

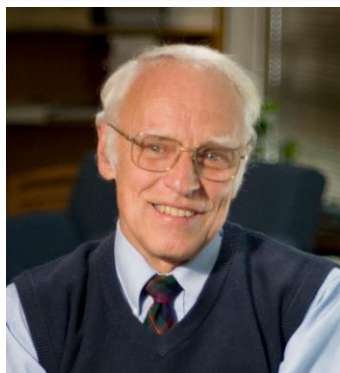


Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



November 5, 2019; Volume XXVII, Issue 19

MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



Dr. Norm Moline Professor Emeritus Augustana College

Today's guest speaker was Dr. Norm Moline, back by popular demand, to continue his discussion of China. Dr. Moline has led numerous Augustana students on educational tours and study groups to China and is credited with establishing the first

U.S. college study-abroad program in China in 1974. He also co-founded the environmental studies program long before the interdisciplinary field became well known on college campuses. Dr. Moline began with a quick review of his previous visit with us which highlighted the economic growth of China over the past four decades including a current 6.1% rate for the past year. He also quickly reminded of us the many ways the Chinese people are similar to us, noting that they have the same goals, hopes, aspirations, and concerns for their children as do we. He then pointed out that the incredible economic growth and urbanization of China was brought on by the United States. Under president Nixon the doors to China were opened and Americans jumped at the chance to purchase items manufactured in China, which were significantly less expensive than American made products. Stores like Walmart, K-Mart, and Target filled their shelves with "made in China" products and the American consumer loved the prices. American industries taught the Chinese how to manufacture efficiently, how to market worldwide, and they also learned by observing how our companies operated. Moline stated that in 1972 the balance of trade with China was \$5 million. By 1978 the deficit was \$1 billion. In 1981 China began exporting more than they imported, leading to a trade imbalance with the United States now standing at \$4 Trillion. Noting that this trade imbalance was not created by any government action or policy, Dr. Moline stated that it was fueled by the American consumer. He also stated that in 1981 the US began selling arms to China and in 1985 sold them six major weapons systems including everything from torpedoes to jet fighters. This too added to the imbalance in trade between the two nations. Currently China has purchases \$1.115 trillion in U.S. Bonds. The Chinese along with the Japanese hold \$2 Trillion in bonds, largely funding our countries deficit spending. As a result, Moline pointed out that we had better find a way to get along and work with the Chinese. If they were to call in the bonds they hold, the United States would be forced into insolvency and potentially bankruptcy. Dr. Moline also showed a colorful slide collection showing Chinese cities, roads, bridges, parks, and railroads, pointing out that these are not often seen in our media. China is no longer the primitive, developing country we often think of. Since 1980, 400 million Chinese have moved from their rural homes to urban areas. The average now is about 14 million per year. Housing is in great demand and extremely expensive. There are very few single-family homes, mostly limited to estates owned by the very wealthy. The vast majority of Chinese live in modern high-rise housing. Moline showed photos evidencing the Chinese love of nighttime lighting, with building, bridges, and landmarks brightly, and colorfully lit. China is well ahead of the United States in developing renewable fuels and has hopes of eliminating the use of coal in the next 10 years. He also noted that 38 Chinese cities have vast subway systems, and China has two-thirds of the world's total high-speed railway networks consists of passenger-dedicated railways designed for speeds of 155-217 mph. In 2019, China started testing a magnetic levitation ("maglev") prototype train that runs at over 400 mph! The Chinese are now allowed to worship as they choose and there are an estimated 90 million Chinese Christians. Moline cautioned that all is not rosy in China, the current leader, Xi Jinping, is the most dictatorial since Mao and had centralized power and made himself leader for life. Human Rights violations are prevalent, particularly aimed at the Muslim population. Thanks Dr. Moline for another fascinating and informative program.

October – November Calendar

- Nov 8 - ROTARY Trivia Night
- Nov 9 - District Foundation Dinner
- Nov 12 - Marcy O'Brien – Exec. Dir.
Rock Island County Children's
Advocacy Center
- 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



P.O. Box 4514
Rock Island, IL 61204
www.rirotary.com

Officers

Mark Mayeski, President
Angela Campbell, 1st VP
Justin Peterson, 2nd VP
Anne McGlynn, Secretary
Carrie Crossen, Treasurer
Sue Cassatt, Past Pres.
Co-Sergeants at Arms
Cindi Gramenz
Bob Swanson

Board Members

Rick Emery
Kathy Lelonek
John Olinger
Bill Stengel
Howard Beck
Kim Calhoun
Cindi Gramenz
Eric Westphall

Program Chairs 2019-20

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!** Rock Island Rotary was pleased to welcome several guest at today's meeting. Virginia Johnson, wife of Don Peterson attended. Our Exchange son, Emil Rosin from Finland and Alleman Jr. Rotarians Aidan Gorishek and Matt Bjork joined us. We had one visiting Rotarians Tony McCombie, from the Savanna Club was a guest of Mayor Mike Thoms. 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!

☐ **CLUB FOUNDATION DEVELOPMENT MEETING** - The Rock Island Club Foundation Development Committee will meet next Tuesday immediately after our Rotary meeting. Chair John Phillips asks members Tom Hammar, Frank Lambert, Cindi Gramenz, John Wetzel and Tricia Barron, along with any other interested Club member to attend.

