



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



ROCK ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

November – January Calendar

- Dec 3 - Scott Voigt, RIHS Chamber Choir
- Dec 4 - Rotary Holiday Party at Circa 21 Dinner Theater
- Dec 8 - ROTARY RAMBLE
- Dec 10 - Paul E. Pedersen, MD, President Illinois State Medical Society
- Dec 17 - Molly Shattuck Tom Hammar "The Twelve Days of Taxes"
- Jan 6 - Mayor Mike Thoms, State of the City
- Jan 14 - TBA
- Jan 21 - Dr. Joseph Rives, Senior Vice President for Strategic Planning and Initiatives, Western IL University
- Jan 28 - TBA

Today Rock Island Rotarians enjoyed the annual visit of director, Katie Benson, and members of the Rock Island High School Chamber Orchestra. The Chamber Orchestra made up of select musicians from the High School orchestra program, presents many performances each year throughout our community. Mrs. Benson became conductor of the high school orchestra in 2015, under her leadership there are now more than 240 students in grades 7 - 12 in the orchestra program. Rock Island High school now has two orchestras under Mrs. Benson's direction. Today our program was presented by a portion of the Chamber Orchestra. The 18-member group began with Johann Pachelbel's *Canon in D Major* written by the German composer in 1648. That selection was followed by a composition titled *Iditarod* composed by Soon Hee Newbold in 2010. A riveting and explosive work that musically took us on a journey through Alaska's harsh landscape with the sled dogs running the Iditarod. The orchestra's third selection was an excerpt from the score of the popular Disney feature film, *Frozen*, composed by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez. The orchestra then presented the Christmas classic, *Sleigh Ride*, composed by Leroy Anderson. Wikipedia says the composer had the original idea for the piece during a heat wave in July 1946 and finished the work in February 1948. The orchestral version was first recorded in 1949 by Arthur Fiedler and the Boston Pops Orchestra. "Sleigh Ride" was a hit record on RCA Victor and has become one of the Boston Pops' signature songs. The group's final selection was *St Paul's Suite in C Major* by the English composer Gustav Holst. Finished in 1913, but not published until 1922 due to revisions. In case you are wondering why a British composer would name a symphony after a Minnesota city ... he didn't! It takes its name from St Paul's Girls' School in Hammersmith, London. The orchestra was given a standing ovation from an appreciative large Rotary audience. Mrs. Benson noted that the Orchestra will give its winter concert, open to the public at Rock Island High School on December 3rd at 7pm in the high school auditorium. Photo of full concert orchestra at bottom left. Thank you for an entertaining performance!





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2019-20

Aug. – Sep. Kathy Trone
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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!** Rock Island Rotary was pleased to welcome several guests at today's meeting. We had two visiting Rotarians today, Duncan Cameron from the Naples, Florida Club; and Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport Club. Our Exchange son, Emil Rosin from Finland was with us and said he is eagerly looking forward to his first American Thanksgiving dinner. We had two Rotary spouses in attendance, they were Virginia Houlton, wife of Fred Houlton; and Carol Beane, wife of Ernie Beane. Cameron Benson, son of James Benson. and Rusty and Jane Andrews, parents of orchestra conductor, Katie Benson and Rotarian James Benson' mother and father-in-law from Dover, Ohio attended to hear our program. Guests are always welcome at the **Number One Club**, Rock Island Rotary!

□ **ROTARY REINDEER RAMBLE** is quickly approaching on December 8th. We need about 10 people for a max of 45 minutes to point people in the right direction at the intersections. So far very few members have volunteered to help. This is going to be a good fundraiser this year and your help is really needed to pull it off!! All you need to do it stand in an intersection and point runners where to go. Contact Jim Moran to sign up, bugsytennis52@yahoo.com.

□ **SERVICE** –Rotary members are needed to help with the Heart of Hope Food Pantry. We help every Thursday 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 helpers! 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. Email Steve Morenz to volunteer at smorenz@riverbendfoodbank.org or just show up any Thursday at 5:15. It's easy duty!

□ **COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE** Chairman Frank Lambert has scheduled an important meeting for Dec 3, 2019 at 11:30 am. There are a large number of requests to review, so it is important that all committee members attend. Please make every effort to get there so the meeting can begin promptly at 11:30.

□ **SEND ITEMS** for publication in 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. The first lucky ticket was held by a member of the Chamber Orchestra and she gladly accepted the cash. Howard Beck had the second lucky ticket and took home the wine to add to his Thanksgiving feast. 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 A GREAT HOLIDAY GIFT!



