



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER




October – November Calendar

- 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 - Katie Benson and Rock Island High School Orchestra
- Dec 3 - Scott Voigt and Rock Island Chamber Choir
- Dec 4th - Rotary Holiday Party at Circa 21 Dinner Theater
- Dec 8 - ROTARY RAMBLE

AMANDA COMES HOME

Today's guest speaker was Amanda Murray, our Club's 2018-19 outbound exchange student. Amanda spent the year in Poland and gave us an entertaining and thorough report on her experiences. She is the daughter of Pete and Nora Miller Murray, who were in attendance to hear their daughter's presentation. Amanda began the process of interviewing for the chance to be a Rotary Exchange student nearly two years ago. After being selected she attended training to prepare her for her year. Finally, over a year ago, with all details handled, Amanda left the United States and landed in her destination city, Krakow, Poland. She lived with two Rotary host families and attended school in Krakow, returning home this summer after a year abroad. Amanda presented a colorful presentation of photos and accompanying comments that brought her year alive to Rotarians in attendance. Krakow is the second largest and one of the oldest cities in Poland. Situated on the Vistula River, the city dates back to the 7th century. Kraków was the official capital of Poland until 1596 and has traditionally been one of the leading centers of Polish academic, economic, cultural and artistic life. It is often cited as one of Europe's most beautiful cities. Which is also how Amanda describes it. Her presentation featured photos of many of Krakow's churches, castles, Basilicas, and markets. The city has grown from a Stone Age settlement to Poland's second most important city. It began as a hamlet on Wawel Hill and was already being reported as a busy trading center of Central Europe in 965. With the establishment of new universities and cultural venues throughout the 20th century, Kraków reaffirmed its role as a major national academic and artistic center. The city has a population of about 770,000, with approximately 8 million additional people living within a 100 km (62 mi) radius of its main square.[8]. Amanda told of having the fun of learning to paddle board on the river and to ski in the Alps during some of her "free" time in Poland. She said the most memorable part of her adventure was the people she met. There were six other exchange students in Krakow who became "family" to Amanda, along with the two families with whom she lived. She also had her first experience having a pet, with her adoptive homes having both a dog and a cat. One of the more interesting parts of her presentation was a run down of the holidays in Poland. Poland celebrates "name days" more so than birthdays. Typical Polish names are actually listed on the calendar and when your "name day" comes up you celebrate! They also have "Donut Thursday" and just as it sounds, every Thursday the Polish eat donuts, to the tune of 1 million eaten each Thursday. They also celebrate Easter, St. Nicholas' Day (separate from Christmas) and Christmas at which time Angels deliver gifts rather than Santa Claus. They celebrate All Saints Day on November 1st by lavishly decorating the graves of ancestors. As far as food is concerned, Amanda tried raw meat garnished with raw egg (which she said was good, but she wouldn't do it again!) and also tried beet root soup (also not a favorite for her). Fish are a big part of the Polish diet, some eaten raw and all eaten very fresh! She told of her host family keeping three fish in the bathtub so they would be fresh (see Amanda on page 5)

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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!** We greeted a number of guests at today's meeting including Stacey Brown from Country Financial, a guest of Bob Swanson; Virginia Houlton, wife of Fred Houlton; Virginia Johnson, wife of Don Peterson; our Exchange son, Emil Rosin from Finland; Aidan Gorishek and Matt Bjork new Jr. Rotarians from Alleman High School; Martha Dismar wife of Jeff Dismar and aunt of our guest speaker joined her brother, Pete Murry and his wife Nora Miller Murray who are parents of our guest speaker. We also had one visiting Rotarians, Mark Zimmerman 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. Next Tuesday will be the final opportunity to drop off items. We will be more than happy to stop by and collect the item, just 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!

☐ **SEND ITEMS** for our newsletter to bobdebswanson@att.net We are happy to publish anything related to Rotary.



