



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CE



Mary Jensen Dental Hygienist

Mary Jensen has practiced dental hygiene for 39 years, including three years in Switzerland. She is the Lead Oral Care Specialist for the HyLife Oral Health Alliance—a network of dental hygienists that provide weekly oral hygiene care to residents in

April – May Calendar

- April 28 - Rock Island-Milan Schools during the pandemic
Dr. Reginald Lawrence II, Superintendent
- May 5 - Davenport Junior Theatre
Daniel Sheridan
- May 12 - Legalized marijuana—what it means in the workplace and in the community. Allison Wright, Pappas & O'Connor
- May 19 - Quad City Chamber of Commerce - Liz Tallman, Chief Economic Development Officer
- May 26 - TBA

memory care and assisted living communities. Mary's expertise is working with residents with dementia/Alzheimer's disease. Along with her passion for the overall health of seniors, is her passion for mission trips. Mary serves as Lead Dental Hygienist with Alliance for Smiles—a non-profit that provides free cleft lip/palate surgery to children in underdeveloped countries. She has completed fifteen mission trips with Alliance for Smiles—providing dental hygiene care on four continents and eight countries. Alliance for Smiles is a non-profit organization that provides free reconstructive surgery to children with cleft lips and cleft palates in Africa, China, the Philippines, and Bangladesh. They are supported by donations and Rotary grants. All over the world children born with cleft lip and palate anomalies suffer physically and emotionally. They may become malnourished and are prone to ear infections and hearing loss. Often times, they experience upper-respiratory problems or speech and dental difficulties. Most need multiple operations. They commonly endure isolation and ridicule. Sometimes they are abused, abandoned or killed. Access to surgical care is usually scarce or unaffordable. The impact of AFS 2004-2019 has been: 8526 Fixed Smiles, \$32,704,845 Medical Services, 88 Surgical Missions, 869 Volunteers. Alliance for Smiles offers children and families with cleft anomalies hope for a bright future. The volunteer surgeons work to repair children's broken smiles by providing free, comprehensive cleft treatment, in under-served areas of the world – transforming their lives. Mary said each mission is a two-week trip. When they arrive, they are transported to their mission location where they set up a treatment center and meet local surgeons and health personnel. The next day is the "screening day" where patients are photographed, examined, and basic information such as weight, blood work, and a review of their needs occurs. Typically, there are 100 to 150 patients waiting to be screened, which all takes place outdoors. Unfortunately, some patients must be turned away due to various health conditions. Patients also receive a thorough teeth cleaning and receive oral hygiene education. Local surgeons also are given training with the hope that they will be able to carry on the works after the mission departs. Ms. Jensen showed a number of photos from a recent mission to Zimbabwe. Many were heart-breaking showing very young, suffering children. Others were inspiring, showing the "after" photos of the same children with their cleft palate and lips repaired. Mary also mentioned that we can see more about Alliance for Smiles by going to their webpage, www.allianceforsmiles.org. She also noted that their major source of funding is an annual Gala held in San Francisco that will be a "virtual" gala this year because of the pandemic. Hopefully their funding won't suffer greatly. One of the most heartening details mentioned was that the Alliance for Smiles was founded by five San Francisco Rotarians and all the mission trips are coordinated by Rotary Clubs. One more example of how our extraordinary organization serves humanity throughout the world. Thank you Gary Rowe and Mary Jensen for a great program!



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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 welcomed two visiting Rotarians to today's meeting. Jenni Swanson from the Moline Club, and Duncan Cameron from the Naples Florida Club. Guests are always welcomed.

❑ **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.

LITTLE THINGS SAY A LOT!



After last week's meeting one of our members called and said she would be happy to make cloth protective face masks for any of our members that needed them. Pretty nice offer, particularly when it comes from a highly respected, recently retire medical doctor. A few years ago, many of us learned for the first time that this same Rotarian doctor has for many years made pillows for all the kindergarten students at Earl Hanson Elementary School. She provides the materials and the labor and lets the children "decorate" their pillow with colors and writing. The stuffing is added, sewing completed and each child has a gift to give their mother for Mother's Day. I'll bet it is one of those items that mom's cherish for years to come. Now with the covid-19 pandemic threatening each of us, that same wonderful Rotarian steps forward and makes an unsolicited offer of masks for anyone who needs it. Dr. Tricia Barron, we salute you. Not only does she sew, Tricia is a past A.T. Peara Award Winner, a Rotary International Major Donor, and a Paul Harris Society Member. Tricia Barron puts a face on "Service Above Self". Our Club is a better place because Tricia is a member of it!

