelor's degree in elementary education. Dr. Lawrence began his presentation by introducing the slogan he has adopted for his tenure as Superintendent of our schools. "Pound the Rock" is his theme which he explained stands for Work Hard, Stay Focused, and Reach the Goals. He noted that this applies as much to teachers and staff as to students. He then reviewed highlights from the past school year including the graduation of 351 from Rock Island High School which does not include those that graduated early and those that graduated after summer classes. He also noted that the Class of 2019 received over three million dollars in scholarships and grants for continuing their education and also contributed over 2,000 hours of community service. He recognized students from Edison and Washington Jr. High Schools who participated in the state math competition. He proudly announced that 7 of the top 10 "Mathletes" in the state were from our two Jr. High Schools. He also recognized the high school drama department for being one of just a few schools selected to present a performance at the 2019 Illinois Theater Festival. He noted that many of our high school students are annually recognized as "All State Musicians", a highly prestigious honor, but singled out Audra Jones for the amazing achievement of earning that honor although just an elementary school student. He also recognized our athletic performances, winning five Conference Championships, numerous state tournament qualifiers, and having 7 seniors that received scholarships to NCAA Division I universities. Dr. Lawrence also recognized our district for its College and Career programs, which include a highly successful CNA (Certified Nursing) program; a state of the art welding program; an active "Project Lead The Way" program in science, and numerous Advanced Placement classes from which high school students can earn college credits, lowering the cost of their college education. He displayed statistics showing that the number of AP students earning college credits has increased by 16% over the past five years. Lawrence also spoke of the 1% sales tax that went into effect last year. Funds from that tax have allowed the District to remodel the entry to a number of our schools to ensure they are secure and protect our children from outside threats. The funds have also paid to replace aging school roofs, updated school fire alarm systems, and allowed the District to renovate the high school tennis courts which were badly deteriorating. He also noted that the sales tax revenue allowed the district to eliminate a 5 cent property tax levy that has been assessed for many years. He concluded his comments by mentioning several faculty members who also received local, state, and national honors. Our schools appear to be in good hands with Dr. Lawrence! Thank you for a very positive and informative program.



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Aug. – Sep. Kathy Trone
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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 two very special people, first was Emil Rosin our new Rotary Exchange "son" from Finland and second was Mr. David Bills, our Assistant District Governor from the River Cities Club. Two other visiting Rotarians, Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport Club and Duncan Cameron from the Naples, Fla Club joined us. Several spouses were guests, including Karen Phillips, wife of John Phillips, Virginia Houlton, wife of Fred Houlton, and Virginia Peterson, wife of Don Peterson. A visitor from Tempe, Arizona was Judge Connie Coin Contes, daughter of Stan Coin. Anne Holtan, a Rock Island School District parent from Coal Valley was also a welcomed guest. Representing the Rock Island-Milan School District were Pandora Lawrence, wife of our speaker, Michael Matherly a member of our School Board, and District administration members Egan Colbrese, Bob Beckwith, Kathy Ruggeberg, Holly Sparkman, and Jenna Panicucci. Guests are always welcome at the **Number One Club**, Rock Island Rotary!

□ **THANKS ANGELA!** Firsts Vice-President Angel Campbell did a fantastic job as newsletter editor the past three weeks. A sincere thank you for stepping up and filling in -- and doing a great job as well!

□ **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!

□ **WINE RAFFLE TICKETS** are now available. The cost is \$5 per ticket or five for \$20. The drawing will be held in May with the first prize being \$700 worth of wine you select from the Grape Life Wine Store & Lounge. Second prize is \$500 worth of wine and third is \$250 worth of wine. Every club member is asked to support this important fundraiser either by purchasing or selling tickets, or better yet purchasing and selling tickets!.



FOUNDATION RAFFLE REPORT

Today's raffle featured a 50/50 cash drawing, a bottle of fine wine from the Lo Milani cellar, and a beautiful maple bowl made by Dr. Larry Tadlock.. The first lucky ticket was held by Tammy Weikert who took the Bowl. Sue Rector won the cash and donated her winnings to the Rotary International Foundation. Mark Zimmerman 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 set for 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 a 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!



New Life for Augustana Rotaract!

