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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



CORONAVIRUS STOPS THE CLOCK!

As a result of the Coronavirus Pandemic, the clock stopped on Major League Baseball, NCAA March Madness Basketball, NHL Hockey, NBA Basketball, school, restaurants, bars, and alas, Rock Island Rotary. President Donald Trump on Monday acknowledged the gravity of the coronavirus pandemic, releasing strict new guidelines to limit people's interactions in an increasingly urgent bid to slow the virus in the next two weeks before U.S. hospitals are overwhelmed. "We have an invisible enemy," the president said at a news conference, where he released guidelines that called for people to avoid gathering in groups of more than 10 people, steer clear of eating and drinking at bars, restaurants and food courts, and work or attend school from home whenever possible. "This is a bad one. This is a very bad one." In Illinois, Governor J.B. Pritzker on Sunday ordered all restaurants and bars in the state closed to customers at the end of business Monday until at least March 30, a sweeping measure aimed at slowing the spread of the coronavirus. Restaurants can continue serving pickup and drive-through customers and provide delivery during the two-week hiatus. The Governor announced the first death from the new coronavirus in Illinois on Tuesday afternoon. This came a day after Governor Pritzker announced he was limiting crowd sizes to under 50, while voters across Chicago and Illinois headed to the polls the next morning to cast their ballots in the state's primary election amid concerns about how the coronavirus pandemic could affect voter turnout. Illinois officials reported 55 new cases of COVID-19 in the state, bringing the total since the start of the outbreak to 160. Officials also announced 22 cases at a nursing home in Willowbrook (a Chicago suburb) where an initial case was announced over the weekend. Among the patients are 18 residents and four staff. The coronavirus pandemic has sickened more than 185,000 people around the world, according to the Associated Press. More than 7,300 have died, about half of them outside mainland China. In the United States, at least 4,500 people have been infected and at least 88 have died. The number of reported cases is up about 900 over the past 24 hours, according to Johns Hopkins data. The mortality rate for coronavirus in China is about 3.8%. Outside of China, mortality rates are about 4%, the university calculated. The CDC says, "older adults" and people with severe chronic illness are more likely to become severely ill from Covid-19. Infectious disease experts define "older adults" as anyone age 60 and up, so people in that age group should be cautious. It's possible to contract the virus at a younger age — it's just more dangerous in older adults because the immune system weakens with age, said Dr. Samir Sinha, director of Geriatrics for the Sinai Health System and the University Health Network in Toronto. People over the age of 80 may want to exercise even more caution. A report published in the medical journal JAMA that examined more than 72,000 Chinese coronavirus patients found that the overall fatality rate was 2.3%. But in adults over 80, the fatality rate rose to 15%. What precautions you should take now: Cancel all non-essential doctor's appointments, said Dr. Carla Perissinotto, an

March – May Calendar

- 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 - Davenport Junior Theatre – Daniel Sheridan
- April 28 - Earl Hanson Inspire Choir
- May 5 - Early Act Club – Jordan School
- May 12 - Legalized Marijuana – Allison Wright, Papas & O'Connor
- May 19 - Liz Tallman – Q.C. Chamber of Commerce
- May 26 - TBA



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2019-20

Aug. – Sep. Kathy Trone

Oct. – Nov Cindi Gramenz

Dec. – Jan John Wetzel

Feb. – 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 will welcome guests when we are again able to meet. Guest are always welcome at the **Number One Club**, Rock Island Rotary!

□ **ROTARY 2 HOUR SERVICE PROJECT – Whether or not we will postpone this project will be decided in the near future. Watch your email for updates.** We need SIX MORE Rotarians to fill our 25-person team who will be meeting at Riverbend Foodbank on Saturday, April 4th from 8 a.m. to 10am. This will be a "quick" easy service project where Rotarians can help a cause while engaging in fellowship with other members. It costs nothing but 2 hours out of your day! We will be putting together "over the weekend" grocery bags (backpacks if you will) of food for children who are on free/reduced school lunch programs. Many of these kids only eat during the week and must fend for themselves on the weekend. These bags allow the kids to have food for the weekend. This program serves 85 schools in Iowa and Illinois (mostly Quad Cities). Let President Mark know if you will join the team or sign up at the Sergeant at Arms table next week!

□ **SERVICE** – Rotary members are needed to help with the Heart of Hope Food Pantry. We help every Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30pm. It's easy duty and is truly *Service Above Self* at its most basic definition. 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! Food will be packaged and handed out. Clients will not come into the food pantry until further notice.

□ **ROTARIANS ARE REMINDED** to get 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. Call or email and Anne or Ruth will get them to you.

□ **SEND ITEMS** for publication in our newsletter to bobdebswanson@att.net We are happy to promote anything relating to Rock Island Rotary.

