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ROCK ISLAND ROTARIANS SHARE THEIR HUMOR

April – May Calendar

April 7 - MEETING CANCELLED
April 14 - MEETING CANCELLED
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

President Mark Mayeski established his practice of presenting a joke at each Rock Island Rotary Meeting. Most were short “pun” type jokes and virtually all were followed by a few chuckles and many groans from the membership. In an effort to top Mark’s humor, 2nd Vice President Justin Peterson started adding a joke to his weekly assessments of fines. These also were met with a few chuckles and many groans. So last week we featured a column entitled, “The Jokes President Mark and V.P. Justin Wish They Had Told”. In the column were several jokes and

humorous stories that your editor is confident were met with uproarious laughter! Believing that we all need a bit of humor in these worrisome times, the column invited all members to submit their favorite jokes or stories so we could see just who the most entertaining Rotarian is. Please enjoy the following entries received from your fellow members and be sure to test your brain on the first ever, Rock Island Rotary Crossword Puzzle on page 4.: Feel free to use your Club Directory if you need some help.

From Tricia Barron::

They said a mask and gloves were enough to go to the grocery store - They lied, everybody else had clothes on. 😂😂😂

From Tom Showalter (just a few of the many good ones he provided):

**TURNING VEGAN
WOULD BE A
BIG
MISSED STEAK**

**WELL,
TO BE FRANK
I'D HAVE TO
CHANGE MY NAME**

**I'M TERRIFIED
OF ELEVATORS
AND I'M
TAKING STEPS
TO AVOID THEM**

More from Tom Showalter:

**CRUSHING
POP CANS
IS
SODA PRESSING**

**I HAVE A
CHICKEN PROOF
LAWN
ITS IMPECCABLE**

**COW STUMBLES
INTO POT FIELD!
THE STEAKS
HAVE NEVER
BEEN HIGHER**

**THE PROBLEM WITH
POLITICAL JOKE
IS THAT THEY
SOMETIMES
GET ELECTED**

From Bud Phillis:

The local pastor visited his doctor because of headaches

The doctor asked pointing to his forehead "does it hurt here?"

Yes, was the reply

The doctor then asked pointing to the back of his head "does it hurt here?"

Yes, was again the reply

The doctor then asked pointing to both of his temples "does it hurt here?"

Again, the reply was Yes

The doctor then said "simple you halo is too tight"

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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!

□ **SERVICE** – Rotary members are needed to help with the Heart of Hope Food Pantry. We help every Thursday. The Pantry serves those in walkers and scooters starting at 4:30 pm. The distribution to the general public will begin at 5:30 pm as normal but will only last until 6:30 pm. The do not need our help to serve the early group, therefore, the volunteer time need is only one hour. During the current health crisis, 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. The plan at this time 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. Food will be delivered to the elderly and disabled so that that population does not have to leave their homes. Used but sound plastic bags are needed now even more than in the past. Drop off bags 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 to help pack bags. It's easy duty! 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 Anne or Ruth and they will get tickets to you.

□ **BORED STAYING AT HOME?** Grab your Club Directory and call 3 Rotarians a day. Just chat, find out how they are doing and let them know how you're doing. Maintaining a semblance of social contact is good for you and may just "make the day" for the Rotarian you call.

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

HOW ARE YOU COPING?

Talking with friends during our current "stay at home" situation, I've found it interesting to hear how various people are spending their time. Some are "watching lots of reruns", but most have come up with creative ways of spending their time. Whether it's catching up on home projects, reading a good book, canning, cooking, sewing, knitting, or crocheting, how about sharing with us your secret to spending time at home. **Send a reply email to this newsletter and let us know how you're spending your time.** We'll pass on your "strategy"! Pictures welcome. You might just give others an idea or kick-start a new hobby for them!.



More Responses to The Jokes Mark & Justin Wish They Had Told!

Wacky definitions From Holly Sparkman:

Inkwell n. An accomplished tattooist.

Transcendental adj. Above the teeth.

Conference n. The confusion of one person multiplied by the number present.

Conference room np. A place where everyone talks, no one listens, and later everyone disagrees about what was said.

Lobster n. Someone who throws poorly.

Coffee, n. The person upon whom one coughs.

Clothes Dryer n. An appliance designed to eat socks.

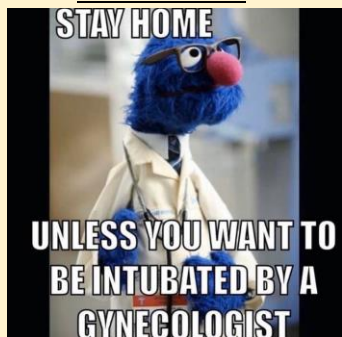
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From Angela Campbell:

A friend of mine just got a job as a bank teller. He called me at the end of his first day and said he was already fired. I asked him why, and he said, "I don't know? I was just trying to provide good customer service. A lady came up to me and asked me to check her balance. So, I pushed her, and she fell over. After I helped her up, I said, 'It doesn't seem very good.'"

