



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



John Thompson Deleon-Thompson, Inc.

Founded by Harry "Ponce" DeLeon on July 4, 1936, the Harry D. DeLeon Company first operated as a Manufacturer's Representative. Thomas A. Lundeen joined the company in 1950; Harry's son, Creigh N. DeLeon, joined the family business in 1962; and Robert J. Thompson, son of T. A. Lundeen, came on board in 1967. In 1981, Robert Thompson and Creigh DeLeon restructured the business as DeLeon Thompson, Inc. with Robert as president and Creigh as secretary-treasurer. In 1983, Robert Thompson became chairman of the board and Creigh DeLeon was elected president, serving in that capacity until his death in 1986. The company is now under the leadership of third-generation owners John Thompson, who joined the company in 1980, becoming president in 1994, and Matthew Thompson, who joined the company in 1986 and became vice president in 2001. Billed as "The Midwest's leading industrial stocking distributor of high-quality cutting tools, abrasives, work holding products, cutting fluids, industrial cleaners, rust preventatives and coolant recycling equipment", the firm is now much more than a manufacturer's representative. They have a full-service in-house coolant laboratory for testing and analyzing machine coolant quality, provide inventory management systems; and customized vending & integration systems for efficient tool crib management. Deleon-Thompson offers complete technical engineering support with experts in all manufacturing and machining applications, including carbide tool regrinding and tool repair. The firm provides process engineering, systems contracts and EDI processing to help clients work smarter. Mr. Thompson, a fellow Rotarian and former president of the Moline Club, presented an interesting power point slide and video show to augment his comments. He noted that as a "Manufacturer's Rep" Deleon-Thompson essentially is a local sale representation for worldwide manufacturers of tools. They provide a local source of inventory, have local personnel to introduce new products and new technology to regional manufacturing businesses and also provide both on site and classroom training for local companies. Primary clients of Deleon-Thompson are Deere & Company, Caterpillar, Weber Metals, Premiere Manufacturing, Dee Zee, the Rock Island Arsenal, and LeClaire Manufacturing. Thompson stated that the business is a multi-million-dollar company and yet employs a staff of just eight. He said the per-person sales productivity is "absolutely incredible". One reason for their success is their emphasis on helping their customers with cost savings and technical support. Cost savings are achieved by visiting clients on site and observing their operation. They identify where the business is incurring its largest production costs and then find ways to reduce those costs by improving productivity. Using new technology and new tools they are often able to save their clients hundreds of thousands of dollars. They also conduct time studies and suggest ways to increase output while working the same amount of time. Recycling coolant, which is used in large quantities in manufacturing, is another way Deleon-Thompson has found cost savings for their customers. They also provide technical support and trouble shooting which includes training and testing new tools. One of the new technologies saving manufacturers money is providing on site vending machines loaded with tools commonly used by the business. Rather than going through the process of ordering tools and waiting for delivery, the employee just goes to the vending machine and gets what is needed. The business gets a report of what was purchased and by which employee, and Deleon-Thompson gets an automatic report of what inventory needs to be replaced in the machine. As they say, this isn't your daddy's manufacturing system! Thanks John, for an eye-opening presentation!



October – November Calendar

- Oct 22 - John Thompson, President of Deleon-Thompson, Inc. in Moline.
- Oct 24 - World Polio Day
- Oct 29 - Amanda Murray, Rebound Exchange Student
- Nov 5 - Dr. Norm Moline, Professor Emeritus Augustana College
- Nov 8 - ROTARY Trivia Night
- Nov 9 - District ?Foundation Dinner
- Nov 12 - TBA
- Nov 19 - TBA
- Nov 26 - TBA
- Dec 3 - Rock Island Chamber Choir
- Dec 8 - ROTARY RAMBLE



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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!** We greeted a number of guests at today's meeting including Virginia Johnson, wife of Don Peterson; our Exchange son, Emil Rosin from Finland; Caitlin DeBlaey and Joe Weaver our Jr. Rotarians from Alleman High School; and one visiting Rotarian, Mark Zimmerman, a member of the Davenport Club. Guests are always welcome at the **Number One Club**, Rock Island Rotary!

□ **TRIVIA NIGHT DONATIONS NEEDED** 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.

□ **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 Steve Morenz 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 Steve Morenz to volunteer to help at 309-721-7632 or just show up any Thursday at 5:15. It's easy duty!

□ **MEETINGS CANCELLED** – Our Board of Directors have decided to cancel our last two meetings in December. One would have been on Christmas Eve and the other on New Year's Eve. Therefore, our final meeting of 2019 will be on December 17th. Our first meeting in 2020 will be January 7th. Be sure to mark your calendars!