[See Photos page 3]

President Mark Mayeski Models Masks Made By Tricia Barron **{Notice they are in Rotary Colors}**



FOUNDATION MINUTE

April is Rotary International's Maternal and Child Health Month!

Welcome also, to another week of Rotarians working their very best to make our sick globe a much healthier one, not just for mothers and their children, but for all of us.

COVID-19 still features prominently in the daily routine of most of us, but that has not stopped Rotarians from doing what they do best. Clubs across the globe have been busy helping their communities cope with the virus. In Italy, clubs in District 2080 are raising funds to purchase ventilators. When China went through its worst days, the district's clubs raised over \$21,000 for protective masks. In Hong Kong, Rotary clubs have raised funds, packed medical supplies and visited public housing to distribute masks and sanitizers. The Rotary Club of Karachi Darakhshan, Pakistan, distributed thousands of masks to people in Karachi. In Korea, clubs in District 3700 have donated \$155,000 to the Red Cross. Clubs in Nigeria's Akwa Ibom state conducted a campaign to raise awareness about the threat of the virus.

This past week TRF announced that \$1 million US is being made available for Disaster Response Grants that have a basis in responding to COVID-19 related expenses. These funds can be applied to a broad range of vital community and medical needs.

Under the direction of District 7720, several grants are awaiting approval to fund support for local organizations responding to the crisis. Seeing the urgent need for ventilators in hospitals around his district, the PGD (Past District Governor) of District 7475, Dr. D Michael Hart wrote two grant proposals which were matched by TRF to the tune of \$100,000. Several hospitals in northern New Jersey will benefit from the ten ventilators bought with the grant. During a previous international disaster in Australia, two districts, D7475 New Jersey USA and D9820 Australia used a global grant of \$20,000, to purchase two fire truck trailers to help with the notorious wildfires in Australia.

"Rotary was born in a time of peace, but its program of service is even more necessary in a period of world conflict." — Inaugural Message, 1941 Rotary Convention, Denver, Colorado, USA

The Rotary Foundation needs your support to help continue the battle for health!

UNABLE TO "ATTEND" OUR ZOOM MEETINGS?

If your schedule causes you to miss one of our Rotary Meetings held via ZOOM, do not despair! Each ZOOM meeting is, or will be, recorded and is posted on our Club Webpage, www.rirotary.com. You can watch the entire meeting at your leisure. Just click on VIDEO MEETINGS and select April 14, April 21, or April 28. If the "shelter at home" order continues into May, those ZOOM meetings will be added as they occur. Nothing special needed, just your computer. Stay in touch and stay well! Check out our webpage and don't miss a meeting!

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW OUR DISTRICT?

