



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



LIZ Tillman Quad City Chamber of Commerce



April – May Calendar

- May 26- Rock Island Rotary's Kenya Water Project.
- June 2 - Michelle Juehring new director - Bix 7
- June 9 - Emil Rosen – Exchange Son from Finland
- June 16- Dr. Louis Katx – The Pandemic
- June 23- Rotarian Book Club
- June 30- President Mark Mayeski
- July 7 - President Angela Campbell
- July 14 - Steve Bahls Augustana College President
- July 21 - Jerry Huiskamp Former President of Blackhawk Bank
- July 28 - Chris Marme Augustana Economics Dept.

Liz Tallman is a veteran of public policy and economic development work in the Quad-Cities. Before joining the chamber in 2009, she worked for the Quad-City Development Group as vice president of public policy and at the city of Davenport as an economic development program manager. In 2016 Ms. Tallman was named Chief Economic Development Officer of the Chamber and head of Quad Cities First the economic development arm of the organization. Quad Cities First has the following powers: 1. To function as an aid to civic, educational, economic and business growth and development in the geographical area of Scott County. 2. To foster and promote improvement and growth of the civic, educational, economic and business climate within the geographical area. 3. To enlist, encourage and promote cooperation among the county, municipal and other local governmental units. 4. To enlist, encourage and promote participation and effectiveness of all organizations which have an impact on civic, educational, economic, and business growth and development. 5. To collect and distribute statistical and other information with respect to matters affecting growth and development. And 6. To collect and expend funds as necessary or advisable in carrying out the purposes and attaining the objectives of the corporation. Ms. Tillman stated that Quad Cities First was formed when the Quad City Development Group, Iowa Quad-Cities Chamber and Illinois Quad-City Chambers merged. She noted that the Quad Cities has a Region population of 474,385 and a Labor force of:743,000 making the area truly a significant urban location for business and industry. She said manufacturing is a strong suit for the area. Tillman identified the regions "target industries" as: **Advanced Metals & Materials** – Led by industry-giant Arconic, the advanced metals & materials sector in the Quad Cities region is among the strongest in the nation. **Agricultural Innovation** – Deere & Company, Archer Daniels Midland, Nestle Purina, and Kraft Heinz are continuously innovating to feed the world, and their industry footprint is extraordinary. **Corporate Operations & Support Services** – The Corporate Operations and Support Services sector in the region grew by 5% in the past decade with almost 900 additional jobs. Companies are claiming their stake in the Quad Cities region. **Defense** – The Rock Island Arsenal is the backbone of the Quad Cities defense sector, serving as the home to U.S. Army logistics, manufacturing, training, and engineering. **Logistics** – An integrated, multi-modal logistics network – with the Mississippi River serving as a major contributor – is just the beginning of the Quad Cities' prowess in this industry. Ms. Tallman stated that Q.C. First serves our current industries and businesses and recruits new businesses and industries to the area. She said that over the past 9 years they have completed 79 projects resulting in 5,500 new jobs and \$1.3 billion in capital investment in the region. Prior to the pandemic issues of a shortage of skilled workers, Illinois high minimum wage, legalized marijuana, and federal tariffs faced were principal economic issues for the region. The Covid-19 pandemic changed emphasis and has hit the area hard. Q.C. First now is concentrating more of helping our existing industries. They have prepared a "tool kit" for servicing and rescuing existing businesses, helping businesses reopen safely, and giving long-term recovery insights. They post a daily blog listing Covid-19 resources for area business. Lots of good information in her program! Thank you Liz!



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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 was pleased to welcome three visiting Rotarians to today's meeting, Past District Govern Steve Kuhn from the Sycamore Club, Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport Club, and Duncan Cameron from the Naples, Florida Club joined us. Guests are always welcome at Rock Island Rotary, "The Number One" club!
- **BORED STAYING AT HOME!** Grab your Club Directory and call a Rotarian. Just chat, find out how they are doing and compare notes on how they pass the time while Sheltering at Home. Maintaining a semblance of social contact is good for you and you'll be surprised how good you feel just chatting with a fellow club member. You might just "make the day" for the Rotarian you call.
- **SERVICE** – Rotary members are needed to help with the Heart of Hope Food Pantry. We help every Thursday. The Pantry serves those using walkers and scooters starting at 4:30pm. The distribution to the general public will begin at 5:30pm and will last until 6:30pm. They do not need our help to serve the early group, therefore, the volunteer time needed is only one hour. During the current health crisis, the needs of the less fortunate still exist 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-packaged into bags and just hand 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 at 309-721-7632 or just show up any Thursday at 5:15 to help pack bags. Clients will not come into the food pantry until further notice.
- **WINE RAFFLE DRAWING** – Will be held during next week's meeting, be sure to be on hand to witness the tickets being pulled from the "hat". Three lucky winners are going to get wine from the Grape Life in Davenport!

