

# Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



## Rotary Welcomes Christie Adamson Humility Homes & Services

Christie Adamson, Assistant Director of Humility Homes and Services (HHS), presented an overview of how the organization helps the homeless in our community. Adamson, a Rock Island resident and Augustana graduate, mentioned her strong connection to Rotary, as she was a 2004-2005 outbound exchange student. (She was also recruited for membership today!).

Christie began with some facts, such as, since July 2019, they have helped 635 unique homeless individuals, of which 67 were children, and 307 accessed their emergency shelters. She emphasized that HHS offers both housing *and* services to get folks rehomed. Their goal is simple—to end long-term and/or repeated homelessness.

Founded in 1990 as Humility of Mary Housing, Inc., the organization has helped hundreds of families find safe and quality housing to meet their needs. An opportunity arose in 2008 when the John Lewis Shelter faced closing. Humility of Mary formed Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc., and took over the emergency shelter. By 2018, it made sense to merge Humility of Mary Housing and Humility of Mary

Shelters into a single organization that could work as one. Humility Homes and Services was born and now serves more people than ever in Rock Island and Scott Counties. They will be celebrating their 30th year, so look for some special celebrations this April!

Christie explained the numerous programs offered by HHS, including “street outreach” by Outreach Navigators, a new position for the organization. They work with individuals living “unsheltered” to understand the barriers in getting reliable housing. Since September 2019, they’ve met with 27 people in Rock Island County that were not working with any other shelters, proving that this program provides additional, needed, outreach to the community.

Attendees at today’s program also learned about the Veteran Programs which supply aid in both traditional housing and support services, funded primarily through the VA. Additionally, Christie presented the difference between their housing programs, such as rapid rehousing (those facing sudden homelessness), permanent supportive housing (for those disabled and homeless for a long time), and mission focused housing (housing that is affordable, with low-barriers, and numerous rental units).

We also learned about “Joey,” a chronically homeless individual who lived outside in the west-end of Davenport for many years. He could not use shelters, due to acute PTSD. Humility Homes and Services discovered him, and worked on finding a permanent supportive housing apartment. He has successfully lived the past 4 years in this environment, attends a work-therapy program, gives back to his community through volunteerism, and even makes crafts for HHS staffers. “Joey” is an example of how the program works, mixing both housing *and* services together.

The presentation was summed up by how there are financial benefits to the community, too. She mentioned that there are 3 great ways everyone can help HHS—volunteering, contacting the outreach team if you know of someone who needs help, and donating, because every dollar helps. You can learn more about HHS at [www.humilityhomes.org](http://www.humilityhomes.org).

# Rotary

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## Program Chairs 2019-20

Aug. – Sep. Kathy Trone  
Oct. – Nov Cindi Gramenz  
Dec. – Jan John Wetzel  
February Linda Golden  
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: Virginia Johnson, guest of Don Peterson; Emma Muhleman, Alleman student; Ashlyn Ryan, Alleman student; Emil Rosin, Rotary exchange student; Ashley Velez, Executive Director of Humility Homes and Services; Heather Long and Sunday Saunders, guests of Dave Geenen; and Davenport Rotarian, Mark Zimmerman. Guests and visitors 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! 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.

**GREETERS NEEDED FOR FEBRUARY!** Please contact the Sergeant at Arms if you would like to be a greeter.



Tom Hammar  
Ardo Holmgren  
Sue Rector  
Dave Geenen

### Winter Calendar

Feb 11 - Rebecca Arnold,  
THRIVE

Feb 18 - Jodie Barton,  
New Kingdom Trail Riders



## FOUNDATION RAFFLE REPORT

Today's raffle featured a 50/50 cash drawing. **Emil "Lucky" Rosin** didn't win the money today, but Jeff Dismer gave him the \$25 for an upcoming student ski trip. That's **THREE WEEKS IN A ROW** Emil has received the money. Congratulations, Jeff, on the win and thank you for your generosity. Be careful on the slopes, Emil! We hope you have a super time!

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

# Proposed Rotary Leadership for 2020-2021

## Voting Happens Next Week!

### Nominations

President:	Angela Campbell
1st VP:	Justin Peterson
2nd VP:	Cindi Gramenz
Imm. Past Pres.:	Mark Mayeski
Secretary:	Anne McGlynn
Treasurer:	Carrie Crossen

Board - 1 year terms:

Howard Beck  
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Kim Calhoun  
Eric Westphall

Board - 2 year terms:

John Daly  
Chris Lemon  
Sue Rector  
Gary Rowe

Sergeant-at-Arms:

Bob Swanson

\* Any volunteers to be Co-Sergeant-at-Arms?



## GATES FOUNDATION EXTENDS DONATION

The Gates Foundation is extending its 2/1 dollar match for money donated towards Polio eradication for another 3 years! Thus far, more than 2 BILLION dollars have been used in the eradication effort. THANK YOU!

## 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)

## Rotary Foundation Minute: Week of January 20, 2020

In 2019, **The Rotary Foundation** introduced a new disaster response fund and grant type to supplement Rotary's disaster response strategy. **Disaster response grants** support relief and recovery efforts in areas that have been affected by natural disasters. These grants are funded by contributions to the Rotary Disaster Response Fund. The Disaster Fund has organized relief efforts for victims of recent earthquakes in The Philippines and Puerto Rico.

In response to the ravaging destruction in Australia, generous donors have been responding to the relief efforts pioneered by the Rotary Australia World Community Service and National Bushfires Appeals. The donations will assist Rotary Clubs in the country to support people affected by the bushfires. As at January 16, 2020, the organization has received exactly \$370,000 and the donations are still coming in. To donate, go to: [www.rawcs.org.au](http://www.rawcs.org.au)

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