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From Tricia Barron:



From Eric Spriet:

I've always thought my neighbors were quite nice people, but then they put a password on their Wi-Fi.

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From Bill Groh:

Why did the hippopotamus cross the road?  
It was the chicken's day off.

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From Steve Morenz:

Q: What goes good with Corona Virus?

A: Lime Disease!!

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From Cindi Gramenz:

What did the man say when he got hit by a rental car? It Hertz.

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From President Mark Mayeski:

I was on a long line at 7:45am today at the grocery store that opened at 8 for seniors only. A young man came from the parking lot and tried to cut in at the front of the line, but an old lady beat him back into the parking lot with her cane. He returned and tried to cut in again; but an old man punched him in the gut, then kicked him to the ground and rolled him away. As he approached the line for the 3rd time he said, "If you don't let me unlock the door, you'll never get in there."

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From the Editor:

A friend of mine purchased tickets to the 2020 Super Bowl, air fare, hotel accommodations included ... when he bought the tickets he didn't realize it was the same day as his wedding. So --he can't go.

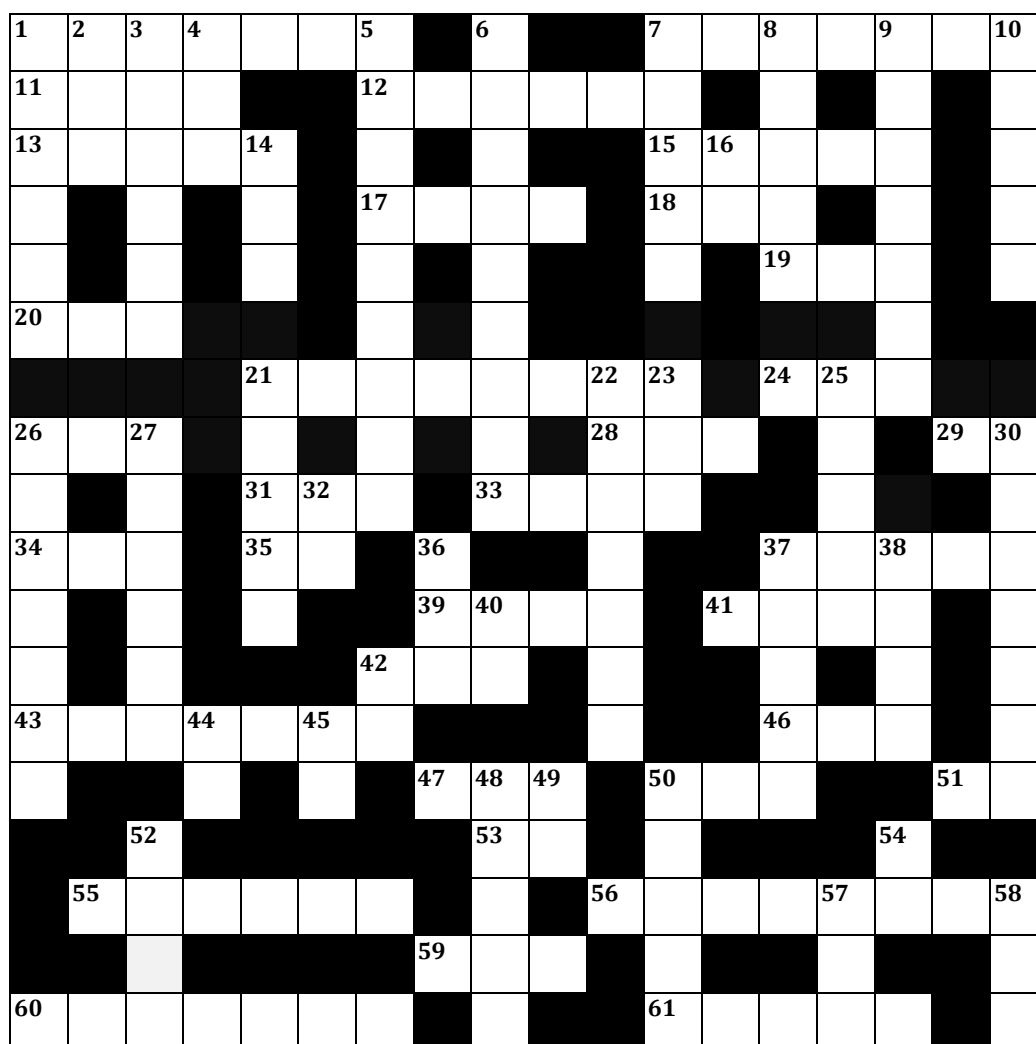
If anyone is interested in taking his place, it will be at St. Peters Church in New York, it starts at 5 pm. Her name is Donna, she'll be the one in the white dress. Thanks.

