



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

HOW ROTARIANS ARE COPING - MARK IS PINK!

April – May Calendar

April 14 - MEETING CANCELLED

April 21 - MEETING CANCELLED

April 28 - MEETING CANCELLED

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

Last week we asked Rotarians to let us know how they are coping with the Governor's "stay at home" order. Finding things to do to keep the mind sharp and avoid boredom is important so we sought to learn what fellow club members were doing. One thing we learned is that not only are Rotarians affected by the order, everyone in the household feels the impact. Sometimes Rotarians need to find not only something to pass their time, but also need to help pass the time of others in their family. President Mark Mayeski leads us off with his "unique" way of passing the time. Mark's business is deemed "essential", so he still goes to work every day. However, his daughters are at home 24-7 with schools being closed. Mark says he needed a haircut and agreed to let his daughters cut his hair. He got a mohawk! And the let the girls die it pink. Here are the results:



Not only a creative use of time; but also, an exhibit of incredible trust, courage, and love. Good news, it will grow back! Sorry guys, because of the "stay at home" order, you won't be able to be "next" in the barber's chair at the Mayeski shop!

[See "MORE COPING" page 2 [and](#) an update on Marks Mohawk on Page 3]

BOARD OF DIRECTORS WEIGHING OPTIONS AMID EXTENDED SHUT DOWN

On Tuesday, March 31st, Governor Pritzker extended Illinois' "Stay at Home" order through April 30th. Under the order all but essential businesses are closed, along with schools, restaurants (eat in), theaters, and bars. Among the closed entities are the Quad City Botanical Center and catered public meals by Bridges Catering. As a result, Rock Island Rotary will be unable to hold "in person" meetings until at least, May 5th. During the time since our last "regular" meeting on March 10th, the work of Rock Island Rotary has continued. Your officers and Board have communicated and discussed many issues via the internet. Your newsletter has continued on a regular basis, and our Club through our Board has joined the effort to combat the coronavirus by purchasing nearly \$200 worth of hand sanitizer direct from the manufacturer to replenish the dwindling supply at the local Christian Care shelter. That organization is currently providing emergency shelter for 30 homeless and victims of domestic abuse. Now that the shutdown will be much longer than hoped, your Board decided to have the Club meet via teleconference. Members will "attend" from home computer or telephone. Details will be sent to all members via email. Attendance will not be taken and there will be no impact on "perfect attendance" records. The meeting will be shortened, obviously not involve a lunch, but will provide an opportunity for members to socialize at "distance". Watch you email for important information on what you need to do to participate in the ZOOM meeting.



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2019-20

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Mar. – May: Gary Rowe

June – July: Tom Hammar

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.

MORE COPING TECHNIQUES SHARED

Bud & Diane Phillis reported working the Rotary Crossword Puzzle in last week's newsletter. They were stumped by just two clues: "Sour blood collector" and "Side coffee is on". How did you do?

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Bob Swanson is passing the time working in his cottage at Lake Warren (near Monmouth, IL). So far he is painting, renovating the tankless water heater, and putting in new ceiling light fixtures.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS HOLD FIRST "ZOOM VIDEO" MEETING

Unable to meet in person, our Board meet via videoconference yesterday with much to talk about. Among the most important items was a decision to hold a Club Meeting Next Tuesday (April 14<sup>th</sup>) at viz ZOOM. All members can join the meeting from home or office via a computer or telephone. Detailed, yet simple instructions on how to participate will be sent to all members. The Board was notified that as a result of the pandemic, our outbound exchange daughter, Andrea Rangle has returned home early and our inbound exchange sone, Emil Rosin has returned home to Finland. Last Sunday 36 cars participated in our "drive by" farewell parade for Emil. We're sorry both students had their year cut short; but know that safety and family security is of primary importance. The Board also voted to Make a \$3,700 donation to the Rotary International Covid-19 Pandemic Fund. This will be made in the form of a \$50 donation in the name of each member of our club. That will, for the first time make us a 100%-member participation in support of the Foundation.

## THE JOKES! ROTARIANS LIKE TO TELL!

Last week we featured the humor of Rock Island Rotary members by passing on jokes and stories they submitted. The reception was so popular, we continue sharing this week. Hope you enjoy!

### From the Editor:

*A man to a psychiatrist: "How do you select who should be admitted to your facility?"*

*The psychiatrist replies: "We fill a bathtub with water and give the person a spoon, a cup and a bucket. Then we ask that person to empty the bathtub."*

*The man smiles: "Ah, I understand, if you are sane you would take the bucket."*

*The Psychiatrist replies: "No, a sane guy pulls the plug. Do you want a room with or without a balcony?"*

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From Anne McGlynn:

The photon walked into the hotel. They asked if it needed help with luggage. The photon replied, "No, I'm traveling light."

Two more from Anne:

And the sign on the shuttered strip club said, "Sorry, we're clothed."

