



# Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



## YOU COUNT! 2020 CENSUS



### March – May Calendar


- Mar 10 - Super Tuesday & The Iowa Caucuses – Ed Tibbets QC Times
- Mar 17 - My Night at the Oscars Dr. William Campbell, St. Ambrose University.
- Mar 23 - Earl Hanson School – Principal Sarah Leonard
- Mar 31 - Earth Day – 50<sup>th</sup> 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

Rotarians heard from fellow club member Laura Fontaine and from Alejandra Martinez today about the critical importance of the 2020 United States Census. Laura is Program Officer for the Day Foundation and is in charge of coordinating local participation efforts in the census. Alejandra is Match Grant Caseworker for World Relief Moline. The pair stressed that an accurate population count is critical. According to Fontaine, "An inaccurate count will have a negative impact on Rock Island County for a whole decade," she said. "It will take the whole community, as well as a cross sector of stakeholders, to work together to ensure that everyone in Rock Island is counted." Census data is used to apportion congressional representation, enforce civil rights laws and draw federal, state and local legislative districts. It also helps cities and states identify locations for large infrastructure projects. Businesses use census data to decide where to open, offer jobs, and provide goods and services. Martinez said, "This data also is critical to calculating services such as food assistance, housing, and health services to children." Martinez added, "For every person not counted, Rock Island County could lose approximately \$1,700 per person, per year, for the next 10 years. Meaning, if 100 people don't fill out the 2020 census in Rock Island County, our community will lose at least \$1.7 million." Martinez also introduced Hannah Niang and Solange Humure, Census Coordinators for World Relief. Hannah is fluent in numerous east Asian languages and Solange speaks a lengthy list of African languages. They will use their linguistic talents to help ensure that refugee/immigrants in our community are aware of and complete their census information. The speakers stressed that the United States Constitution requires that all



President Mark with Alejandra,  
Hannah & Solange

people residing in the United States, regardless of citizenship status, must be counted. Ms. Martinez presented a well-documented video showing that in 2010 only 80% of residents in Rock Island County responded to the census survey. In several areas of Rock Island, the response was low as 63%, which ranked among the lowest in the country. The Day Foundation and World Relief are concentrating their efforts in areas identified as "hard to count". Residents in those areas are primarily Hispanic, black, immigrants, and/or persons in poverty. The speakers noted that the Census is a simple 10 question survey which can be answered via telephone, internet, or in writing via the mail. They also stressed a "Fraud Alert", noting that the Census will never request a social security number, credit card, donation, or any financial information. If you receive anything like that, it is a fraud and not an official Census request or document. This was an excellent presentation and we appreciate the work of the Day Foundation and World Relief. Thank you; and lets all be "Counted In!"

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Aug. – Sep. Kathy Trone  
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 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 was pleased to welcome guests at today's meeting. Alleman Jr. Rotarian, Gabriel Sebben along with our exchange son, Emil Rosin, were in attendance. We had three guests from World Relive Moline, Alejandra Martinez, Hannah Niang, and Solange Humure. We also welcomed two visiting Rotarians today, Mark Zimmerman of the Davenport Club, and Ken Brooks of the Bettendorf Rotary Club. Guests are always welcome at the **Number One Club**, Rock Island Rotary!

□ **ROTARY GREETERS ARE NEEDED** – We need to fill one slot yet in March and all of April. If you have not been a greeter in quite some time, please volunteer. It is a great way for new members to get to meet long-time members. Sign up at the Sergeant at Arms table.

□ **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!

□ **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.

□ **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to present the invocation at our upcoming meetings in March and April. Please let President Mark Mayeski know if you will help.

□ **SEND ITEMS** for publication in our newsletter to [bobdebswanson@att.net](mailto:bobdebswanson@att.net)  
 We are happy to promote anything relating to Rock Island Rotary. Photos are welcome.



## FOUNDATION RAFFLE REPORT

Thanks to the generosity of Pete Wessels our foundation raffle again featured fine wine along with a 50-50 cash drawing. The first lucky winner was Jeff Dismer who opted for the cash and donated it to the Alleman Dance Marathon. A fundraiser for the University of Iowa Children's Hospital. Our Exchange son Emil and Jr. Rotarian Gabriel will be dancing (and accepting donations!). The second ticket and the wine went to Larry Tadlock. The Club's share of proceeds from our raffle each week go to the Rotary Foundation. **We greatly appreciate and thank all who participate!**

## HAPPY MARCH ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS!



Kathy Trone	March 15
Gary Rowe	March 17
Clarence Darrow	March 22
Jerry Jones	March 22
Avalon Thomas-Roebal	March 29
Bill Stengel	March 31