Rock Island Rotary sponsors a Rotaract club at Augustana College. Rotaract clubs bring together people ages 18-30 to exchange ideas with leaders in the community, develop leadership and have fun through service. Today nearly **50** students signed up to join the club! Thanks to Augustana Rotarians Kai Swanson and Sue Rector. Also big thanks to Rotarian John Oliger and Augustana's Erica Ewert. They staffed a "sign-up for Rotaract" table at Augie as incoming freshman reported to Augustana College. Kai, Sue, John and Erica displayed and distributed information about Rotaract and our Rotary Club. We couldn't have made the event without the four of you leading the charge! We look forward to working with and supporting Augie Rotaract



JOHN PHILLIPS PROMOTES TRIVIA NIGHT WITH ORIGINAL SONG

A benefit of being in a club with multi-talented people is an occasional performance by John Phillips, our local talented balladeer! Today John treated us to his rendition of *Spanish Pipedream* and followed it up with his own original lyrics entitled, *The Whining Rotarian*.



They said I should buy a ticket, maybe win some wine.
But like an old truck, I'm pretty stuck in this old rut of mine.

Chorus:

Take the cork out; stop your whining;

Buy a ticket; have some fun.

Organize a table; go to Trivia;

Get the answers before everyone.

But then I got to thinking, is this the Rotary way?

Where is my commitment to tomorrow and today?

I should get out my wallet, get my butt off my old chair,

It's time to pause and support the cause, you will see me there.

Chorus

So next week at the meeting the spirit captured me.

I started buying tickets and the thought occurred to me.

I'm feeling a lot better, it will do a world of good.

It's the Rotary way to help people this way, just doing what you should.

Chorus:

Take the cork out, stop your whining;

Buy a ticket; have some fun.

Organize a table; Go to Trivia;

Get the answers; you're not that dumb.

(Sung to the melody of Spanish Pipedream by John Prine.)

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.



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!

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 - GETMEREGISTERED.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!



UNDERSTANDING FOUNDATION RECOGNITION POINTS

What are Foundation recognition points and how can I accumulate them?

Foundation recognition points are awarded to donors who contribute to The Rotary Foundation through the [Annual Fund](#) or [PolioPlus](#), or who contribute to sponsorship of a Foundation grant. Donors receive one recognition point for every U.S. dollar contributed to these funds. Contributions to the [Endowment Fund](#) are not eligible.

Donors can transfer Foundation recognition points to others to help them qualify as a Paul Harris Fellow or Multiple Paul Harris Fellow. Foundation recognition points belong to the original donor until the donor's death, unless the points are transferred, or until the donor uses them (the surviving spouse of a Major Donor may also use the points).

How do I transfer Foundation recognition points?

A minimum of 100 Foundation recognition points must be transferred at a time, and you must complete and sign the [Recognition and Transfer Request](#). The points may not be transferred from individuals to a club or district.

- Individual donors are the only ones authorized to transfer recognition points from their individual account.
- Club presidents are the only ones authorized to transfer recognition points from a club account.
- District governors are the only ones authorized to transfer recognition points from a district account.

Can Foundation recognition points of deceased Rotarians be transferred?

No. These points expire unless the deceased Rotarian was a [Major Donor](#), in which case, the spouse/partner maintains control of the Foundation recognition points during his or her lifetime.

Can a business or organization become a Paul Harris Fellow?

No. Only individuals can become Paul Harris Fellows. However, businesses and organizations can receive a Certificate of Appreciation for contributions of \$1,000 or more, or transfers of 1,000 points or more.

Can a deceased person become a Paul Harris Fellow?

Yes. A donor can recognize a deceased individual by requesting a Memorial Paul Harris Fellow designation.

Do Foundation recognition points count toward Major Donor recognition?

No. Only cumulative personal outright contributions count toward [Major Donor recognition](#).

How are Foundation recognition points tracked?

Your club and district leaders can view the online Club Recognition Summary, which includes the recognition amount, tally of recognition points, current Paul Harris Fellow level, and date that level was achieved.

Through your My Rotary account, you can view your personal contribution history, recognition amount, and available Foundation recognition points. You can request a copy of your Donor History Report from the Foundation at rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org.

On the Club Recognition Summary, what is the difference between recognition amount and available Foundation recognition points?

Recognition amount reflects the total Paul Harris Fellow recognition you have accumulated through your personal contributions plus all recognition points you've been given by other individuals, clubs, or districts. Recognition points given to you don't count toward Major Donor recognition. The maximum amount that can be shown on the Club Recognition Summary report is 9,000; the "+" sign indicates that the actual amount exceeds the 9,000-point maximum.

Available Foundation recognition points reflects points you have accumulated through personal outright giving to the Foundation. All points listed can be transferred to other individuals for Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

Can clubs or districts accumulate Foundation recognition points?

Yes. Clubs can view their recognition points in the Club Recognition Summary.

Districts' Foundation recognition points are shown in the Donor History Report. Districts may request the report at rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org.

How can I use Foundation recognition points to increase giving to the Foundation?

