



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

Leslie Van Dyke, Director of Operations for the new TBK Bank Sports Complex in Bettendorf



October – November Calendar

- 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
- Nov 5 - Dr. Norm Moline, Professor Emeritus Augustana College
- Nov 12 - TBA
- Nov 19 - TBA

Leslie Van Dyke earned her BS and MA at Iowa. Leslie served as the Director of Events and Game Operations at Illinois State University. In this role, she planned and executed all athletic events and served as Championship Director for Missouri Valley Conference and Midwest Independent Conference Championships. In September 2017, Leslie joined the staff at TBK Bank Sports Complex in Bettendorf as the Director of Operations. In this role, she oversees multiple aspects of the facility's tournaments, leagues, corporate events, parties, and day-to-day operations. The TBK Bank Sports Complex is a 75-acre interactive complex comprised of an indoor & outdoor sports complex and a 2-story family entertainment center known as High 5 Lanes & Games. Overall there are 300,000 square feet under roof. This makes the TBK Bank Sports Complex one of the largest sports complexes in the Midwest. The Indoor Sports Complex includes an 11 vs 11 multipurpose turf field, 8 regulation size basketball/volleyball courts, 4 sand volleyball courts, Team training area, Fitness center, Physical therapy facility, Digs Bar & Grill at the beach (sand volleyball), Concessions, Retail Shop and the Main office. The Outdoor Sports Complex includes 2 lighted turf soccer fields, 10 lighted turf baseball/softball fields, 5 sand volleyball courts, Concessions, and 1571 parking spaces. The High 5 Lanes & Games adds 32 bowling lanes, 65 arcade games, 2-story laser tag, 2 Escape Rooms, a Sports bar/restaurant, and Banquet/meeting space. A unique feature is that the bowling alley is a two-story facility with 16 lanes up and 16 lanes below. In the past year a bowling league formed and is thriving in the new complex. Van Dyke said that the original mission of the facility was to provide state of the art soccer facilities for our area; however now up and running, baseball has far outdistanced soccer as the facilities most lucrative activity. She said that at a typical baseball tournament between 4,000 to 5,000 participants and spectators attend. She also said the Sports Complex primarily serves as a rental facility. Much of their revenue derives from facility rentals and hourly fees. The restaurant also provides supporting income and features original recipes by its Texas based owners. There are numerous sports clubs that have chosen to use the Complex as their home, but the clubs remain independent entities and simply rent the use of facilities and fields. As such the Clubs set their own fees and policies for their events. Some charge admission for spectators, others do not. Sports clubs exist in baseball, softball, volleyball, soccer, and various other sports. Another aspect of the Complex is its "Level II" fitness center occupying 40,000 square feet. It is essentially three facilities in one. About 1/3 of the area could be described as a Health Club with Matrix 7xi cardio equipment including treadmills, elliptical, stair climbers, rowers, stationary bikes, etc. Another 1/3 of the fitness center is Athletic Performance Sports Training with an emphasis on speed and agility. The final 1/3 can be described as a premiere athlete training facility with Custom designed Arsenal Strength, strength training equipment including pin select machines, plate loaded, cables, racks, jungles they have a full selection of accessories which include medicine balls, TRX bands, boxes, sleds, elastic bands, mats and more. Leslie noted that when construction began the area was a cornfield. Now with the Complex up and operating many other retails business including various food establishments have opened. So far over \$30 million in development surrounding the Complex has occurred. The Quad Cities is lucky to have one of the finest and largest sports facilities in the nation located just off Interstate 80 in Bettendorf.



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Aug. – Sep. Kathy Trone
Oct. – Nov. Cindi Gramenz
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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!** A rather short list of guests at today's meeting including Dee Ann McNeal from Phoenix, Arizona, mother of Dan McNeal. We also had our two loyal visiting Rotarians, Duncan Cameron from the Naples, Florida Club and Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport club. Guests are always welcome at the **Number One Club**, Rock Island Rotary! Have you invited a friend or colleague to experience Rock Island Rotary lately?

□ **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 Heart of Hope or bring them to an upcoming Rotary meeting and we will get it to them.

□ **ROTARY 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!

□ **GREETERS NEEDED** – Please sign up to be a greeter at an upcoming meeting. Right now, we have no one for October 29th and the entire months of November and December are open. Just need to arrive about 11:40 and greet members as they arrive up to about 12 noon. Easy and fun duty!

□ **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. John Daly had the first lucky ticket and took the cash and donated it to the Rotary Foundation. Lucky Frank Lambert held the final winner and won the wine. Proceeds from our raffle go to the Rotary International Foundation. **Thanks to all who participated!**



ROTARY SUPPORTS GIRLS SCOUTS

Community Grants Committee Chairman, Frank Lambert presented a \$1,000 Rotary donation to Vice President of Development Shelly Wells Cain for the Girls Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois. Ms. Cain noted that there is a great shortage of volunteers willing to be troop leaders and that many girls want to join but can't do so not being able to afford the \$25 fee or because no troop exists for them to join. As a result, the Girls Scouts established an Outreach Initiative that allows girls to participate without fees and brings scouting into their schools. In 2018, 5,321 girls were served through outreach initiatives with 69 schools and 32 community organizations. Our donation makes us a partner in the initiative.