Match the Club name with the Club

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|------------------------------------|---|-------|
| 1. Belvidere | They have a prison and pro golf | _____ |
| 2. Byron | Named after Laconia, a region of Greece | _____ |
| 3. DeKalb | Sweet Corn Festival attracts thousands here annually | _____ |
| 4. Dixon | Christian colony named for town in New York | _____ |
| 5. East Moline/Silvis | Home of Deere | _____ |
| 6. Freeport Noon | Herman's Hermits sang about the "8 th " | _____ |
| 7. Galena | Named for a nut or a tree or both? | _____ |
| 8. Geneseo | Host City for District's annual RYLA | _____ |
| 9. Harvard | Named after Revolutionary War General | _____ |
| 10. Henry | Adjacent but separated by the Rock | _____ |
| 11. Illinois Valley Sunrise-Peru** | Tackle & toolboxes are made here | _____ |
| 12. Kishwaukee Sunrise DeKalb | Milan, Moline, Rock Island & East Moline meet here | _____ |
| 13. La Salle | A model of the Plymouth auto had the same name | _____ |
| 14. Lacon | Hickory Grove and Hang Town, before current name | _____ |
| 15. Loves Park | Name sake in Italy is pronounced differently | _____ |
| 16. Marseilles | Has a twin on the north side of the river | _____ |
| 17. Mendota | Nicknamed "Forest City", 3 rd largest city in Illinois | _____ |
| 18. Milan Area | Called "Pretzel City, USA" after 1860s German baker | _____ |
| 19. Moline | Two cities have multiple border disputes but 1 club | _____ |
| 20. Morrison | Named after Hiawatha's mother | _____ |
| 21. Mount Carroll | Retirement Community Club | _____ |
| 22. Oregon | An English Lord, Poet, and Politician | _____ |
| 23. Ottawa Noon* | Tugfest across the Mississippi is held here | _____ |
| 24. Ottawa Sunrise* | Named for early French explorer | _____ |
| 25. Pecatonica | Got its name from the Rock & Mississippi | _____ |
| 26. Peru** | Named for man who financed the areas first coal mining | _____ |
| 27. Plano | Its Indian name means "Slow Water" | _____ |
| 28. Princeton | First air-conditioned factory in Midwest built here | _____ |
| 29. Putnam County | Hybrid corn & barbed wire is their forte | _____ |
| 30. Quad Cities | Built as a stop for the Atchison, Topeka, & Santa Fe | _____ |
| 31. River Cities | This place has a romantic sound | _____ |
| 32. Rochelle | Where the Fox and Illinois Rivers meet | _____ |
| 33. Rock Falls | Their archrival is Yale | _____ |
| 34. Rock Island | Has a twin on the south side of the river | _____ |
| 35. Rockford | President Grant called this city his home | _____ |
| 36. Rockford East-Cherry | Name of one city was drawn out of a hat | _____ |
| 37. Rockton-Roscoe | Due to its elevation, has record as coldest Illinois city | _____ |
| 38. Sandwich | Whiteside County Seat | _____ |
| 39. Satellite club at Oak Crest | President Reagan's boyhood home | _____ |
| 40. Savanna | Another sister Ivy League University | _____ |
| 41. Sterling Noon | Site of a Union prison for Confederate soldiers | _____ |
| 42. Streator | Pumpkinfest has 1000+ decorated pumpkins & carnival | _____ |
| 43. Sycamore | Potowatomi word "river of the sycamore" tree | _____ |
| 44. Toluca | Hometown of America's Waltz King" Wayne King | _____ |
| 45. Twin Cities Sunrise | Sometimes called Clock City, home of Westclox | _____ |
| 46. Twin Rivers RAH | Odd name for a City, great for a snack | _____ |
| 47. Walnut | Site of the first Lincoln – Douglas Debate | _____ |
| 48. Wenona | Namesake of the Inca's homeland | _____ |

*and** Clues are interchangeable

You may need to resort to Google for help! Lots of history in this one.



DONATION TO CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER DELIVERED!

Social Distancing can't stop Rock Island Rotary from helping out the Rock Island County Children's Advocacy Center. Rotary President Mark Mayeski presents Marcy O'Brien with a \$1,000 check to help with their important work in the community during these difficult times.

Notice the "social distancing" maintained by Mark and Marcy, as the check is "handed" via a grabbing stick

Ruth Lee contributed this joke:

**In Germany everyone's
panic buying sausages
and cheese. It's the
wurst käse scenario**

This message comes from Sue Rector -

WHILE SHELTERING AT HOME ...

With the increased need for our donations to get through the Covid-19 Pandemic, our major fundraiser, Trivia Night takes on additional importance. A big part of the fundraising comes from our Silent Auction. As we are finding time to sort and clean, please set aside unwanted baskets and treasures you had forgotten that might make a great addition to a silent auction basket. I have found several unopened goodies that I have set aside for building baskets for our Important November fundraiser. Last year we had 14 baskets. Let's go for 20 this year!

Have random things that you could donate that don't really go together to make a basket? Put them in a box and plan to bring them to me when we can again meet. I will gather things and put them in fun combinations to make some great treasures.

Clutter put to a great purpose! Thanks for considering. Questions-suerector@augustana.edu or call 563-343-7985.