IT'S FOUNDATION TUESDAY!

Even though we can't meet in person and Bud can't put an envelope on your table, the great work of the Rotary Foundation must go forward. Bud reminded us that we can send donations to the Foundation to him, we can set up an automatic account withdrawal (contact Bud for details) or we can go online to MY ROTARY to make our donation. The mission of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. Foundation funds are used in the areas of Preventing disease, Providing clean water, Supporting education, Growing local economies, Saving mothers & children, and Promoting peace. In just one year (2018) the Foundation donated \$35,660,986 for disease prevention, \$18,761,791 for clean water projects, \$10,998,136 supporting education, \$10,503,910 helping local economies, \$7,204,677 in programs for mothers & children, and \$3,547,899 in efforts to promote peace. Each donation you make counts toward achieving Paul Harris Fellow distinction for you or anyone you want to honor with the designation. The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects.



Foundation Chair, Bud Phillis

FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to Week 2 of Rotary International's Youth Activity Month.

Ordinarily around this time of year clubs would be interviewing high school students to participate in their district's Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) conference; but as is now common knowledge, with Covid-19, life has changed. Notwithstanding, Interact and Rotaract clubs around the globe are joining with Rotarians to make the world a better and healthier place.

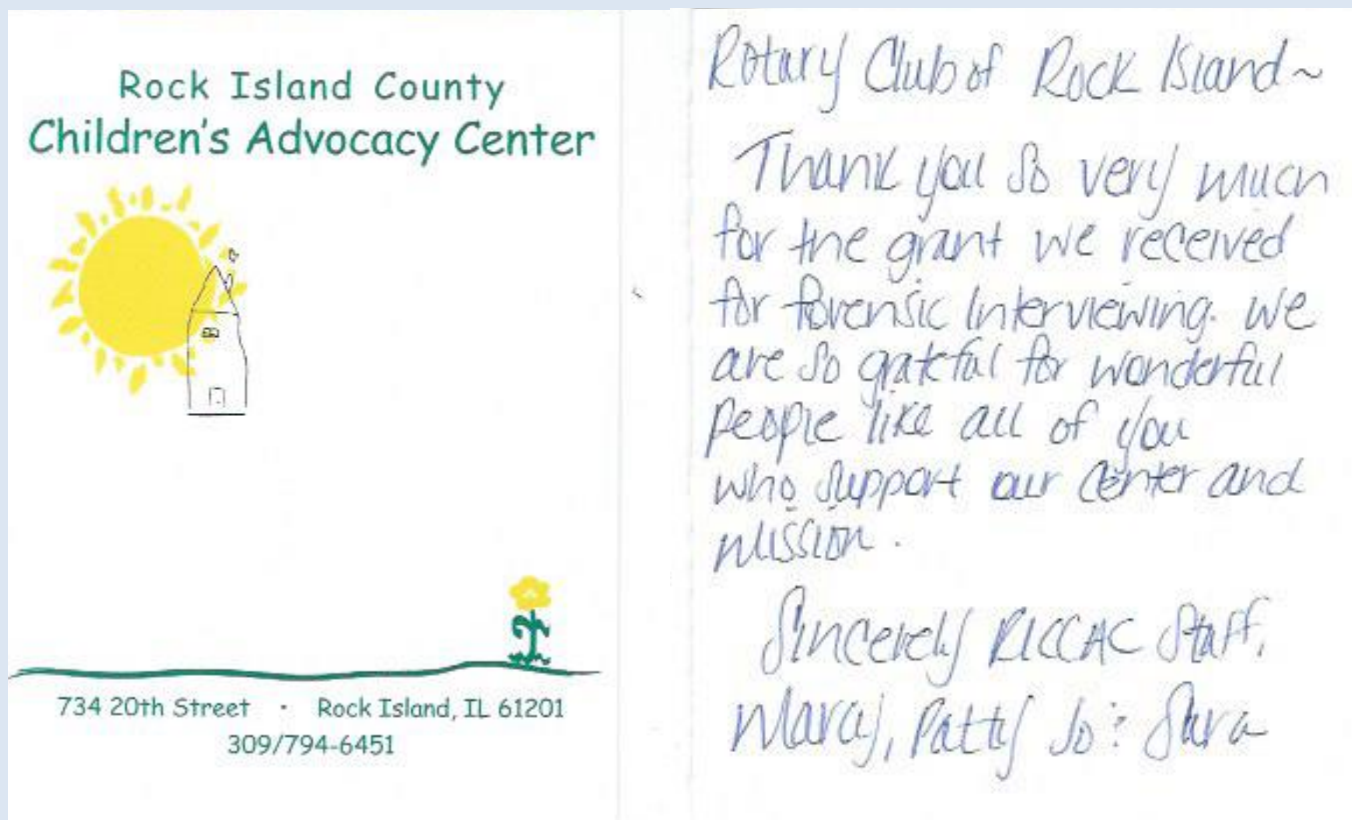
The Rotary Club of Accra Airport (RCAA), Ghana, along with its chartered Rotaract Club of Central University and two Interact Clubs have undertaken numerous projects and activities that span the six Rotary Avenues of Service. Additionally, the club recently marked its 20th anniversary virtually during which its president, Kofi Adu-Mensah, disclosed that RCAA has made a worthwhile contribution of \$182,826 to The Rotary Foundation, stating that "Rotary adds richness to the lives of about 1.2 million members; richness that is not measured in monetary terms, but in the tangible benefit that we deliver to others and the personal joy and fulfilment derived from collaborating with good, honest and successful people for the purpose of serving our fellow man."

