



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



JODIE BARTON, New Kingdom Trail Riders

Guest speaker at today's Rock Island Rotary meeting was Jodie Barton, Executive Director of the New Kingdom Trail Riders, a non-profit organization based in Sherrard, Illinois. New Kingdom Trailriders (NKT) services the greater

February - April Calendar

- Feb 25 - Sara Cross - First Tee of the Quad Cities
- Mar 3 - Census 2020 – Dave Geenen and Laura Fontaine
- Mar 10 - Super Tuesday & The Iowa Caucuses – Ed Tibbets QC Times
- Mar 17 - TBA
- Mar 23 - Earl Hanson School – Principal Sarah Leonard
- Mar 31 - Earth Day – 50th Anniversary Lori McCollum
- April 7 - Bert Blood Scholarship
- April 14 - Rotary Awards Banquet
- April 21 - TBA
- April 28 - Earl Hanson Inspire Choir

Quad City area and surrounding communities by empowering children and adults facing physical, mental, emotional, and social challenges to create active, healthier and more fulfilling lives through equine assisted activities. The goal of the New Kingdom Trailriders is to use horses to engage people of all ages and backgrounds and encourage them to create active, healthier, and more fulfilling lives. In 2019, the organization served between 200 and 250 riders. Before Jodie joined New Kingdom Trailriders, she worked in childcare for 30 years. Having a child struggle with mental health, Jodie looked for a safe, welcoming environment for her daughter to become a part of. On a trip out to the barn, Jodie fell in love with the atmosphere, the volunteers, the horses, and most importantly the comfort that it provided to her. As an individual once said, Barton is a mom on a mission to provide the best care for not only her child who struggles with mental health, but to also help other families who are going through similar situations. After volunteering at the barn for over three years, Jodie knew that she could make a larger impact on more families, by stepping up as the executive director. Since February of 2018, the “mom on a mission”, spirited Jodie has been impacting the lives of so many with her big smiles, her positive attitude, and excitement for helping others and their families. Barton stressed that this is not just a horse-riding facility for children in braces. They provide equestrian therapy for people with social, mental, and physical disabilities including everything from arthritis to Alzheimer's, spinal to brain injuries, all forms of mental and emotion health issues, and physical disabilities caused from birth, stroke, or injuries. She also stressed that the therapy is as healing and helpful for the caretakes as it is to the rider. Currently the organization has a herd of fifteen horses, plus two “mini” horses and a pony. They operate out of a beautiful stable with indoor and outdoor arenas and 23 acres of land that was once owned by Trish Hewitt. They have serviced as many as 70 riders in a single week and have clientele ranging from 4 years old to senior citizens. Ms. Barton referred to the facility as having an “environment of pure acceptance”. Regardless of the issues impacting riders,, they are viewed as a person with individual talents and abilities and the goal of the program is to help the rider develop as many abilities as possible and to push them to achievements beyond what they thought they could do. The organization is partnering with many area agencies and encouraging them to make use of the New Kingdom facilities. Although Barton estimates a cost of \$150 per lesson, they charge their riders just \$25 and offer scholarships for many who are unable to pay. A 6-minute video featuring many of their riders clearly demonstrated the wonderful work and amazing results the New Kingdom Trailriders are providing. Barton concluded with a plea for help – asking that we get the word out to ensure that those who could benefit from the program know about it. She also asked for volunteers to help at the facility. She said there is always something to do from handling horses, to gardening, mowing, and working with clients. Finally, she noted that the organization is a 501c3 “not for profit” organization and that financial assistance is always welcome. Thank you Jodie for an interesting and enlightening program!



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Mar. – 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 guests at today's meeting. Alleman Jr. Rotarians, Ashlyn Ryan and Emma Muhleman attended along with our Rotary Exchange Son, Emil Rosen. Ben Habonimana and Jellie Habonimana were guests of Linda Golden. Dwayne Anderson was our lone visiting Rotarian. He is a Commercial Real estate broke with Ruhl Commercial Company and a member of the North Scott Rotary Club. Guests are always welcome at the **Number One Club**, Rock Island Rotary!

□ **ROTARY FOUNDATION ONE OF THREE!** – It is reassuring to know that our contributions to the Rotary Foundation are wisely and efficiently spent. Charity Navigator reported recently that just three charities worldwide received a **100** Score. Their report said, "...They are large, complex organizations with budgets exceeding \$100 million, and at least \$65 million in net assets. They became household names in part because of their exceptional financial management, no easy feat considering the scope and size of their operations. Charitable givers should feel confident that these national institutions put their donations to good use." The only three with **100 ratings** – The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, Ronald McDonald House Charities, and Matthew 25 Ministries.