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!

ANOTHER PAUL HARRIS FELLOW!

Foundation Chairman, Bud Phillis was please to introduce our most recent Paul Harris Fellow at today's meeting. Cindi Gramenz, the Development Director of Christian Care received the honor. Cindi joined Rotary in 2018 and almost immediately signed up for a small payroll deduction from her pay checks to go to the Rotary International Foundation. Quickly the small deductions added up and resulted in Cindi earning the distinction of becoming a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow. Cindy stated that she learned early from her father a great appreciation for giving back to her community. She has spent her career after distinguished military service, working in the non-profit field. Cindi has been a great addition to our club, serving on numerous committees, volunteering to serve as Co-Sergeant at Arms, and was elected to serve on our Club Board of Directors. Congratulations Cindi!



Rotary Ramble Corporate Sponsorships

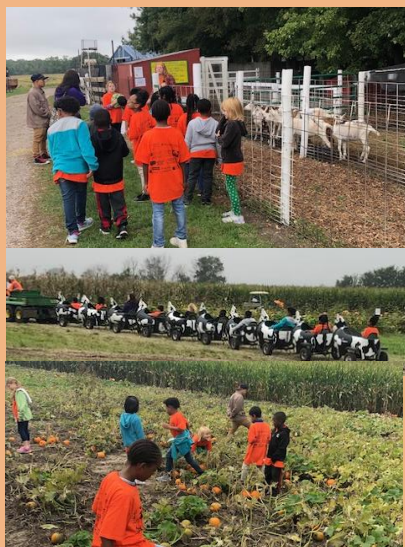
We are now accepting Corporate Sponsorships for our 5K Rotary Ramble on Dec. 8, 2019.

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!!

Rotary Ramble Committee



PUMPKIN PALOOZA FUN!

Last Thursday Rock Island Rotary hosted our annual "Pumpkin Palooza" for the first and second graders from Earl Hanson Elementary School. After a 30-minute bus ride to Country Corner Farm Market and Pumpkin Patch near Alpha, Illinois the kids were met by Rotary volunteers who were treated to a free souvenir tee shirt. They also got a close up look at giant pumpkins on display-some weighing over 500 pounds. They got a hayrack ride into the area's Largest U-Pick Pumpkin Patch and each got to take home their very own pumpkin. They played in the Timber Park Playground & Picnic area and also got to explore the challenging Corn Maze. The Barnyard Zoo is always a favorite where the kids get a chance to feed and pet various animals including goats, and llamas. Education is also a part of the day with a stop at the Learning & Bee Information Center. The fun is topped off by rides on the Cow Train, playing in the Straw Fort, watching the Corn and Pumpkin Cannons, and Mining for Gems in the sluice stream.

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.

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

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.



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!

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

For more than a century Rotarians have practiced **Service Above Self** and through the **Avenue of Community Service**, given back to the communities they live in. Through **Community Service** Rotary clubs have the opportunity to implement club projects that improve life in their local community. **In this first week of Community Service Month**, various Rotary clubs have been doing just that; improving lives in their communities.

Three Rotary clubs in Jackson, TN, have raised \$16,385 through their **Rotary Heart & Sole Project** to put shoes on the feet of as many as **13,000 students** in the entire Jackson-Madison County School System. The clubs worked in tandem with **Samaritan Feet**, a nationwide initiative, which **aims to inspire hope** through the gift of shoes to those who need both hope and shoes the most. Students in these inner-city schools sometime share a pair of shoes between siblings. They put on shoes that are too big or too small and wear flip-flops to the gym. Ten Thousand dollars out of their funds are being used to purchase shoes for students in Andrew Jackson, Arlington Elementary and Alexander Elementary schools in the county.

The Rotary Club of Victoria, British Columbia, donated \$10,000 for the purchase of two commercial-grade washer/dryer laundry sets for **Our Place Society**, an inner-city center serving Victoria's vulnerable citizens. "No matter who we are or our personal resources, we can all relate to putting on a clean shirt or sleeping between clean sheets," said Gerald Pash, president of the club. **Our Place Society serves 1,200 meals daily.**

In much of rural Africa, communities experience loss of young mothers and their babies due to many factors. Long distance from clinics, unhygienic birthing practices, the scourge of malaria and lack of menstrual education among young girls have all contributed to dangerously high maternal mortality rates. In a remote area of **Tanzania**, girls drop out of school when they run out of personal hygiene supplies and/or become pregnant and thus repeat a sad but preventable cycle. Responding to this situation, two Rotary clubs decided to improve the lives of these rural women by applying for a Global Grant from TRF. **The Rotary Club of Fulton, Missouri and Tanzania-based Babati Rotary**, along with **Humanity For Children**, a non-profit based in Missouri, landed a \$94,000 Global Grant to increase the survival rate of mothers, newborns and infants among the Maasai people living in a remote area of northern Tanzania. "This is the first time we've received an international grant since I've been a Rotarian... It feels so good to be part of a small organization doing such big works," gushed Amanda Gowin, Fulton club member and project co-director. Initiatives within the project include: training traditional birth attendants in safe-birthing practices, providing a basic clinical lab in two remote governmental clinics and installing solar panels to provide them with electricity.