VIRUS- associate professor in the Geriatrics Division of the University of California-San Francisco's Department of Medicine. Whether it's a standard check-up, a follow-up appointment for a stable condition or an elective procedure, if it can wait, then it should. If you have an important appointment coming up, consider doing it in a video call or from your smartphone. Telehealth tech lets physicians confer with patients who may not be able to leave their homes. Tell a friend, a loved one, a co-worker or a neighbor if you're concerned about the illness. Appoint one of them as an emergency contact who you can call with concerns or requests for help. Otherwise, do what you'd do during flu season: Wash your hands frequently, the right way (get ready to read that a lot). Use hand sanitizer when soap and water aren't available, though washing your hands is preferred. Older adults living in communities where the virus has spread (so far not in the Quad Cities) should take extra precautions. Avoid public places where crowds may gather or poorly ventilated buildings where the risk of transmission is higher, the CDC said. Restrict your time in public and limit close contact. Older adults should still exercise and eat right, just as they would at any other time of the year, Sinha said. And again, constant — and proper — handwashing before, during and after a trip into the public is necessary. The CDC advises against non-essential plane travel for older adults. Several US airlines have already slashed their flight schedules for the next few months. It's wise to stay off cruise ships for now, too. Cruise passengers are at an increased risk of person-to-person transmission with all the tight quarters, the CDC said, so if you're already made cruise plans, it's best to cancel them. The CDC recommends that high-risk groups in communities with outbreaks stay home as much as possible and that people who believe they're sick isolate themselves. Isolation can be damaging, too, if you cut off contact and are lonely. If you're self-isolating; don't cut off contact with family or friends. Keep in touch to update them on your condition and curb boredom. If you do go out, be sure to wash your hands with soap. We will get through this! Keep the faith - stay positive!

FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to Rotary International Water & Sanitation Month. During the month of March, The Rotary Foundation wants Rotarians around the world to Focus on initiating, sponsoring and supporting water and sanitation projects. With this month's emphasis The Rotary Foundation is ensuring that this particular goal receives all needed support.

Rotary clubs in District 5050, which includes British Columbia and state of Washington, are joining forces with the Zenith Rotary of Lome, Togo to apply for a Rotary Global Grant. Through association with The Dignity Toilets, the grant will purchase 100 new above-ground composting toilets. Since 2017, more than 100 such toilets have been constructed under the leadership of Nor'Wester Rotary member, Doc Reiss of Port Angeles, Washington USA. These toilets are designed to convert human waste into fertilizer. Addressing the Port Townsend Sunrise Rotary Club, Reiss explained the significance of the project. According to him, "the toilets mean that families don't have to relive themselves in the fields, where flood waters would increase unsanitary conditions and there are threats of snakes, scorpions and other predators. For every toilet built, it lowers the occurrence disease, helps protect ground water and keeps a family out of the fields."

The Rotary Clubs of District 5050 another international district also encompassing Canada and USA will contribute a total of \$15,000 which will be matched by District 5020 bringing the total to \$30,000. The Rotary Foundation will provide an additional \$22,500 making the total amount raised to \$52,500. With each toilet costing \$425, these funds would be enough to build more than 100 toilets between 2020 and 2021, providing between 600 and 800 people with toilets.

And don't forget the Rock Island Rotary Club in District 6420 who organized and brought clubs and Rotarians from western Illinois and eastern Iowa together to raise over \$85,000 to purchase 244 water filter units which are currently providing clean, safe drinking water for more than 17,000 children in Kenya.

So far, during the 2019-2020 year, The Rotary Foundation has spent \$18.7 million in grants for Water and Sanitation projects worldwide. In the past 5 years, the Foundation has spent \$100,657,464 in grants for projects involving Water and Sanitation.

Your continued support makes all of this possible!

A MESSAGE FROM PAST PRESIDENT, STEVE MORENZ

During these trying times, the needs of the less fortunate still exists and may even become greater. People still are hungry and still need the food they receive from Heart of Hope Food Pantry. I spoke with Lynda Sargent from Heart of Hope this morning. She said that later today, their Board and their leadership will meet to decide how it is they plan to proceed with their operation. As of right now, their plan is for the operation of the Food Pantry to continue and our help and support is still needed. But the distribution system of food has changed. Instead of a shopping format where the guest walks through the building selecting the food they want, the food now is pre-packed into bags and just handed out to the guests. Contact with the public is reduced considerably. They have even gone to delivering food to the elderly and disabled so that that population does not have to leave their homes.



The Heart of Hope Food Pantry has been a tremendous service project for us over the past few years and I hope that our presence there continues. But we need to think about the health and safety of ourselves, our families and club members first before we risk going out and getting sick. I advocate for the following of the directions of our state and federal leaders when it comes to going out into the public. If you are a Heart of Hope volunteer or even if you're not, and are young and healthy and feel you can help the Pantry serve their population, by all means go right ahead and I thank you for your service to the pantry. But please be cautious and heed the warnings and follow the directions given by the leaders of the country when it comes to going out in public. If the leadership of Heart of Hope decides to suspend their operation, I will let the club know and will be in touch with the pantry as to when our help is needed again.

Thank you and let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

DID YOU KNOW – OUR CLUB SPONSORS A ROTARACT CLUB?