Food insecurity, worsened by the ravaging effects of Coronavirus, propelled members of the Rotary Club of Erin (Ontario) to donate \$10,000 to the East Wellington City Services Food Bank. Increased demand has placed pressure on the food bank and the donation will support the efforts of the Food Bank. Funding for the relief was provided by the Rotary Club of Erin and a matching grant from TRF.

"Rotary's strength lies in the sincerity of purpose of its members." -- Estes Snedecor, Rotary Club of Portland, Oregon. 1921 Rotary Convention.

Rotarians and your dedicated support of the Rotary Foundation helps make services like these possible!

OUR SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED!



Our club donated \$1,000 to help ensure the Advocacy Center's work could continue through Covid-19!

THE TAB GROWS!

In the absence of our official “finer”, President Mark called for “happy dollars”. Stan Coin was the first to offer saying he was celebrating the start of his 68th year as a Rock Island Rotarian! Congratulations Stan! Kevin Koski offered up \$2 for not knowing last week that the national bird of Finland is the Whooper Swan. He also informed us that the bird is featured on the Finnish 1-euro coin and that it is so heavy it can’t stand on its legs and must either swim or fly. I’m not sure \$2 is adequate? Keven also gave praise to fellow Rotarian John Phillips for his performance last Friday on the Bucktown Review (see more, page 6). John Wetzel joined the praise of guitar man Phillips and said the song John wrote and performed about his father-in-law was emotional and inspiring. Wetzel also offered that one of our Bert Blood Scholarship winners was featured recently on WQAD-TV. Monta Ponsetto gave 3 happy notices regarding her kids. Son John just boarded the USS Nimitz and will be at sea for at least a year without docking at any port. Son Nick just celebrated his 26th Birthday and daughter Emily was praised for just being “a great daughter”. Tom Hammar chipped in his happy dollar for getting to watch “The Last Dance” a story of Michael Jordan’s Chicago Bulls career. He said it was a joy for a Bulls fan to get to see the 5-part mini-series. Finally Tammy Weikert offered a dollar to let all of us know that although the media created a flap regarding pay raises for county office holders, Tammy was key in leading the effort to refuse the pay raises, even though they have not seen a raise since 2006. Tammy said the times we are going through made it inappropriate to think of pay increases while others are laid off and out of work. Unfortunately, the media played up the fact that raises were schedule even though Tammy and her colleagues had refused them and asked the County Board to cancel them. Tammy received a round of congratulations and thank you for her integrity and leadership.