What was Beethoven's favorite fruit?

Ba-na-na-NA

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### Too Embarrassed to say:

*Elderly couple sitting in church when the lady suddenly feels an intense and immediate pressure in her belly. A few moments later she leans to her husband and whispers "I just let a long and silent fart. What do you think I should do"? Her husband replies, "Put a new battery in your hearing aid!"*

### MARK'S MOHAWK cont.

After a week of sporting the pink Mohawk, Mark said, "it had to go". Now he sports the "movie star look". Who you say? Yul Brynner? Patrick Stewart? Bruce Willis? Ben Kingsley? Vin Diesel?

In Mark's own words, "... Look like Curly from The Three Stooges." We all know he's no stooge! He's just a great Dad who loves his daughters.



## Illinois Governor Pritzker's "Stay at Home" Order Extended

In the continuing effort to combat coronavirus, Governor Pritzker issued a "Stay at Home" order for the entire state effective Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 5 p.m. and continuing through at least Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. That order has now been extended through the entire month of April. Pritzker said, "I've asked every one of the experts, 'What action can I take to save the most lives?'. Well, they've come back to me with one inescapable conclusion: To avoid the loss of potentially tens of thousands of lives, we must enact an immediate stay-at-home order for the state of Illinois." The directive prohibits any gathering larger than 10 people, in keeping with the latest recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It also bars residents from socializing in-person with people outside their household, meaning even small parties and casual get-togethers should not take place. Pritzker has committed to periodically evaluating the date as time goes on to see if it should be extended or lifted early. Social distancing guidelines were also extended nationally through April 30 as well, the White House announced. A study by the University of Washington estimates Illinois' number of coronavirus cases will peak around April 18 with about 88 deaths on that day. Total deaths were projected at 2,326 through Aug. 4 by the study. The state's number of cases is not projected to level off until early May.



**In our continuing effort to entertain and keep the mind sharp during our “stay at home” mandate. We present the first ever .....**

## **ROCK ISLAND ROTARY WORD SEARCH**

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These thirty-five names/words can be found in the above maze of letters. They are the current officers of Rock Island Rotary, all Past Presidents of Rock Island Rotary who are still living and members of our club, plus the founder of Rotary, the namesake of our club’s highest award, and the four principals of the Rotary Four Way Test. Check your watch and see how long it takes you to find them all. They may be horizontal, vertical or diagonal.

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| 1  | BEANE      | 13 | GRAMENZ   | 25 | MORENZ   |
| 2  | BENEFICIAL | 14 | HAMMAR    | 26 | PAUL     |
| 3  | BPETERSON  | 15 | HARRIS    | 27 | PEARA    |
| 4  | CAMPBELL   | 16 | HOLMGRAIN | 28 | PHILLIPS |
| 5  | CASSATT    | 17 | HOULTON   | 29 | PHILLIS  |
| 6  | COIN       | 18 | JPETERSON | 30 | ROWE     |
| 7  | CROSSEN    | 19 | KOSKI     | 31 | STANLEY  |
| 8  | DISMER     | 20 | LAMBERT   | 32 | SWANSON  |
| 9  | DPETERSON  | 21 | LEE       | 33 | TADLOCK  |
| 10 | FAIR       | 22 | MAYESKI   | 34 | TRUTH    |
| 11 | FISLAR     | 23 | McGLYNN   | 35 | WETZEL   |
| 12 | FRIENDSHIP | 24 | MORAN     |    |          |

## FOUNDATION MINUTE (More than a Minute this week!)

### The 2020 RI Convention in Honolulu – Canceled

Rotary International Guidance regarding international travel for RI leadership, staff and travel associated with Global Grant is listed below. For updated and additional guidance provided by RI, click on the following link: (<https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-monitors-coronavirus-outbreak>) regarding other cancellations brought on by COVID-19:

\*There is an ongoing outbreak of respiratory illness caused by COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) that can be spread from person to person. Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions may be at increased risk for severe disease. **Because there are disease related health risks, and travel assistance and evacuation services cannot be guaranteed, Rotary funded travel to, from and through these countries is restricted until further notice.**

\*\*The country is experiencing outbreaks of infectious diseases, and adequate health care is currently not available in most of the country. **Rotary funded travel to this country is restricted.** Those with funded assignments to, from or through these destinations should contact RITS@rotary.org for further direction and information.

**Regardless of what is stated here, it is the traveler's responsibility to investigate the area to which he/she is going and assess the risks.**

Exceptions to this list may only be granted by the Rotary General Secretary.

