



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



Marcy O'Brien Children's Advocacy Center

Guest speaker today was Marcy O'Brien, Executive Director of the Rock Island County Children's Advocacy Center. Obrien is married and has two grown children. She was a police officer for twenty-nine years; working for the East Moline Police Department for five years before being employed by the Moline Police Department for twenty-four years. She started her career as a patrol officer. She was then assigned to

October – November Calendar

- Nov 19 - Corey Pearson, German American Heritage Center
- 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

a low-income housing complex as a community policing officer. After that assignment, she was a liaison officer assigned to a JR High School for three years and then the High School for two years. She left that assignment when appointed as a Juvenile Detective. During her time as a liaison officer and detective she had the opportunity to work closely with the Rock Island Children's Advocacy Center. When Director Cindy Fisher announced her plans to retire, O'Brien was excited to be able to apply for her position. She says she believes in the mission of the Children's Advocacy Center. The mission of the Rock Island County Children's Advocacy Center is to provide each child who has suffered abuse with justice, hope and healing. They provide services to child victims of sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, and child witnesses to homicides and other violent crimes. Services may also be provided for children at risk and non-offending family members. The Center provides forensic interviews, advocacy, medical evaluation and treatment, and therapeutic intervention for child abuse victims referred to the agency. Services are available to the child for as long as needed. They also provide crisis intervention, individual and group counseling, play therapy, court accompaniment, resource referrals, assistance with crime victim's compensation paperwork, and personal advocacy. Data collected indicate 25% of girls are sexually abused before their 18th birthday; 17% of boys are sexually abused before their 18th birthday. 98% of the abused children know their perpetrators; and 25% of the abused children were not old enough to attend Kindergarten. O'Brien identified the signs and symptoms of abuse noting that young children often don't realized they have been abused. **Signs of Physical Abuse** include: Unexplained changes in the child's body or behavior or regression to earlier developmental stages. Any injury (bruise, burn, fracture, abdominal or head injury) that cannot be explained, Watchful and "on alert" behavior, as if the child is waiting for something bad to happen, Shying away from touch, flinches at sudden movements, or seems afraid to go home. Appears to be afraid of adults, wears clothing inappropriate to the season or weather to cover injuries, i.e. long-sleeved shirts on hot days, school failure, frequent headaches or stomachaches with no medical cause. **Signs of Emotional Abuse** are: Behavioral changes, speech disorders, substance abuse, developmental delays, lack of attachment to the parent, excessively withdrawn, fearful or anxious about doing something wrong, acts either inappropriately adult (taking care of other children) or inappropriately infantile (rocking, thumb-sucking, tantrums). The child may also exhibit extremely passive or aggressive behavior. **Signs of Sexual Abuse** are extreme sexual behavior that seems inappropriate for the child's age, sexual acting out on other children, genital pain, itching, swelling or bleeding, as well as a sexually transmitted disease, refusal to change for physical activities (e.g. P.E. class) or refusal to participate in physical activities, depression, runaway, fear of being alone with adults, especially of a particular gender. Sexually abused children may also have suicide attempts, trouble walking or sitting, nightmares or bedwetting, sudden changes in appetite, and/or fear of a particular person or family member. **Signs of Neglect** are frequently absent from school, theft of food or money, consistently poor hygiene, lack of appropriate clothing for weather or season, frequently unsupervised, left alone or allowed to play in unsafe situations and environments, and/or lacks needed medical or dental care. When working with an abused child and their family, O'Brien said many people they work with are in "trauma-mode," and it's hard to remember to go to counseling or keep an appointment. "What we found is our parents are actually more traumatized than the kids. So, the parents also receive counseling so they can deal with what happened to their child," she said. It was an eye opening and sad commentary on our society.



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

Club Notes & Announcements!

□ **WELCOME GUESTS!** Rock Island Rotary was pleased to welcome several guests at today's meeting. Our Exchange son, Emil Rosin from Finland and Alleman Jr. Rotarians Aidan Gorishek and Matt Bjork joined us. Virginia Johnson, wife of Don Peterson attended. We had one visiting Rotarians Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport Club joined us today. Guests are always welcome at the **Number One Club**, Rock Island Rotary!

□ **SERVICE** – Rotary members 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!

□ **ROTARY WINE RAFFLE** – Tickets are now available for our spring wine raffle. First prize is your choice of \$750 worth of fine wine from the Grape Life Wine Store & Lounge. Each Rotarian is encouraged to take 15 tickets which sell for \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Your option to buy them, sell them, buy some, sell others, etc. If we all do that we'll raise about \$6,000 for our club! See Ruth Lee or Anne McGlynn for tickets.

□ **ROTARY REINDEER RAMBLE** is quickly approaching pm December 8th. Volunteer to help with runner supervision, food service, finish line, and a number of other important duties. Know anyone who might like to join as a runner or walker? Sign-up forms are available at every Rotary meeting. One is attached as the last page of this newsletter. To volunteer see John Oliger or Mary Fislar.