FOUNDATION RAFFLE REPORT

Today's raffle featured a 50/50 cash drawing and a bottle of fine wine from the Lo Milani cellar. Bill Stengel had the first lucky ticket and took the cash and donated it to Spring Forward for gas for their new van. Sue Rector held the final winner and won the wine. She generously donated it back for a double wine drawing next week. Proceeds from our raffle go to the Rotary Foundation. **Thanks to all who participated!**

Rotary Ramble Corporate Sponsorships

Time to sign up as a Corporate Sponsorships for our 5K Rotary Ramble on Dec. 8, 2019 is running short.

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

SARA TURNS BLUE!



Today President Mark Mayeski had the pleasure of presenting Sara Cross with her regular "Blue" Rotary name badge. Sara was initially given a "Red" badge identifying her as a new member. Her mentor, Jim Moran, helped guide her through the orientation process helping her to learn about Rotary and how our Club operates. Having completed all the orientation program, Sara turned in her "red" badge and proudly accepted her regular member "Blue" badge. Congratulations Sara and to mentor Jim Moran, we're thrilled to have Sara as an important part of our Rotary family. Pictured from L to R are President Mark Mayeski, Sara Cross, and Mentor Jim Moran.

DAN THANKS ROTARY (Again)

Dan McNeil, Executive Director of the Spring Forward Learning Center distributed copies of the new Spring Forward Annual Report. Featured in the report is a photo of the new van financed with Rotary's assistance. The van is used to transport Spring Forward students and at times members of the faculty and staff. When Rotary agreed to help purchase the van, Dan made a commitment to give "on going" recognition to our club. Not only is our Club Logo proudly displayed on the van, but the Annual Report article with the photo specifically mentioned and thanked Rotary for our assistance is making the purchase possible. Thank you Dan for the kind words!



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!

Bud & Diane Phillis are going and would be happy to carpool with anyone interested in attending.

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

Rotary Clubs around the globe celebrated World Polio Day on October 24th. Local events celebrated the day by providing educational activities like guest lectures, library events and survivors' experiences. Since it was first rolled out as the primary focus of TRF, PolioPlus has witnessed a viral leap of success in eradicating this crippling disease from the planet. Today, with matching funds from The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, The Rotary Foundation is committed to raising \$50 million every year, which will be matched by the Gates Foundation each year at two-to-one, up to \$150 million. TRF has provided over \$1.9 billion US of the funds for vaccinating over 2.5 billion children in 122 countries. Since 1988, the incidence of polio infection has dropped by 99.9%. There are just two countries – Pakistan and Afghanistan – yet to be rid of the illness. The campaign against Polio is on-going.

The Rotary Club of Sunyani East in Ghana has also used generated funds for great causes. With matching funds provided by The Rotary Foundation, the club has donated medical equipment worth \$42,858 US to the St. Mathias Catholic Hospital in the Pru East District of the Bono East Region. The equipment included two infant incubators, radiant heaters, biochemistry analyzer and an operating surgical light. In the last seven months, Sunyani Rotary has donated over \$100,000 worth of equipment with matching funds by TRF.

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when cooked for Thanksgiving. Amanda concluded her comments with photos and an itinerary from her "Euro Tour". She had the good fortune to visit Amsterdam, Barcelona, Pisa, Versailles, Carcassonne, Paris, Monaco, Florence, Cannes, Rome, the Vatican, Naples, Pompei, Capri, Verona, and Venice. In each city Amanda was able to see many of the most famous landmarks and treasures.

She concluded her program by giving a very sincere "thank you" to our Club for sponsoring her and to her parents for supporting, both emotionally and financially, her year abroad.

Thanks Amanda for a great program. Outstanding young people like you are the best ambassadors we can send to foster better understanding and world peace. Best of luck in the future as you again venture out, this time from home to the college or university of your choice.



Uncle Jeff, Aunt Martha, Amanda, and her Mom & Dad take a photo opportunity after Amanda's Rotary program.





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!