**Funded travel for Staff, Volunteers, Program Participants and Grant travelers is suspended for the following countries as of 18 March 2020.**

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| 1. Afghanistan   | 2. Burkina Faso                       |
| 3. Burundi       | 4. Central African Republic           |
| 5. China*        | 6. Dem Rep. of Congo                  |
| 7. Iran*         | 8. Iraq                               |
| 9. Ireland*      | 10. Libya                             |
| 11. Malaysia*    | 12. Mali                              |
| 13. Pakistan     | 14. Palestinian Territories-Gaza City |
| 15. North Korea  | 16. Schengen Countries*               |
| 17. South Korea* | 18. Somalia                           |
| 19. South Sudan  | 20. Sudan                             |
| 21. Syria        | 22. United Kingdom*                   |
| 23. Venezuela**  | 24. Yemen                             |

## DISEASE OUTBREAK/PANDEMIC BAN LIST

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has rated the following countries at Level 3; their highest rating and recommends that travelers avoid all nonessential travel to the countries listed below.

\*China Mainland (At this time, CDC does not recommend canceling or postponing travel to Hong Kong, Macau, or the island of Taiwan)

\*Iran (Iran is already under the travel ban for any funded travel)

\*Ireland

\*Malaysia

\*Schengen Countries - Schengen includes Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland (+Monaco, San Marino, Vatican City)

\*South Korea

\*United Kingdom – includes England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland

\*\*Venezuela

Looking forward to a much healthier world. In the meantime, we can lift up our spirits daily with the 4-Way Test.

## END POLIO NOW – GOOD NEWS ... AND BAD NEWS!

In November of 2007 Rotary International announced a partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation that would inject a much-needed \$200 million into the global campaign to eradicate polio, a crippling and sometimes fatal disease that still paralyzes children in parts of Africa, Asia and the Middle East and threatens children everywhere. The Rotary Foundation received a \$100 million Gates Foundation grant, which Rotary was to match, dollar-for-dollar, between 2007 and 2010. Rotary met the match in just two years. Impressed with the work of Rotary, Bill Gates attended the Rotary International Convention in 2009 and increased the Gates Foundation commitment to \$355 million. Rotary agreed to raise \$200 million in matching funds by 30 June 2012, but Rotarians in fact raised \$228.7 million toward the challenge. At the 2013 Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal, Jeff Raikes, the Gates Foundation's chief executive officer announced, "Going forward, the Gates Foundation will match two-to-one, up to \$35 million per year, every dollar Rotary commits to reduce the funding shortfall for polio eradication through 2018," With the end of the match approaching, Gates extended his \$35 million dollar match through 2019. And now **the good news**, on January 22<sup>nd</sup> of this year, Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced the extension of the funding partnership forged more than a decade ago. Rotary is committed to raising \$50 million per year over the next three years, with every dollar to be matched with two additional dollars from the Gates Foundation. This expanded agreement will translate into up to \$450 million for polio eradication activities and carry through 2023. "The Gates Foundation's longstanding partnership with Rotary has been vital to fighting polio," said Mr. Gates. "That's why we're extending our funding match, so every dollar that Rotary raises is met with two more. I believe that together, we can make eradication a reality." **The bad news** is that as much of the world "shuts down" in the battle against the covid-19 corona virus, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative is pausing all immunization campaigns for the next six months to prevent further spread of COVID-19 and make available resources to fight the pandemic. All countries have been advised to postpone poliovirus preventative drives until the second half of 2020 with those that had already planned to conduct campaigns to postpone them until June and then re-evaluate whether to proceed based on the status of the pandemic. "We take this decision with deep regret, knowing more children may be paralyzed by polio as a result," GPEI said. "Nonetheless, GPEI believes it is the correct decision, given the imperative to save lives in the current emergency and not contribute to the further spread of COVID-19." The announcement came more than a week after the Polio Oversight Board decided for "all polio activities, which come in contradiction to global guidance on physical distancing, such as house-to-house or other immunization activities using oral or injectable vaccines, should be suspended to avoid placing communities and frontline workers at unnecessary risk and facilitate rapid and effective COVID-19 response in countries. As soon as the situation allows, we will scale-up our response to fight polio as the postponement of vaccination campaigns will lead to lengthened eradication timelines and increased resource needs."

### NEED HELP?

**If any members need or know of anyone who needs someone to do their grocery shopping, or any errands, or dog walking, during this time, one of our members would love to help. She says, "it would make my day to know I could help someone out, whether a "high risk" person practicing social distancing, or even a medical professional who needs some "at home" help while they are working away at the hospital."**

**If you would appreciate help or know of someone who would benefit from it, please send a reply email to Bob Swanson at [bobdebswanson@att.net](mailto:bobdebswanson@att.net). He will put you in touch with our caring Rotary volunteer.**

### 2020 ROTARY AWARDS LUNCHEON CANCELLED

Regretfully with meetings being cancelled through April, the Awards Committee has decided to cancel our 2020 Awards Luncheon. Over half the awards go to students, who with the closing of schools may not be available by the time rescheduling could occur. With our next opportunity to meet in person still up in the air, the decision was made to cancel 2020 Awards and look to bound back in 2021.