## DID YOU KNOW – OUR CLUB SPONSORS AN EARLYACT CLUB?

EarlyAct™ is a school-wide service club for elementary students from ages 5 to 13. Our Rotary Clubs sponsors an Earlyact Club at Jordan Catholic Elementary School in Rock Island. Bud Phillis is our liaison to the club. The mission and operation of EarlyAct™ are closely linked to the ideals of Rotary and provide the foundation and natural succession into Interact. The second community project the Jordan Earlyact did was a "penny drive" in which the kids collected change. The project raised over \$2,200.00 and the Earlyact Club purchased the first seven water filtration units for schools in Kenya and gave birth to our current Water Project. EarlyAct™ provides young students the opportunity for gaining an increased awareness and knowledge of their community and the world. At a young age, all students can easily be encouraged to be caring and helpful. Their minds are open to recognize the dignity and worth of each individual which builds respect for others. EarlyAct™ also engages students in character-building activities and prepares them for leadership roles to identify and carry out projects which benefit their school, local and global communities.



# Rotary Crossword (Your Club Directory may come in



## Across

- 1 One of our current members, Past Dist. Gov.
- 7 She keeps the money straight
- 11 President during our Centennial year
- 12 He's a modern guy
- 13 A Walmart Competitor
- 15 Give a speech
- 17 An engineer who owns "Top of the Morning"
- 18 Financial founder of our Water Project
- 19 High school math class (abbr.)
- 20 This with a staff gives comfort
- 21 Our club balladeer
- 24 Cancelled meetings to avoid getting this
- 26 He leads the community
- 28 Weeding tool
- 29 A type of electricity
- 31 Building site
- 33 Center of the eye
- 34 See 27 down
- 35 Definitely not out
- 37 Proud Finn
- 39 One of two
- 41 Superman's alter ego
- 42 16<sup>th</sup> US President
- 43 Our theater lady
- 46 Japanese currency
- 47 Former Augustana Department Head
- 49 Definitely not
- 50 It comes in a pod
- 51 Green Light
- 51 Owner of "wine cellar"
- 53 Santa's favorite word
- 55 68<sup>th</sup> President of Rock Island Rotary
- 56 He runs our schools
- 59 Comes from the lode
- 60 Our fearless leader
- 61 Color her a banker

## Down

- 1 He "pounds" the numbers
- 2 We are the Number \_\_\_\_ Club
- 3 What we hope the world will become
- 4 Our most recent Past District Governor
- 5 He'll help us see the light
- 6 The Club's senior spiritual leader
- 7 She works with wood and iron
- 8 U.S. 44<sup>th</sup> President
- 9 One of our great legal minds
- 10 The side coffee is on
- 14 The kids love this music
- 16 Initials of member with previous multi International service jobs
- 21 Rotary's war foe
- 22 He keeps us well "founded"
- 23 Signal for help
- 25 A sour blood collector
- 26 He's the bowl maker
- 27 A forward guy who helps kids
- 30 Where Rotary was born
- 32 Not off
- 36 Diminish
- 37 Where our filters are working
- 38 Our member with the most seniority
- 40 Wide shoe size
- 42 A single item
- 44 Casualty expert's initials
- 45 You and me
- 48 Chicago's busy hub
- 49 Definitely not
- 50 First recipient of the A.T. Peara Award
- 52 Count on
- 54 Not off
- 57 The first lady
- 58 Sight organ

## FOUNDATION MINUTE

Rotarians have always been concerned about urban and community health, way before the dreadful Coronavirus necessitated a global emphasis on incessant hand washing. Through The Rotary Foundation, Rotarians have supported projects aimed at improving water purification, hygiene education, latrine construction and waste management all over the world. Clean Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) is a new project being undertaken by members of District 7910, comprising Rotary Clubs from Central Massachusetts and Metro West. Twenty-one volunteers are heading to Guatemala for a 7-day WASH mission on a project funded by a \$318,000 Global Grant from the Foundation. Twenty-three primary schools in nine communities in Guatemala will benefit from this global grant. The grant will provide a comprehensive hygiene and menstrual education for both students and teachers. In addition, the grant will fund wash stations, adequate toilets, bathrooms, and safe water for drinking and cooking school meals.

The WASH project in Guatemala is hosted by the Rotary Club of Nueva Guatemala, with participation by Rotary Clubs in Canada and The United States; and with the collaboration of four Guatemalan organizations. Speaking about the project, the Past District-Governor and Chair of the District (7910) Foundation Committee, Steve Sager, explained that "Working on international service projects like this is one of the best aspects of belonging to Rotary...We come to help communities that seem disadvantaged by our standards, but we end up helping ourselves, making lifelong friends, and doing our part to make the world a better place."

