

Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



Dr. Joseph Rives Western Illinois University

Winter Calendar

Jan 28 - Dr. Luis Moreno, CEO,
Arrowhead Ranch

Feb 4 - TBA

Feb 11 - TBA

Feb 18 - TBA

Guest speaker at today's Rock Island Rotary meeting was Dr. Joseph Rives, Senior Vice President for Strategic Planning and Initiatives for Western Illinois University. He is also the Chief Operating Officer of the WIU Quad Cities campus. Dr. Rives joined Western's administration in 2005 after serving at Illinois State University since 1990. Dr. Rives is the University's point of contact for Quad Cities economic development issues. He provides leadership for University-wide planning, and is responsible for

institutional accreditation for the Higher Learning Commission-North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. He works with Illinois and Iowa community colleges to institute collaborative educational paths. He holds a bachelor's degree from Illinois Wesleyan University, and a masters and doctorate degree from Illinois State University.

WIU Quad Cities has a growth strategy relating to the Q2030 initiative, where they value collaboration over competition. Using this as a mantra, Dr. Rives has been designing the "QC Innovation Center" (QCIC) where WIU-QC will take the lead with community partners to focus on Engineering and Technology education. They are currently working with partners, such as John Deere, Arconic, and numerous small businesses to build an educated community where the students want to stay following graduation. This is one example of the "hubs of expertise" being created by colleges and organizations throughout Iowa and Illinois. It is based off a model that Governor Pritzker brought to the Chicago Area called the "Illinois Innovation Network." Essentially, each educational partner will have a focus. For example, if a student wants to go into engineering or technology, they will be directed to contact WIU Quad Cities. Other schools - ranging from the Eastern Iowa Community College District, Black Hawk College, St. Ambrose, Northern Iowa, and many others - will also have their specialties. There will be many more announcements in the future about this initiative, including a potential multi-million dollar grant announcement.

Dr. Rives encouraged all Rotarians to become more engaged with WIU-QC. There are a number of opportunities to do so—attend the Champagne on the Rocks fundraiser, the weekly "Earth Hour" series, or enroll in one of the numerous programs offered by the college. Other sound bytes that Rotarians can help promote: All students pay the same tuition, no matter where they are from; they recently lowered their tuition rates; and they ensured that the GI Bill awarded to military personnel or veterans will actually cover the cost of tuition. Additionally, they've recently begun offering more and more programs for the working professional, which include only 3 weekends per class, with the rest all conducted online. To learn more, visit www.wiu.edu/qc. Thank you for an excellent presentation!

ROTARIAN BLOOD DRIVE

The annual Rock Island Rotary Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, February 4th. Giving blood is a simple way to change the world, one pint at a time! The Blood Drive will occur at the Botanical Center all morning and through the noon hour on the 4th. You can sign up (or sign up your family members) at any meeting right up to February 4th. Last year 20 Rotarians and family members donated 2.5 gallons of blood
Let's beat last year's total ... we need more than 20 donors and more than 2.5 gallons donated!

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June – July: Volunteer Needed

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



Rotarian, Jim Moran, was in the spotlight! You can be, too! Just email Angela at campbell.angela@rigov.org, and pick a date!

Club Notes & Announcements!

WELCOME GUESTS! Rock Island Rotary was pleased to welcome guests at today's meeting: Andrew Coleman (Alleman); Emil Rosin (Rotary Exchange Student); Betsy McNeil (Guest of Dan McNeil); Becky Paulson (Director of Corporate Engagement, WIOU-QC); David Bills, Assistant District Governor; and Virginia Johnson (Guest of Don Peterson). Guests are always welcome at the **Number One Club**, Rock Island Rotary!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SCHEDULE – We are combining the January and February board meetings into one meeting on Monday, February 3rd. Board meetings are open to all Club members and may be used as a “make-up” for missed meetings. The board meets at the office of Studio 483 Architects, 124 Arts Alley, Rock Island at 11:45am in the 2nd floor meeting room.

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! We have a sign-up sheet at the Sergeant at Arms table and will be glad to add your name!

ROTARIANS ARE REMINDED to pick up your Wine Raffle Tickets and promo posters from Anne McGlynn or Ruth Lee. Tickets are in packs of five and it is hoped that every member will be responsible for selling 5 packs. Cost is \$5 per ticket or \$20 for pack of five. Wine prizes of \$750, \$500, and \$250 will be awarded.

Rotary Spotlight - Jim Moran

Jim talked about growing up in RI near RI High in a family of 7 to John and Betty Moran. He has 7 grandchildren. His children are Julie (Mercer Co YMCA), Matt (John Deere engineer), Jon (16 yr veteran police Sergeant), Brian (Lt Colonel - US Army- Huntsville), Eric (Corp Sales Mgr- Pandora). Jim attended St Pius X, Alleman, U of Colorado, and St Ambrose. He worked as painter to go to U if C, played D1 tennis there at #4, but came back to St Ambrose when offered a full scholarship. Jim played #2, and went to nationals twice! He graduated with BA and a business minor. While at Alleman, Jim played football, basketball and tennis and was elected to the Alleman Hall of Fame in those Sports. Later, his 1969 Basketball team was elected to the Hall of Fame as a team.