□ **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.

FOUNDATION RAFFLE REPORT



Today our foundation raffle featured a 50-50 cash drawing. Our lucky winner was our exchange son, Emil Rosen. He didn't have the winning ticket; but he had the good fortune of sitting at the table with Tom Hammar who had the winner! Tom promptly donated his winnings to Emil.

The Club's share of proceeds from our raffle each week go to the Rotary Foundation. **We greatly appreciate and thank all who participate!**

Did You Know?

Rotary recognizes many levels of giving to the Rotary International Foundation. Those who give \$1,00 receive recognition as a "Paul Harris Fellow". As donations increase so does the recognition with stones added to the Paul Harris Fellow Pin. Donations are cumulative and may accumulate over several years.

\$2,000 Paul Harris Fellow +1	One Sapphire	\$6,000 Paul Harris Fellow +5	Five Sapphires
\$3,000 Paul Harris Fellow +2	Two Sapphires	\$7,000 Paul Harris Fellow +6	One Ruby
\$4,000 Paul Harris Fellow +3	Three Sapphires	\$8,000 Paul Harris Fellow +7	Two Rubies
\$5,000 Paul Harris Fellow +4	Four Sapphires	\$9,000 Paul Harris Fellow +8	Three Rubies

\$10,000 results in recognition as a Major Donors recognized by the donor's choice of a crystal recognition piece and a Major Donor lapel pin or pendant.

FOUNDATION MINUTE

The Eradication of Polio is one of the goals of TRF, and through its Polio-Plus program's partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, it has almost obliterated the disease from the face of the planet. On January 22, 2020, Rotary International and The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced a renewal of their longstanding joint commitment to end polio. Based on a partnership forged over a decade ago, Rotary is committed to raising \$50million every year, over the next three years, to be matched with two additional dollars from the Gates Foundation. This expanded agreement adds up to \$450million for Polio Eradication activities. In a video message to Rotary volunteers, Gates admitted that his foundation's partnership with Rotary "... has been vital to fighting polio." So far, Rotary has contributed more than \$2billion on polio eradication, with matching funds from the Gates Foundation.

In another generous gesture, the Gates Foundation is donating \$2 for each \$1 pledged for the planned Fight to End Polio Flight. Iowa natives and members of the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians, John Ockenfels of Iowa City and Peter Teahen of Cedar Rapids, plan to raise awareness for polio eradication by piloting a single-engine aircraft around the globe. Along their route, they also hope to raise much-needed funds to aid in the complete elimination of the paralytic disease. The 20,000 mile-long- flight which will last 51 days, will take off from Cedar Rapids on March 24. (Stay tuned for updates on this unique event!)

Good news from Mysore in the Indian state of Karnataka. There, at the recently concluded Rotary District 3189 Conference, a business executive, Bastian Joseph donated the sum of 36 Lakh Rupees (\$50,472 US) to Rotary Foundation. The donation is to be spent on community-based projects pioneered by Rotary.

A reminder to start thinking of ideas for Peace and Conflict Resolution.

HOWARD BECK – PAUL HARRIS +1



After receiving his award, Howard address the club

Today, Foundation Chairman Bud Phillis had the pleasure of presenting Rotarian Howard Beck with his Paul Harris +1 pin in recognition of Howard passing the \$2,000 mark in Foundation giving. Howard received a new Paul Harris pin adorned with one sapphire. Howard is Vice-President of Underwriting for Illinois Casualty Company and joined Rock Island Rotary in 2015. He serves on our Club Board of Directors and is a member of our Membership and Mentoring Committee. He has been a loyal volunteer for many of our Club projects and committees. He also is one of our members who has taken advantage of the automatic monthly direct account deduction donation program. He noted that Foundation giving through this program is easy and painless. Congratulations Howard!


-- RUTH REPORTS --

Although not donning her Wine Bottle Costume today, Ruth Lee reported that sales for our annual Wine Raffle are off to a good start. To date, ticket sales have reached the "profitable" stage, with enough currently in the raffle coffers to cover the costs associated with the fundraiser (wine, printing, and raffle license). Now it is up to us, meaning all club members, to pile in the profits by selling as many tickets as possible. Ruth stressed that we are not trying to urge Club members to buy more. Club members have already done a pretty good job of purchasing tickets. The task now is to talk with friends, neighbors, work associates and any others possible and encourage them to purchase tickets. The committee will make tickets available to all members. Selling them is really not hard. \$5 buys one ticket or \$20 buys five. First prize is \$750 dollars' worth of wine to be selected by the winner. Second prize is \$500 of wine, and Third gets \$250. All wine comes from the Grape Life Wine Store & Lounge in Davenport.




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