Since 2013, The Rotary Foundation has invested in more than 1,000 WASH projects in more than 100 countries through its global grants. Your continued support of the Foundation makes this possible!

## CORONAVIRUS SHUTS DOWN MOST OF THE WORLD - ROTARY KEEPS WORKING!

Amidst worldwide shutdowns, quarantines, and shelter at home orders, Rotary and Rotarians all over the world keep working to fulfill our "Service Above Self" commitment. Rotarians are leaders in our communities, and these times call for leadership. In many ways, this also is our time. We have proven abilities to reach out and collaborate to offer immediate help to people in need at a rapid pace. These are precisely the skills needed all over the world today. The global effort against COVID-19 depends on actions taken in every country. Rotary has the unique ability to help improve those efforts in every community and every country. As people of action, Rotary members want to find ways to respond to COVID-19, and to help people affected by it. The Rotary Foundation offers several options that Rotarians can use to help care for and protect people in their own communities and others around the world.

District grants Districts can use district grant funds to support local activities, like purchasing thermometers, protective medical gear, or other items to donate to medical professionals who need them. Districts can also use contingency funds from an open district grant or repurpose previously planned activities as a COVID-19 response. As districts prepare to submit new district grant applications for 2020-21, we encourage you to designate funds for COVID-19 responses. As a one-time exception, the Foundation will allow expenses related to COVID-19 that were incurred since 15 March 2020 to be reimbursed through 2020-21 district grants.

Disaster Response Grants and Rotary's Disaster Response Fund

Rotary's disaster response grants provide a fast and effective way to respond to local events. The Rotary Foundation recently added COVID-19 projects to its list of eligible activities for these grants. Each district can apply for one grant (of up to \$25,000) to address COVID-19, depending on the availability funds. Disaster response grants are funded by the Rotary Disaster Response Fund to help districts around the world respond to disasters. The fund accepts online contributions and DDF. Districts may designate that their DDF contributions to the Disaster Response Fund be used exclusively for COVID-19 grant activities. Cash contributions will be used for general disaster response, including response to COVID-19.

Global grants remain an excellent way to make a transformative impact in a community. If medical equipment is needed in order to respond effectively to COVID-19, global grants can help pay for these items. The Foundation is waiving the 30 percent foreign financing requirement for any new global grant that addresses COVID-19. Note that these grants still require both a host and international partner.

Our support of the Foundation is more critical now than ever. Please, send whatever contribution you can payable to Rotary International Foundation and mail to: Bud Phillis, 2417 - 127<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Milan, IL 61264

## ROCK ISLAND ROTARIANS HELPING CHRISTIAN CARE

Rotarians have always been great supporters of our community and right now fellow Rock Island Rotarian, Cindy Gramenz, can use our help. Christian Care Center in Rock Island has quietly provided shelter to our homeless and victims of domestic abuse since 1916 to serve the least, the last, and the lost. Currently, they are sheltering 30 people. They have run out of hand sanitizer and Clorox wipes and truly need both to help stop the spread of Covid-19. We are in this together and sharing is the graceful and kind thing to do. Rotarians that can spare hand sanitizer or Clorox wipes, or are willing to purchase and donate them, or want to make a donation for the purchase of these items, please call Rotarian Kathy Lelonek (309-752-3014) who will happily pick up any donations and deliver them to the Christian Care Center. Your Board is also looking into providing help. We may not be meeting right now, but this is a great way to make a difference while sheltering in place.



## PRESIDENT TRUMP EXTENDS SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES

President Donald Trump announced on Sunday that the White House would be extending its social distancing guidelines through April 30<sup>th</sup> – a month longer than an initial 15-day timeline when they were implemented on March 16<sup>th</sup>. “The peak in the death rate is likely to hit in two weeks,” the President said. “Nothing would be worse than declaring victory before the victory is won.” The President’s guidelines are based on the recommendation and information provided by the coronavirus task force led by Vice-President Pence and composed of doctors, scientists, and other health professionals. The guidelines are not “enforced” like law, but orders from Governor Pritzker can be enforced. He initially ordered restaurants and bars closed until April 7<sup>th</sup> and subsequently closed all business other than those deemed “essential”. The current order is set to end one week from today, but the governor’s press secretary yesterday stated that Pritzker “follows the experts” and strongly hinted the order may be extended. That decision is likely to come shortly.

## 2020 ROTARY AWARDS

Although our scheduled April 14<sup>th</sup> presentation banquet has been postponed, the solicitation of nominations continues. The Awards Committee needs each of us to nominate persons to be considered for the Awards. Once nominations are received, the committee needs to review and select the winners. 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 short! Although the banquet date is to be determined, let’s get our nominations on file and ready!

**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. 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](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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