Rock Island Rotary TRIVIA NIGHT

Answers 4/14/20 Word Match

- 1 Jeff Whitaker
- 2 Eric Spriet
- 3 Brett Hitchcock
- 4 Stephanie Masson
- 5 Arron Sutherland
- 6 Carlos Jimenez
- 7 Andrea Ryckegham
- 8 Miranda Marshall
- 9 Rebecca Arnold
- 10 Kristia LeShoure
- 11 Laura Fontaine
- 12 Sue Rector
- 13 Steve Bahls
- 14 Mike Thoms
- 15 Doug Hultquist
- 16 Amber Brummit
- 17 Randy Tweet
- 18 Alex Kelly
- 19 Kim Calhoun
- 20 Holly Sparkman
- 21 Kai Swanson
- 22 Sara Criss
- 23 Liz Nino
- 24 Eric Westphall
- 25 Avalon Thomas-Roebal

Exciting Event This Sunday

Rotary International will be hosting a telethon to be live-streamed on the Rotary International Facebook page to raise funds for the Disaster Response Fund for COVID-19 relief projects. It will be for an hour starting at 10:00 AM Central. Past RI President Barry Rassis will be co-hosting this important event. There will be musical performances and stories from those on the front-lines with every continent being represented. Get this Sunday, April 26, at 10:00 AM onto your calendars..

Report from our Youth Exchange Committee

Committee Chair, Jeff Dismer reported some unfortunate news regarding Youth Exchange. As a result of the world-wide pandemic, Youth Exchange activities have been suspended for the coming year. Our club had two young men scheduled to be "outbound" students and we anticipated an incoming exchange son or daughter.. However, concern for safety takes precedence and there will be no outgoing or incoming Rotary exchange students for the 2020-2021 school year. Students who were planning to be Youth Exchange students will have the option of going in 2021-2022. Additionally, the status of this year's Summer Youth Conference is up in the air. Typically, Rotary Exchange Youth returning home and those scheduled to go abroad this summer meet for attend by the hundreds. This year there may not be a meeting, or if one is held it may be a "virtual" meeting allowing participation via the internet. Thanks to Jeff and his committee for staying on top of this for us. We look forward to welcoming our next son/daughter in a little over a year from now.

BUD PHILLIS REPORTS

Today was Foundation Tuesday, but with no "in person" meeting there were no "envelopes on the table". However Bud asked that members not forget the Rotary International Foundation, particularly in light of the current campaign to fight the pandemic via the Rotary Disaster Relief Fund. Bud also reported that due to the Covid-19 virus, world-wide polio inoculations have been stopped. As a result, reported polio cases are on the increase, particularly in Africa. Chairman Phillis also noted that the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation have renewed their 2 for one match for any donations made to the Foundation. Finally, Bud reported that we now have 11 members, including one of our newer corporate members who are participating in the monthly automatic withdrawal program for Foundation giving. Please consider joining them. Bud can provide the details for any who wish to inquire..

THE WETZEL REPORT ON THE BERT BLOOD SCHOLARSHIP

Committee Chairman, John Wetzel informed the Club that although the current "shelter at home" order caused us to cancel our annual Bert Blood Scholarship. The committee met via internet and telephone and reviewed the projects submitted by this year's scholarship applicants. Ultimately five scholarships were awarded including two presented to existing college students to assist in continuing their education, and three awarded to current high school seniors to assist them as they start their journey into higher education. Full details on the scholarship winners and their projects will be provided in next week's newsletter. Once again Rock Island Rotary proves you can knock us down, but even with a pandemic, we're never out of the game!

THE TAB GROWS!

Even in the absence of our official "finer", President Mark continued vice-president Angela Campbell's call for "Happy Dollars" in lieu of fines. This week various happy news was reported by Pete Wessels, Mark Mayeski, Jeff Dismer, Kim Calhoun, and Ruth Lee. Until we meet again in person, we're keeping a "tab". It should be fun when we finally get back to regular meetings, to see which Rotarian was the "Happiest"!

ROTARY SUPPORTS HEART OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

For several years Rock Island Rotary has partnered with Heart of Hope providing volunteers each Thursday to assist in food distribution, providing "gently used" plastic bags, a periodically donating items for their clothing bank. In the current pandemic their needs have greatly increased. Thousands locally are out of work and looking to food pantries for assistance. Additionally, senior citizens are strongly encouraged to remain in their homes and to avoid contact with outside individuals, make food distribution more difficult and causing Heart of Hope volunteers to deliver food to many in need. To further aid Heart of Hope in their mission, our Community Grants committee decided to make a \$500 cash donation to Heart of Hope to help them through the current crisis and to affirm our support and commitment for their work.

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:

Dr. Reginald Lawrence, Superintendent of Rock Island - Milan Schools will speak on the Schools District's efforts to support and education kids since the pandemic and Governor Pritzker shut down our schools. Don't miss it!