□ **SCHEDULE FOR POPULAR PROGRAMS RELEASED.** The Rock Island High School Orchestra will make it's annual visit to Rotary on November 26th. The Chamber Choir will present their holiday program on December 3rd.

□ **SEND ITEMS** for our newsletter to 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. John Oliger the first lucky ticket and took the Milani wine. Tammy Weikert had the second ticket drawn and took the cash and donated it to the Rotary Foundation. Proceeds from our raffle go to the Rotary International Foundation. **Thanks to all who participated!**

Rotary Ramble Corporate Sponsorships

We are now accepting Corporate Sponsorships for our 5K Rotary Ramble on Dec. 8, 2019.

Here is what you will receive for the \$100 Sponsorship...

- * Corporate Sponsorship Recognition at the Race
- Complimentary Rotary-Designed Long-Sleeve T-Shirt
- Your Company's name on the back of the shirt

Please call Bruce Peterson or Kathy Lelonek to sign-up NOW!!



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. Bud has books at every meeting! Our goal is 60 books sold!

ROTARY HOLIDAY PARTY

Wednesday, December 4th

**Ticket includes: Pre-Show Salon Party with
Complimentary Hoers Devours and Cash Bar (5:00-6pm)
Buffet Dinner (5:45-7:00pm)
Bootleggers Warm-up Show (7:15pm)
Elf the Musical (7:30pm)**



Special Group Rate

TWO WITH DINING BOOK COUPON \$62.71*
***Tip included (not including deserts & bar)**

WITH NO DINING BOOK COUPON:

ONE ADMISSION \$ 51.25

TWO ADMISSIONS \$102.50

Circa Subscriber?

Pay Just \$3.50 per person for gratuity

TRIVIA NIGHT RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Trivia Night Committee members are offering raffle tickets now with two fantastic prizes which the lucky winner can select from. One is a \$1,000 Travel Voucher from Picture Perfect Travel, use it toward any getaway you plan. Cruise, flight, you name it, it can be yours! Or, opt to take the Deluxe Booze Basket stocked full of high-quality liquors of all types and varieties. Estimated value, \$300 and rising as additional selections are added!

Tickets are \$5 for one or Five for \$20! The winner will be drawn at our Rotary Trivia Night, Friday, November 8th at the Milan Community Center. Need not be present to win. See Sue Rector to get your tickets!

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

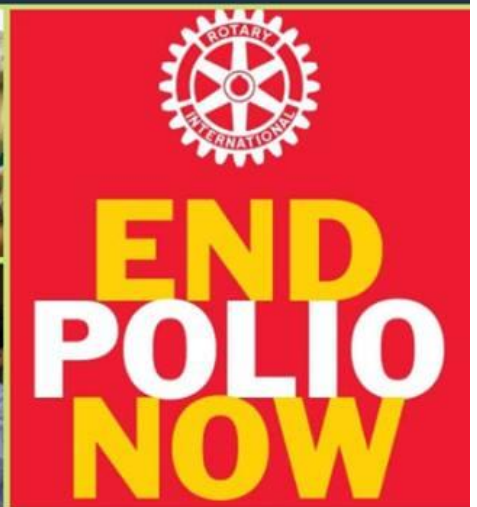
- Complimentary Table for up to 10 players
- Day of event recognition as a Corporate Sponsor

Friend of Rotary \$100

- Day of event recognition as a Friend of Rotary

OCTOBER 24TH IS WORLD POLIO DAY

ON WORLD POLIO DAY, THOUSANDS OF ROTARY CLUBS AROUND THE WORLD WILL HOLD EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS TO RECOGNIZE OUR PROGRESS IN THE GLOBAL FIGHT TO END POLIO.



ONE DAY. ONE FOCUS: ENDING POLIO
OCTOBER 24, 2019

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Club Vice President Angela Campbell accepted a proclamation made by Rock Island mayor, Mike Thomas, in recognition of World Polio Day. World Polio Day is October 24, 2019 and clubs are encouraged to host an event and/or get a similar proclamation from their local elected leaders at the city, county or state level. We greatly appreciate Mayor Thoms, a fellow Rock Island Rotary member, and the Rock Island City Council for supporting the Rotary Foundation Polio effort.

ROTARY DISTRICT FOUNDATION DINNER – NOVEMBER 9th
\$35.00 4:30 PM – 8:00 PM White Pines Cedar Stone, Polo, IL 61064

Online Registration for [**Members**](#)

Our Club will receive an award – Members Encouraged to Attend!

POLIO OUR ONGOING BATTLE!