WINE RAFFLE WINNERS TO BE DRAWN DURING NEXT WEEK’S MEETING



Wine raffle committee co-chairs, Anne McGlynn and Ruth Lee will officiate next Tuesday as the Club looks on via ZOOM to see the winning tickets pulled for this years Wine Raffle. Even though faced with the inability to get out and personally sell tickets, the project moved forward with online sales and help from many ticket purchasers both in our club and in clubs



throughout District 6420. Thanks also to those members who sold tickets to non-Rotarian friends and colleagues. Sales exceeded \$3,500 this year and will bring in about a \$2,000 profit for our club. The Board is in the process of determining how best to use the proceeds to help ensure continued support for the project next year and beyond. Prizes are \$700, \$500, & \$250 in wine from the Grape Life.

AWARDS BANQUET SCRATCHED – BUT CLUB MEMBERS TO BE HONORED

The Covid-19 pandemic forced us to cancel this years Rotary Awards Banquet where typically the top students from Augustana College and Alleman and Rock Island High Schools, along with local citizens lauded for Community Service and Excellence in a business or profession are honored along with two Club member only honorees. Our Board of Directors decided that Club members deserving of honors should not go unrecognized. Therefore, President Mark asked club members to email nominees for our A.T. Peara and Luckenbill-Wray Awards. The criteria are:

The 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. This is our highest honor and is a lifetime award. It may only be won once.

The Luckenbill/Wray Excellence Award recognizes a Rotarian who has exhibited outstanding service and dedication for Rock Island Rotary over the last year. A recipient may be honored more than once if warranted by their service.

Consult your Club Directory if you need to know who has already received the A.T. Peara Award. Nominations should be emailed to markmayeski@hotmail.com and must be received by June 5th. SEE NOTE AND NOMINATION FORM FROM PRESIDENT MARK, Page 6

KEEPING THE MIND SHARP WHILE SOCIAL DISTANCING

GREAT ATHLETE'S NICKNAMES – HOW MANY DO YOU KNOW

1. The Kansas Comet _____
2. The Stilt _____
3. Stan the Man _____
4. Dr. J _____
5. Golden Bear _____
6. King James _____
7. Charlie Hustle _____
8. The Golden Jet _____
9. The Big Hurt _____
10. Teddy Ballgame _____
11. Sweetness _____
12. Broadway Joe _____
13. The Iceman _____
14. Sir Charles _____
15. Chocolate Thunder _____
16. Joe Cool _____
17. Pistol Pete _____
18. The Yankee Clipper _____
19. The Mailman _____
20. The Sultan of Swat _____
21. Too Tall _____
22. The Great One _____
23. The Say Hey Kid _____
24. The Refrigerator _____
25. Mr. October _____

Answers in next week's issue

MEMORY QUIZ ANSWERS (May 12 Puzzle)

1. The Lone Ranger left behind a silver bullet.
2. The Ed Sullivan Show
3. On Route 66
4. to protect the innocent.
5. The Lion Sleeps Tonight
6. The limbo
7. Chocolate
8. Louis Armstrong
9. The Timex watch
10. Freddy, The Freeloader and... 'Good Night and God Bless.'
11. Draft cards (Bras were also burned. Not flags, as some have guessed)
12. Beetle or Bug
13. Buddy Holly
14. Sputnik
15. Hula-hoop
16. Lucky Strike/Means Fine Tobacco
17. Howdy Doody Time
18. Shadow
19. Monster Mash
20. Speedy



JOHN PHILLIPS – GRAMMY BOUND?

Fellow Rotarian and talented singer/song writer/guitar picker performed on the Bucktown Review Virtual May Show singing his original composition about his father-in-law and his favorite chair and cigar. John's performance, particularly the intricate guitar accompaniment was outstanding and reminiscent of his live performance of "GO CUBS GO" at Rock Island Rotary in 2016. However, it was obvious that the die-hard SOX fan got much more enjoyment out of his Bucktown appearance. For those that would like to hear John's performance, click on this link": <https://youtu.be/p0s9w3X0NS8>. It will take you to the entire Bucktown Show on You Tube. John's performance occurs about 15 minutes into the show. Great job John!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MARK MAYESKI

ROTARY AWARDS NOMINATION

Rock Island Rotary's annual Awards Luncheon was scheduled for **Tuesday, April 14th**. The board still wants to award two of the awards. You can vote a number of ways: Send a quick email with your two nominations and comments to mark.mayeski@edwardjones.com, or print the below form and scan to the same email or print the form and mail to Mark at 2524 18th Ave, Suite #2, Rock Island, IL 61201. The board will then finalize the final award winners. We will recognize after that digitally and then later at an actual club meeting.