☐ **GREETERS NEEDED.** You've heard President Mark make this announcement, but so far few have responded. Greeters are desperately needed for the last two Tuesdays of this month and all meetings in December. Please sign up at the Sergeant's table!

☐ **OPEN HOUSE FOR STAN COIN** – In honor of Stan Coin's 90th birthday, a reception will be held this Sunday, November 10th from noon until 2pm at the Greek Orthodox Church 30th Street at 31st Avenue in Rock Island. A lunch will be served. All Rotarians are invited to attend. Stan has been a member of our club for 67 years!

☐ **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. Jeff Dismer had the first lucky ticket and took the cash and donated it to our Exchange son, Emil Rosin.. Howard Beck held the final winner and won the wine. 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!**

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

REBECCA IN THE SPOTLIGHT!



Today Rebecca Arnold stepped into the Club Spotlight and had a most interesting tale to tell. Rebecca was born and raised in Rock Island, the daughter of Mary and Charlie Arnold. Her Dad served as president of the Milan Rotary Club. Rebecca earned her BA Degree from Northwestern University in American Culture – History; and a master's degree from the University of Iowa in Public Health with an emphasis in Community and Behavioral Health. She has spent most of her adult life serving others. She spent almost three years in the Peace Corps and worked for almost four years in Tanzania for Femina Hip, and agency working with youth, communities and strategic partners across Tanzania to promote healthy lifestyles, sexual health, HIV prevention, gender equality and citizen engagement. She worked for BKMI, a USAID-funded project in Bangladesh to strengthen the capacity of the Bangladesh Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. She helped design, implement, manage and

evaluate evidence-based social and behavior change communication (SBCC) interventions. Rebecca has visited 44 countries and has lived abroad for a total of 12 years in five different countries. She spent 9 months as Technical Lead for the development of TCI University for The Challenge Initiative (TCI) in Nigeria. TCI is a Bill and Melinda Gates-funded project being implemented by the Gates Institute for Population and Reproductive Health. TCI University comprises online tools and resources, coaching, traditional and non-traditional training, and communities of practices, all in support of scaling up urban family planning programs in West Africa, Nigeria, East Africa and India. Rebecca departed Africa when local tensions and civil war made it unsafe for Rebecca and her son to remain.

Continued Page 4

WELCOME SUPERINTENDENT, DR. REGINALD LAWRENCE!



President Mayeski, Dr. Lawrence, and mentor, Gary Rowe

Today President Mark Mayeski had the pleasure of inducting a new Rock Island Rotary member. Dr. Reginald Lawrence II serves as Superintendent of our Rock Island – Milan School District. He and his wife Pandora moved here from Milwaukee where Dr. Lawrence served as a Regional Superintendent for the Milwaukee School System. Prior to that he was a principal, an assistant principal, a dean, and an elementary/middle school teacher. He has made a great impression since coming to our community and his infectious smile and energetic enthusiasm have made him instantly popular with students, faculty, and colleague administrators. We are thrilled to have him join us in Rock Island Rotary! Please take time to meet and welcome Reginald at future meetings.

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.**

REBECCA ARNOLD SPOTLIGHT Continued-

An asset of her work abroad is that she is relatively fluent in multiple languages. Here in the states, Rebecca served as Marketing Director for Arrowhead Ranch. For the past 15 months she has served as the first Marketing Director for the Martin Luther King Center in Rock Island, a job she says she loves and looks forward to going to work each day. She is also an adjunct faculty member at St. Ambrose University. Rebecca says she *believes* in service above self. She says there is no such thing as “other people’s children”; and urges that the things that unite us are much greater than those that divide us. Thanks Rebecca for a fun insight into who you are! Our Club is thrilled to have you as a fellow member!

KOSKI REPORTS (And It’s Not About Finland!)

In addition to his duties as the unofficial Ambassador of Finnish Culture and Humor, Kevin Koski does a magnificent job as Chairman of our annual Rotary Birdies for Charity project. Largely through Kevin’s efforts soliciting, begging and cajoling contributions from Club members, he reported a record amount of **\$5,959.00** raised by our Club in this past summer’s campaign. That total included over \$5,500 donated by Club members and a 7.25% bonus added by the John Deere Charitable Foundation. All of those funds are returned to Rock Island Rotary for use in our service projects and charitable contributions. Overall the 2019 John Deere Classic helped raise a record \$13.82 million for 542 local and regional charities. Thanks to all Rotarians who made Birdies pledges, and to Kevin for all of his dedicated work.

(PS, we actually do enjoy all the Finnish updates and information tidbits!)

ROTARY TRIVIA NIGHT IS THIS FRIDAY – Cindi Gramenz needs one more person for her table. Bud Phillis also needs people for his table. If you want to have some fun please call Cindi at 563-343-8877 or Bud at 309-787-0955 to join their tables. A record number of tables, **30**, were sold!! Thanks to all who are attending and to those that supported the event as sponsors and silent auction donors! Thanks also for purchasing Trivia Raffle Tickets. Good Luck to All!



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

-----CUT HERE-----

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!