Bud Phillis was able to obtain additional Quad City Dining Books and is making them available for Holiday giving. The cost is \$35, now with **\$12** being rebated to Rock Island Rotary. These make an outstanding gift that will be used for months to come. Packed with two-for-one coupons for hundreds of Quad City locations, these books have everything from fine dining to fast food franchise restaurants. We all have friends and family that enjoy dining out, so what better gift is there. Keep in mind that the Circa 21 coupon is good for all shows throughout the year. Dining Books are particularly good for those hard to shop for people that have everything, or people you don't know well enough to buy more personal items. This gift fits all sizes, all ages, and all tastes! See Bud for yours! The more we sell the greater the rebate back to Rotary. See Bud to get yours!

DAN MCNEIL IN THE SPOTLIGHT!



Today Rotarian, Dan McNeil stepped into the spotlight and told about his “Journey” to get to his present position as Director of the Spring Forward Learning Center. With many students attending our meeting today, Dan decided to focus his comments on his journey. Dan was raised in Davenport and attended Davenport High School where he excelled in Soccer, but according to Dan, not so much in the classroom. He ended up not graduating with his class and attended summer school to earn his diploma. He thought his future might be in the military, but his older brother who was a marine, talked him out of it. Dan began a “career” at Happy Joes as a “dough technician” and eventually worked his way up to store manager. He met his future wife, Elizabeth, who he describes as “the most beautiful woman in the world”. She convinced Dan to enroll at Black Hawk College where he earned his Associates Degree and then went on to Western Illinois University earning his bachelor’s degree in 2006. Dan then worked for various not for profit organizations including serving as Director of Development for the Figge Art Museum from 2007 to 2010; Vice President of Marketing for the Putnam Museum 2010-2012; Project Manager for River Action and Partners of Scott County Watersheds, 2012-2014; and then in 2014 became Executive Director of Spring Forward Learning Center. Dan is now near completion of his master’s degree in Education, anticipating a 2020 graduation. Dan and Elizabeth have a son, Leo, now 12 years old excelling in both soccer and school! Thanks Dan for taking us on your “journey”. Great message for students attending.

FOUNDATION MINUTE

In his June 1917, address at the annual Convention of Rotary International in Atlanta, Georgia, Arch Klumph asked his fellow Rotarians to “not live for themselves alone, but for the joy in doing good for others.” And so was born the motto of The Rotary Foundation: “Doing Good in the World.” Inspired by Klumph’s admonition, members of The Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri, made the first contribution to the Foundation in the amount of \$26.50. Over a century later, more than 35, 000 clubs, comprised of over one million members, have followed the Kansas City example. They have made monetary contributions in a concerted effort to promote world understanding through the improvement of health, the support of education and alleviation of poverty.

According to the November 2019 edition of The Rotarian, the following countries represent the top 6 (out of over 200) donors to The Foundation over a five-year period by dollar amount(\$US):

United States	\$395,699,358	India	\$ 88,875,333	Japan	\$ 84,467,802
Korea	\$ 79,249,818	Taiwan	\$ 53,105,767	Canada	\$ 40,799,946

The icing on the cake about these donations? 92% of funds are spent on program awards and operations. (Charity Navigator 4 Star Rating). To donate to The Rotary Foundation, see Bud Phillis.

The Rotary International Foundation

Last week we learned about our Club Foundation, today Bud Phillis brought us up to date regarding the Rotary International Foundation, noting that funds from the Foundation are leading the fight to stamp out polio from the world. He also pointed out that the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation continues to match all funds donated to the Foundation on a 2 to 1 basis, meaning a 1-dollar contribution becomes a 3-dollar contribution for the Foundation. Gates has often said that the reason he donates through Rotary is the fact that the Rotary Foundation is among the most efficient and effective charitable organizations with more than 92% of funds donated going to those in need as opposed to administration and bureaucratic expenses. Bud also commented that recently four new cases of Polio have shown up in Africa, an indication that our work is not done. We are very near eradicating Polio, but it is a tough enemy and won’t go away easily. More immunizations are needed, and Rotary is at the forefront to see that the vaccine and health professionals to administer it are provided. Your help and financial support in any amount is needed and greatly appreciated. Contact Bud if you would like to set up an automatic withdrawal in whatever amount you’re able to provide. If you prefer, simply write your check to “Rotary International Foundation” and give it to Bud at any upcoming meeting. Whatever you give will count toward a Paul Harris Fellowship for you or anyone you designate. The 3rd Tuesday of each month is designated as “Foundation Tuesday” with donation envelopes on the tables at our club meeting. Thank you Bud for a great and important message!



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!