Rotaract clubs bring together people ages 18-30 to exchange ideas with leaders in the community, develop leadership and professional skills, and have fun through service. Rock Island Rotary is the proud sponsor of the Augustana College Rotaract Club. Rotarians Kai Swanson and Sue Rector act as our liaisons to the Club. In communities worldwide, Rotary and Rotaract members work side by side to take action through service. From big cities to rural villages, Rotaract is changing communities like ours. What's involved? Rotaract members decide how to organize and run their clubs, manage their own funds, and plan and carry out activities and service projects. Rotary club sponsors offer guidance and support and work with the Rotaract Club as partners in service. Worldwide there are 10,904 Rotaract Clubs in 184 countries, and over 250,700 Rotaractors.

Rotary International is Closely Monitoring the Pandemic Of COVID-19

Rotary is keeping a close eye on the illness caused by the novel coronavirus, and continuously assessing the potential impact on Rotary operations, events, and members. Your health and safety are always our top priorities. In the near term, Rotary International recommends that districts and Rotary and Rotaract clubs meet virtually, cancel, or postpone meetings and events following the advice of national and local health officials.

Rotary International Convention

Please know that we are taking a close and continuing look at our plans for the convention scheduled in June to make sure all attendees' safety will be protected. We will watch for developments and follow the recommendations and guidance of the World Health Organization (WHO), the U.S. State Department, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. We want you to be able to make decisions about what is best for you and your families in terms of attending this year's event.

Other major Rotary events

To protect the health of all involved, Rotary has canceled the presidential conferences scheduled for 28 March at UNESCO in Paris, France, and for 9 May at the Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome, Italy. People who registered will receive an email from the organizers with additional information and details about refunds.

Club and district meetings

In the near term, Rotary International recommends that districts and Rotary and Rotaract clubs meet virtually, cancel or postpone meetings or events following the advice of national and local health officials. Please continue to follow the guidelines set by the World Health Organization and your national, regional, or local health authorities to protect your health and safety. If feasible, conduct meetings online or by phone.

Closely examine your personal circumstances, including any health issues, when you consider travel and participation in events.

2020 ROTARY AWARDS

Although April 14th may seem a long way off, time flies when we meet just once each week. Our 2020 Awards Banquet is just 5 meetings away. In that short time the Awards Committee need each of us to nominate persons to be considered for the Awards, the committee needs to review and vote on the nominees, those to be awarded must be contacted and invited to the Banquet, and appropriate awards must be ordered and received in time to be presented. SO ... time is actually short!

Step One = We need you to review the awards criteria and to fill out nomination forms and return them to either Carrie Crossen or Chris Lemon. You can return them in person or via email.

Excellence Award: Recognizes distinction or superiority in a field of endeavor. This can be for a single accomplishment for achieving high standards of achievement or performance over a sustained period of time. The recipient need not be a Rotarian.

Community Service Award: Recognizes individuals or organizations who have worked effectively for the betterment of our community. The recipient need not be a Rotarian.

Luckenbill – Wray Award: Recognizes a current Rock Island Rotarian for outstanding service and dedication to our club over past year.

A.T. Peara Award: Recognizes the Rock the

Island Rotarian who has exhibited the dedicated service and faithful commitment to the ideals of Rotary that were personified by A.T. Peara, for whom the award is named. The recipient must be a Rotarian and the award is a one-time, "lifetime" award.

Your nomination form is on the next page of today's newsletter.

ROCK ISLAND ROTARY CLUB

2020 Awards Committee



Rock Island Rotary's annual Awards Luncheon is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 14th**. The Awards Committee seeks nominations for the following awards:

1. **Excellence:** Recognizes distinction or superiority in a field of endeavor. This can be for a single accomplishment or for achieving high standards of achievement or performance over as sustained period of time.
2. **Community Service:** Recognizes individuals or organizations who have worked effectively for the betterment of our community.
3. **A.T. Peara Award for Service Above Self:** Recognizes the Rock Island Rotary member who has exhibited the dedicated service and faithful commitment to the ideals of Rotary that were personified by A.T. Peara, for whom the award is named after.
4. **Luckenbill/Wray Excellence Award:** Recognizes a Rotarian who has exhibited outstanding service and dedication for Rock Island Rotary over the last year.

The first two awards are open to any individual or organization that has demonstrated excellence or worked for the betterment of the Rock Island community. The excellence award applies to all lines of work and to all ages.

The A.T. Peara Award is limited to current members of Rock Island Rotary. It can only be won once per lifetime. The Luckenbill/Wray Excellence Award is limited to current members of Rock Island Rotary however is able to be received more than once in their lifetime.

To ensure that our committee has adequate time to evaluate, consider, make the selections, and have awards prepared, the deadline for nominations is March 20th. Please consider making one or more nominations using the lower portion of this form. Additional copies are available if you need them. We greatly appreciate your participation and assistance.

Submit Nomination to: Carrie Crossen or by e-mail to ccrossen@choosethechief.com

NOMINEE NAME: _____ **Your Name:** _____

Nominated for (be sure to indicate):

_____ Excellence _____ Community Service _____ A.T. Peara Award _____ Wray/Luckenbill Award

Reasons in support of your nomination: (use back of page if needed)