****All nominations are due by 6/5/2020.**

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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.

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)

Our campaign ends on June 23rd. \$50 club prize for the closest guess in the club. Proceeds go to our own Rock Island Rotary Foundation. Money raised will have a guaranteed match of 5% (last year it was 7.25%). Our goal is 40 pledges for \$2.25. Print the second page, fill out and send to Kevin Koski, 1309 - 38th Ave. Ct., Rock Island 61201. If you cannot print the pledge form, you can email or phone Kevin with your information. He will fill out a form for you. Email to kevinkoski3@gmail.com, or call (309) 788-6007.

The Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund continues the bonus promise

The Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund was established to support the continuing efforts of the John Deere Classic, a 501(C)(3) not-for-profit organization, to provide bonus dollars to participating charities. To qualify, charities must be publicly supported and recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(C)(3) organization. All charitable contributions must come from a designated donor, and must not be part of a capital campaign. The Birdies for Charity program is intended to support charitable organizations, services, operations and programs. It is not intended to be used for endowment or brick and mortar charitable purposes.

As before, the tournament will provide a bonus to all participating charities. This year, all charities will be guaranteed a 5% bonus on amounts up to their prior year pledge total, or \$100,000, whichever is greater. Additional bonus dollars will be based on tournament revenues. The Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund is the source of these bonus dollars. This fund is supported with dollars from tournament revenues, individual donors, and corporations. These dollars will be distributed annually, and are designed not to compete with, but to enhance the benefits for the over 500 charities that participate in the program. So, if you are not already participating, this is the year to hop on board.



JULY 6-12, 2020

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OFFICIAL PLEDGE CARD **2020**



BIRDIES FOR CHARITY

15623 Coaltown Rd, East Moline, Illinois 61244



CHARITY SOLICITED FOR

BIRD NUMBER

I pledge and promise to donate:

☐ \$_____ one-time flat donation.
Please attach payment. Checks payable to
Quad Cities Golf Classic Charitable Foundation.
OR

☐ \$_____ - _____ for every birdie made
during the John Deere Classic.

☐ \$_____

extra donation to the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund

Donations to the BFC Bonus Fund (#1041) benefit all participating charities.

GUESS THE BIRDIES & WIN A TWO YEAR LEASE ON A 2020 LEXUS NX!

I guess that _____ birdies will be made.

Only 1 grand prize will be awarded. Void where
prohibited by law.

BIRDIES SCORED (YEAR)

2,160 (2011)	2,040 (2014)	1,918 (2017)
2,113 (2012)	1,990 (2015)	2,355 (2018)
2,142 (2013)	1,982 (2016)	2,091 (2019)

PLEDGE INFORMATION (Please print)

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

PHONE OR EMAIL

Chip in for your chance to win

When you chip in to help area charities, you can win some great prizes. But your favorite charity will be the real winner. That's because participating charities receive every single penny of the donations from this program, plus a bonus from the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund which is a guaranteed 5% match.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

Simply make a one-time flat donation OR pledge one cent or more per birdie. After the tournament, you'll be mailed a notice of your pledge amount due.

To enter the contest, guess the number of birdies that will actually be made by PGA Tour Pros during the tournament, Wednesday through Sunday. A grand prize will be given to one person who guesses the correct number. In case of ties, winners will be randomly selected.

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

*Your pledge is based on actual
number of birdies scored.*

I pledge \$_____ one-time donation

OR \$_____ - _____ per birdie

If 2,000 birdies are made, my total pledge would be:

1¢ = \$20	3¢ = \$60	5¢ = \$100
2¢ = \$40	4¢ = \$80	10¢ = \$200

I guessed _____ birdies would be made



GRAND PRIZE:

2 YEAR LEASE ON A 2020 LEXUS NX



LEXUS
SMART LEXUS OF QUAD CITIES

One lucky supporter of the John Deere Classic's Birdies for Charity program will win a 2 year lease on a 2020 Lexus NX, courtesy of Smart Lexus of the Quad Cities. Other prizes awarded by random drawing.

CONTEST RULES

- Only 1 grand prize awarded. Ties and other prizes determined by random drawing.
- All guesses must be on an official pledge card and received at the tournament office by July 10, 2020.
- Rules are available at www.birdiesforcharity.com.
- No pledge or purchase required. Need not be present to win.

Pledges submitted after the JDC may be applied the following year.



78.4%