□ **GREETERS STILL NEEDED** – We have November and the first two meetings in December covered, but are still seeing greeters for December 19th and for all January meetings. Sign up at the Sergeant at Arms table or you can email Bob Swanson at hobdebswanson@att.net or Cindi Gramenz at cgramenz15@gmail.com

FOUNDATION RAFFLE REPORT



Today's raffle featured a 50/50 cash drawing and two bottles of fine wine from the Lo Milani cellar. Steve Morenz had the first lucky ticket and took the cash and donated it to the Rotary Foundation.. Jeff Dismar held the next tickets drawn and won the first wine. The 3rd ticket drawn also belonged to Jeff, so he said, "draw again" The 4th ticket was also one of Jeff's, so he assumed the Wine Gods had spoken and took both bottles! Rotary thanks Lo Milani for donating wine each week for our drawing!! Proceeds from our raffle go to the Rotary Foundation. **Thanks to all who participated!**

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! Bud reports we have met our goal of selling 60 books and are raising the bar even higher! So far, the project has raised \$600 for Rock Island Rotary! Thanks to Bud and to all who have purchased books!

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

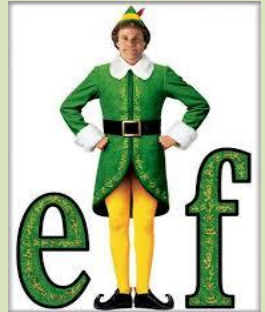
TWO WITH DINING BOOK COUPON \$62.71

***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

RICK DEVINNEY IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

Rotarian Ric Devinney was this week's spotlighted member. Rick was born and raised in Moline. He was born in Moline's Lutheran Hospital (since torn down and now the site of the Overlook Senior Housing Complex) and attended Garfield School (now converted to a Senior Housing Facility). He graduated from Moline High School (thankfully, still standing), and received his bachelor's degree in Accounting and Finance from Northern Illinois University. He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and was first employed by Peat Marwick Mitchell & Co, (now Klynveld Peat Marwick Goerdeler [KPMG]). He left Peat Marwick and became Chief Financial Officer for JMF Company in Bettendorf. After 17 years he moved on to become Chief Financial Officer for Friendship Manor, a position he currently holds. He said he joined Rotary in 2012 primarily because he was asked by Dr. Larry Tadlock who brought him to meetings for several years. The roles have now changed with Rick typically bringing Larry to our meetings. He spoke with great love for his current position stating that Friendship Manor is the Illinois Quad Cities' only Continuing Care Retirement Community. They have 300 units with approximately one-third independent living, one-third assisted living, and one-third skilled care living. Roughly 1/3 of the assisted care unit are Memory Care with 24 apartment homes dedicated to residents with Alzheimer's and dementia. They receive specialized care in an environment designed specifically for their challenges. The Manor also offers inhouse and outpatient rehabilitation services. Skilled rehab and therapy professionals work with Friendship Manor residents, and outpatients from the community. Areas of specialty include orthopedic rehabilitation after joint replacement, degenerative joint disease, arthritis and neurological rehabilitation. Neurological rehab helps patients affected by a stroke or brain injury and those with Parkinson's or related diseases. Physical therapy programs use advanced equipment, such as the AlterG anti-gravity treadmill for the rehabilitation process. Rick and wife Nancy reside in Moline. Thanks Rick, for letting us get to know just a bit more about you!



Reindeer Ramble Corporate Sponsorships

Be a Corporate Sponsorships for our 5K Rotary Reindeer 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!!

TRIVIA – A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!

Arriving at 6pm at the Milan Community Center last Friday the first thing noticed was that the parking lot was packed on both sides of the building and the doors to Rock Island Rotary's Trivia Night had just opened and the start of the event was still a half-hour away! Entering the building the enormity of the crowd became evident. Thirty tables for ten competitors each were already mostly filled. An array of silent auction items filled the north wall, and a double line of thirsty attendees awaited service at the beverage counter. A big screen was centered over the stage and television monitors were scattered about the room. This was "big time", no messing around Trivia! There were tables of Augustana Rotaract Club members, tables of visiting Rotarians from other area clubs, tables of Earl Hanson faculty and parents, and even more tables of Rock Island Rotarians, family members, and friends. Best of all, in a fun filled evening, thousands of dollars were raised for Earl Hanson Elementary School and other Rotary service projects that will benefit our community in dozens of different ways. A huge round of applause is due for the trivia committee, silent auction donors, raffle ticket sellers, volunteers who worked the event, and all who attended and supported the event. Thanks to chair Kathy Trone and Sue Rector, Rebecca Arnold, Steve Morenz, and Ruth Lee in particular. Although the Moline Club won the traveling Rotary Club Trophy, the real winners will be the many in the area that will be served through Rock Island Rotary's *Service Above Self*. Thanks to all for making 2019 our record breaking and most successful Trivia Night ever! Can it be even better and larger next year?



View of just half the crowd packing the Milan Community Center



District Gov. Bobbi Burke with Nancy Luckenbill



Bob & Kathy Lelonek prepare to compete



President Mark & Kim Mayeski pose for a photo



Plenty of snacks sharpens the trivial mind!



Moline Rotarians celebrate winning the "Smartest Club" Trophy!



Community Center ready for arrival of huge crowd

RUTH LEE KICKS OFF OUR 2020 WINE RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Much can be said about our past-president, Ruth Lee, (also our past District Governor) but “shy” is not a word you will hear describing this highly dedicated and energy filled Rotarian! Today Ruth showed up fully dressed as a bottle of Pinot Noir wine! Her purpose was to draw attention to and get our 2020 Wine Raffle Fundraiser underway! She definitely accomplished her goals! Tot the point that we thought she earned her own full-page layout!



Now, it's up to the rest of us to make sure her effort was not in vain. We each need to buy and/or sell raffle tickets. We have 6 months to get it done!!



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+ ALLL 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 whatsoever in any manner arising or growing out of my participation in the ROTARY REINDEER RAMBLE 5K Run or Walk. I attest and certify that I am aware 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!