In 2018 there were 28 cases of wild poliovirus (WPV) in the world. Thus far in 2019, 88 cases have been diagnosed. Pakistan remains the nation with the greatest number of cases, with the remainder being in Afghanistan. World health officials are dismayed at the increase in the number of reported cases and note that the hope of eradicating polio in 2019 will not be achieved, nor can a future date be promised with any accuracy. The issue seems twofold: 1) Children are not getting vaccinated with several causes identified: on-going conflict in the area; 2) A vitriolic disinformation campaign on social media, and armed attacks on immunization teams and their police escorts. The battle continues with Rotary and the World Health Organization leading the way. We should see the end of polio globally, but exactly when is up in the air.

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

Foundation Minute

He founded Panzi Hospital in 1999 with the singular aim of making life much better for mothers and their babies, then war broke out. Working among traumatized women and children of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Denis Mukweze has seen it all: between 100 and 500 women and children raped every day, ranging from 19-month-old babies to octogenarians; with their digestive and reproductive organs totally and brutally impacted. Frustrated by the relentless use of mass rape as a weapon of war and mass destruction of babies, women and entire communities, Mukweze sought for ways to improve medical equipment at the hospital to cope with the overwhelming demands.

Speaking in January 2017, at a Rotary Foundation Seminar sponsored by District 1620 (Belgium), the OB/GYN surgeon detailed the atrocities going on in his native country. The Rotary Clubs in attendance donated \$120,000 immediately. This was augmented by \$40,000 in District Designated Funds and a grant of nearly \$100,000 from the Rotary Foundation. Forty-two clubs participated in the project, including the host club, Rotary Club of Bukavu Mwangaza in South Kivu, DRC. In 2018, through a Rotary Foundation Global Grant, the hospital was gifted with a state-of-the-art digital X-ray machine which allows doctors to view results electronically and share them with distant specialists when needed.

Today, although rape as a weapon of war has yet to be obliterated from the region, with the help of the new Rotary donated machine, maternal and infant mortality have been drastically reduced with a 99.1% live birth rate. More than 85,000 rape or birth-related complications have been treated, and victims who cannot afford post-rape medical care continue to be treated free of charge at the Panzi Hospital.

Your generous donations end up improving lives world-wide.

TIME TO SIGN UP!!



With the holiday season fast approaching, it is time to sign up for Rotary Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army. We will be manning the east and west entry doors at the Rock Island HyVee on Saturday, December 14th from 9am until 3pm. We need two people at each door in one-hour shifts starting at 9am. That means four people (can be a Rotarian and spouse or family member or two Rotarians) are needed for each hour. If you can help, email Mark Mayeski, mark.mayeski@edwardjones.com. It's fun, personally rewarding and is truly "Service Above Self". Call Mark today!

WATER PROJECT REACHES ACROSS THE NATION

Not only is the Western Illinois - Eastern Iowa water project our club created reaching across the world to provide safe water for drinking and cooking in rural Kenya, the support of Rotarians now is reaching across the United States. Duncan Cameron a member of the Naples, Florida Rotary Club and a frequent visitor to our club when he is in the area, made a \$350 donation in honor of Sam Wray for the purchase of a water filter. We will place the order and see that the filter is delivered to a school in a remote area near Nairobi. We thank Duncan for his generosity and his remembrance of Sam Wray who along with his wife Hilde, laid the foundation for the project. Sam would be so pleased to be remembered in this way!



Duncan Cameron



Life Straw Water Filter



Hilde & Sam Wray

HEART OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

Rock Island Rotary began its affiliation with the Heart of Hope Food Pantry in 2016 under the leadership of then, Club President, Steve Morenz. Al Metz volunteered to chair the project which involved lining up volunteers to help with the food distribution on Thursday nights from approximately 5 to 7pm. One or two Rotarians are needed to help guide people through the pantry and help them select food. Many of us have volunteered and have been met with big smiles and sincere "thanks" from the many families assisted. With his retirement and travel plans, Al opted to resign at the beginning of this month and president Mark Mayeski began the search for someone to replace Al as coordinator of the project. Now "Past President", Steve Morenz, stepped up and took the reins of the project. Today Steve made an impassioned plea to our members to support the project and volunteer to help. He stressed that none of us need to commit to a weekly stint at the Pantry. Once a month or once a quarter is greatly appreciated. Those that want to serve more often are welcome to do so. It is an extremely easy way to serve our community. It is in a safe and secure area, and there are plenty of other volunteers present to ensure that your time is enjoyable and productive. Please step forward and help. Contact Steve Morenz to volunteer, smorenz@riverbendfoodbank.org.



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!