The Moran family had a 100 year run in the insurance business! Jim's grandfather (James A) started the Moran Agency in 1917 on the northwest side, just west of our new jail. John started IL Casualty Co in early 1950's, when Jim was born, but had to leave to tend to his family agency years after his grandfathers death, as his Grandma had to retire. Jim joined his father, John, while at St Ambrose in 1972, and loved the business and stuck around 43 years! They had hundreds of personal clients (home, auto, umbrella) and some interesting business clients: Normoyle & Berg, who not only did sewer work, but was the only contractor to use dynamite in the surrounding area. Dynamite is not the underwriter's favorite word! That kept loss control on their toes! The Moran Agency also insured St. Anthony's, Franciscan, and Trinity Medical Center for over 30 years. Jim's last years were spent at Cleaveland Insurance Group and AJ Gallagher. He retired 2017. During those busy years he also spent 6 yrs coaching basketball at Jordan and 4 years mentoring 2nd and 3rd grade at RI Academy.

Finally, Jim spoke of his 60 years playing tennis. He reflected on two big events. A chance pep talk by his neighbor, John Mordhorst, when he was age 10, Mordhorst age 12, to practice for 2 hrs before lessons, and the fact he hit tennis balls off his brick house incessantly. In 1968, Mordhorst became RI High's first State doubles champ, and in 2015, Jim was inducted to the USTA Hall of Fame.



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 our exchange son, Emil Rosin, who for obvious reasons, was given the \$18. Lucky Larry Tadlock won the bottle of wine. We believe his wine cellar may be as large as Lo Milani's by now!

Proceeds from our raffle go to the Rotary International Foundation.
Thank you to all who participated!

FOUNDATION MINUTE

Clubs in District 9110 have been busy making life better for fellow human beings in their communities and around the world. Encompassing Rotary Clubs in Lagos and Ogun States of Nigeria, the district has launched a project to raise funds for the humanitarian activities of the district. District 9110's "One Million Dollar Challenge" intends to source funds for the Foundation by selling raffle tickets. The first drawing got its first lucky winner a Business Class Return ticket to London, a price worth \$4,398. The next of eleven drawings is on August 23.

A club in the district, the Ikoyi Rotary Club, donated household items and materials of comfort, to Hearts of Gold Hospice, a home for children with terminal and other life-threatening illnesses in Surulere, Lagos. The same club unveiled a new bus, "Charity Bus" at its Rotary Center office. Commissioned by the District-Governor, the vehicle is expected to ease transportation problems for Rotarians involved in humanitarian assignments in Lagos.

Still in the district, the Rotary Club of Lagos West, distributed free neonatal items to nursing mothers and their babies. The Gbagada South Rotary Club renovated a water facility and replaced dilapidated furniture in classrooms of Eva Adelaja Girls Secondary School. Not to be left behind, the Rotary Club of Maryland, focusing on public health, donated delivery kits, including surgical gloves, bales of cotton wool and cartons of baby diapers, to pregnant women. The club also distributed waste bins to area markets and finally organized a seminar for artisans at the Cain Village on peace and conflict resolution.

Addressing some of the recipients of his district's largesse, District-Governor Akeredolu assured them that the Rotary Club would always be there, reiterating, "this is what we exist for, to serve humanity."

A nephrologist, DG Jide Akeredolu is an Arch Klumph Member of the Rotary Foundation.

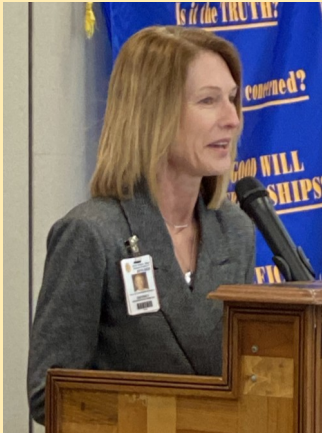
To donate to the "One Million Dollar Challenge," or obtain tickets, go to Giveme5.com.ng



GREAT OPPORTUNITY - Greeters Needed

Everyone deserves a warm, Rock Island Rotary, welcome! YOU are exactly who we need to make our guests and Rotarians all feel at-home with our club. You can sign up for a time slot at the Sergeant-at-Arms table. It's quick, easy, and for our newest members, you'll finally be able to put faces with names. :)

GREET OUR “NEWEST” MEMBER



At today's meeting, President Mark Mayeski had the very pleasant task of inducting Holly Sparkman as our most recent “new member”. We say new member a bit with tongue in cheek since Holly was formerly one of our most active members and was our 2012 A.T. Peara Award winner. Unfortunately, job responsibilities forced Holly to give up her membership in 2014, saying at the time that she would be rejoining as soon as her job allowed. Fortunately, that time has now come. Because of her prior membership in our club, Holly will bypass the “red badge” and mentoring that new members typically receive.

However, if you are a relatively new member and didn't have the pleasure of knowing Holly in the past, be sure to take time to say “Hello” and welcome her back. Holly, we are thrilled to have you with us!



SENDING OUR BEST TO BUD AND BOB!

You may have noticed the absence of Bud Phillis and Bob Swanson. Bud took a spill on the ice and is recovering from some fractured ribs. Bob's brother is gravely ill, so Bob has went to be with him in Arizona. I'm sure emails and letters of support would be greatly appreciated. We miss you both!

Fires in Australia - Rotarians Can Help

The Rotary Australian Districts have developed a fund called the 2019-20 Bushfires Appeal. People can donate by visiting <https://donations.rawcs.com.au/67-2019-20>



Wildlife rescuer Simon Adamczyk carries a singed koala from the smoldering remnants of gum forests on Kangaroo Island on January 7, 2020. (Photo Credit David Mariuz/EPA-EFE/Shutterstock)