## FOUNDATION MINUTE

Inspired by The Rotary Foundation's mission to "... enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty," six members of the Rotary Club Chippenham, UK, joined representatives of WellBoring, a Chippenham-based charity on a trip to Kisumu, Kenya. They were there to commission their jointly funded project: thirteen drilled water wells at the cost of 65,000 Pound Sterling (\$83,805.US). The beneficiaries of this gift are the residents of Kisumu and its environs, numbering over 15,000 people. "Prior to now, they've been carrying water from rivers, streams or Lake Victoria, in some instances over lengthy distances," explained Rick Squires, the grant's coordinator and member of the Chippenham Rotary Club. "This mission is a great example of Rotary's motto "Service Above Self." The project was undertaken in conjunction with The Rotary Club of Kisumu, Kenya.

As part of its social service initiative to facilitate speedy treatment during "golden hour", the Rotary Club of Dharwad Central, India donated two hi-tech ambulances to the Hubballi-Dharwad Police Commission. The accident relief and cardiac care ambulances have been funded under the Rotary Foundation Humanitarian Service project and the Ravi Bhopalapur Foundation

Rotarian contributions to the Rotary International Foundation make services like these possible.

## 2020 ROTARY AWARDS

Although April 14<sup>th</sup> 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 the past year.

**A.T. Peara Award:** Recognizes the Rock 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 the last page of today's newsletter.

## ROTARY SUPPORTS ROCK ISLAND LIBRARY



Community grants chairman Frank Lambert presents a Rock Island Rotary Donation of \$400 to Angela Campbell, Director of the Rock Island Public Library. The grant will be used to help fund bringing Tiffany D. Jackson a best-selling American author of young adult fiction award winning filmmaker. Co-sponsored by the Rock Island Public Library, the Bettendorf Public Library, and the Davenport Public Library, Jackson will be at the Rock Island High School on April 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Rock Island Downtown Library the evening of the 24<sup>th</sup>, and will be at the Bettendorf Public Library the evening of April 23<sup>rd</sup>. She will discuss her novels and answer questions at the events.



## HOW ABOUT HELPING RYLA?

Each year the District RYLA Committee seeks Rotarians to volunteer some of their time to help out at the RYLA weekend. This year it is May 1-3, 2020 at the NIU Lorado Taft Campus at Lowden State Park, Oregon, IL. RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) brings together outstanding high school students representing Rotary Clubs from all over the District 6420 for a weekend of leadership and character-building activities.

An Adult Volunteer Form needs to be filled out and sent to Rotarian Pat Burch. Pat's contact information is on the form. Just control+click on the link below to get the form.

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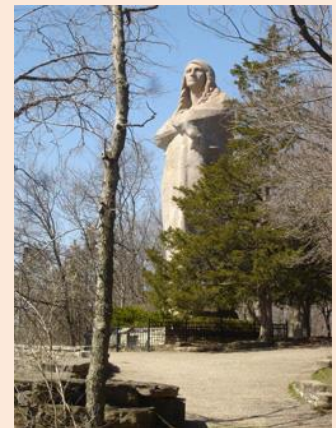
Especially needed are overnight female volunteers (1-2 each night). Overnight volunteers must fill out a Youth background check.... a link will be sent to you to complete online. Scott Shore and Gary Francque are the experts.

Friday evening and Saturday afternoon are two other time periods where volunteers are needed.

For those Rotarians who like to camp, Lowden State Park has a campground right there next to the NIU Lorado Taft campus. If you have an RV, you can make a weekend of it and volunteer to help out in several time slots.

You will be the winner by volunteering! It is great to see this awesome event come to fruition. To watch students arrive shy, timid and unsure of themselves, and leave on Sunday confident, smiling and ready to be a leader is a great thing to witness.

Please find it in your heart to give some of your time to serve at RYLA.



## INVOCATION PRESENTERS NEEDED

President Mark Mayeski has asked for volunteers to present our invocation at upcoming meetings. Whether you take a month or just one meeting, the help will be greatly appreciated. Please drop an email to Mark at [mark.mayeski@edwardjones.com](mailto:mark.mayeski@edwardjones.com) and let him know what you are willing to do.

## DID YOU WALK OUT AGAIN?

**WITHOUT YOUR WINE RAFFLE TICKETS?** There is a small card table near the end of our buffet line each week with a fellow Rotarian there ready to hand you a supply of Wine Raffle Tickets. They don't grab you or demand that you take them, but they are donating their time to try to help make our fundraiser successful. Each of us is asked to sell 25 tickets. 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. If we all come through with \$100 in tickets sold, we will bring in between eight and nine thousand dollars for our Community Grants program. Next week, stop and take some tickets! Buy them – Sell them. You decide!



# 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](mailto:ccrossen@choosethechief.com)

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**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)

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