Matching outright contributions with Foundation recognition points may help your club reach or even surpass its Annual Fund goal, as well as achieve 100% Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

To determine whether your club is close to achieving 100% Paul Harris Fellow status, review the recognition amounts of all Rotarians currently listed as active club members in the Club Recognition Summary.

To determine whether you're close to achieving your Annual Fund goal, review the Monthly Contribution Report.

What recognition opportunities are available with Foundation recognition points?

Paul Harris Fellow

Paul Harris Fellow recognition is extended to any individual who contributes, outright or cumulatively (or in whose name is contributed), \$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund or PolioPlus or as sponsorship of a portion of a Foundation grant.

The recognition consists of a certificate and pin. In addition, [Paul Harris Fellow medallions](#) can be ordered at shop.rotary.org.

Certificate of Appreciation

A Certificate of Appreciation is given to a business or organization in whose name a donor contributes \$1,000 or more.



Multiple Paul Harris Fellow recognition is extended at subsequent \$1,000 levels.

Recognition consists of a pin with stones corresponding to the recipient's recognition amount

\$2,000 to 2,999.99 - one sapphire

\$3,000 to 3,999.99 - two sapphires

\$4,000 to 4,999.99 - three sapphires

\$5,000 to 5,999.99 - four sapphires

\$6,000 to 6,999.99 - five sapphires

\$6,000 to 6,999.99 - five sapphire

\$7,000 to 7,999.99 - one ruby

\$8,000 to 8,999.99 - two rubies

\$9,000 to 9,999.99 - three rubies



Send questions to rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org

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!

ROTARY VISITS EARL HANSON ELEMENTARY – OUR ADOPTED SCHOOL



On August 28, at 3:15pm Rotarians visited Earl Hanson Elementary School for a Meet & Greet with the teachers and new principal, Sarah Leonard. Mrs. Leonard has over 25 years of experience in education spanning grade levels Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade with a specific concentration in literacy development.

Mrs. Leonard says that she and her staff will work hard to continue the strong relationships Hanson has enjoyed with parents, students, and staff, and the community. She is confident that they can make the school a place where students can continue to learn and grow academically, socially, as well as emotionally. She said the priorities at Earl Hanson and Rock Island Milan School District 41 include: 1) Increase student achievement; 2) Build respectful relationships; and 3) Improve operations.



As a PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) school, Earl Hanson has clearly outlined our behavioral expectations. In addition to PBIS, Earl Hanson is a Leader in Me school. Leader in Me is based on Stephen Covey's Seven Habits of Highly Successful People, but tailored to meet the needs of elementary schools. Through The Leader in Me, teachers work to help students identify what they are passionate about, what their goals are, and help students develop plans to meet those goals.

Principal Leonard says her priority is to ensure that all students receive the best education possible. "Every decision I make will be in each student's best interest. I have an open-door policy in which I welcome everyone."

Through our affiliation with Earl Hanson, we have learned that Hanson has excellent teachers with strong instructional skills and a depth of knowledge.

Our "adoption" of the school includes:

- * Helping to fund and supervise a Pumpkin Patch field trip for 1st and 2nd grade students
- * Hosting a monthly Birthday Books Party where each child celebrating their birthday that month receives the gift of a new book.
- * Collecting school supplies and personal needs items for students when requested.
- * Providing an "Angel Tree" each Christmas season and purchasing gifts for 40 to 50 students identified by teachers as those in families who may not have the financial ability to provide gifts for their children.\
- * Dedicating a portion of the proceeds from our annual Trivia Night Fundraiser to Earl Hanson School to fund needs as identified by the Principal and staff2



Principal, Sarah Leonard.

ROTARY MAKES A BIG LABOR DAY SPLASH!

Having a Rotary Float in this year's Rock Island Labor Day Parade was the idea of immediate past president, Sue Cassatt. A few club members came forward with ideas, suggestions, and offers to help. With a truck provided by Sue & Bob Cassatt and trailer provided by Molly and Scott Shattuck, some great signs provided by John Olinger, and a blow-up Rotary Wheel provided by District Governor, Bobbi Burke, the float came together. Add Bud Phillis and his prowler convertible and Jeff Dismer with his Porsche convertible, Bruce Peterson on his bike, Tom Hammar and Molly Shattuck handing out candy with Molly's kids on bikes, and the new Spring Forward Van with a "Thank You Rotary Banner" added to our group and you have a most impressive Rotary parade presence. Thanks to all who helped and participated and to all of you sitting along the parade route that clapped and yelled "Thanks Rotary"!

{Thanks to Mark Mayeski, Sue Cassatt, & Jeff Dismer for photos}



MORE LABOR DAY PARADE VIEWS

