



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



Water for Kenya's Children

Today's program was presented by Bud Phillis and Bob Swanson and featured a 15-minute movie detailing our Western Illinois Eastern Iowa Water Project. Unfortunately, technical difficulties wiped out the sound in the film and ultimately knocked our meeting

April – May Calendar

- 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.

off the air. Here is a link to the film: [Water Project Final.mp4](#). please watch it at your leisure. Now a word about the project. We are in the fourth year of the project and more than 17,000 children are receiving safe, filtered water as a direct result of our project. Rotarians in our club and in 16 other Rotary, Interact, and EarlyAct Clubs have contributed over \$85,000 to purchase 244 LifeStraw Community Filters. Our project partner, Replenish, located in Arlington, Texas handles the shipping and delivery of the filters to village schools in rural Nairobi, Kenya. The film presentation demonstrates the LifeStraw Community Water Filter from unpacking and assembly to operation, delivery of purified water, and backflow self-cleaning. The second portion of the film presented a testing of the filter by the CEO of Vestergaard, who manufactures the filter, the a Kenyan CCD official, and members of the Kenyan police. They drank water that was collected from mud puddles, then topped off with fresh cow dung and then run through the filter. A reluctant Kenya police officer tried the water and reported "it's good!" and "doesn't smell". Both of the Vestergaard representatives and the filmer who set up the test also drank the water and gave a "thumbs up" report. The final section of the film is perhaps the most inspiring. It featured three of our members, Ruth Lee, Marcy Bell, and Mary Fislar along with Mary's husband Dick Fislar on a recent trip to Kenya. They scheduled their trip specifically to include side trips to visit some of the schools that had received our filters. They tell of the pride they felt as they drove up to the schools and saw our filters, each with our identifying sticker showing the Rotary emblem, US flag, and notation that the filters were gifts from Western Illinois and Eastern Iowa Rotarians. The film included testimonials by the school principals and staff stating how important our filters are to the health of the child and how much they appreciated our donation. Our travelers also spoke of the big smiles seen on the children when they were introduced to "the people who gave us our water devices". The children danced and sang for Dick, Mary, Marcy, and Ruth and chanted "ROTARY". Our people stated it was a life changing experience and one they will never forget. They also noted that that there is much yet to be done. I sincerely hope you take the time to watch the film. Our campaign for donations continues as we constantly seek opportunities to present to other groups and individuals what we are doing. Once they hear it, the great majority join the project. 88 percent of childhood illnesses are related to contaminated water and poor sanitation. 443 million school days are lost each year due to water-related diseases. Patients suffering from waterborne diseases occupy 50% of all hospital beds in the developing world. 361,000 children, under the age of 5, die each year from diarrhea. These illnesses are preventable and treatable. At least 3,000 children die each day from diseases caused by unsafe water. A LifeStraw Community Filter removes a minimum of 99.99% of protozoan parasites, a minimum of 99.999% of viruses, a minimum of 99.9999% of bacteria, and reduces turbidity (muddiness) by filtering particulate matter larger than 0.02 microns. One \$350 filter can provide clean water for 70 children for up to 3 years. A new filter is then provided as part of the initial cost. Rotarians are invited to continue their support of this project!



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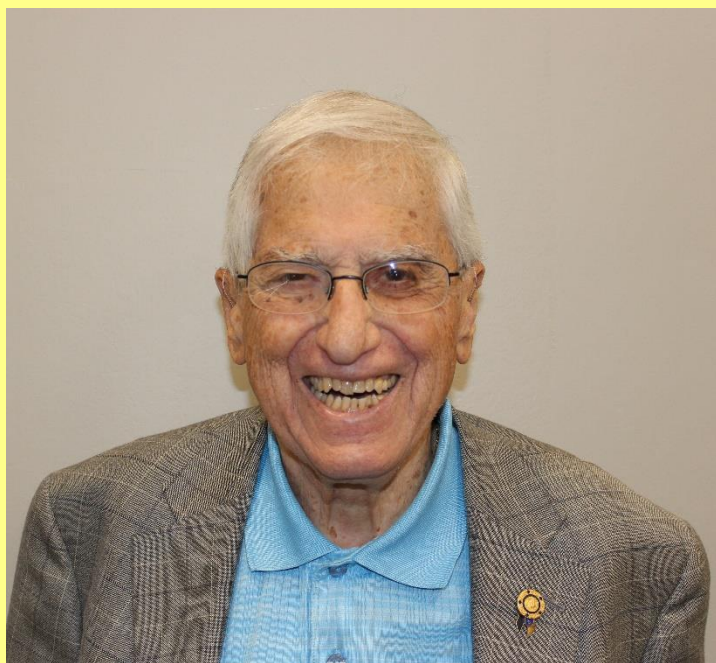
2019-20

Aug. – Sep. Kathy Trone
Oct. – Nov Cindi Gramenz
Dec. – Jan John Wetzel
Feb. – Linda Golden
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 was pleased to have one visiting Rotarian at today's meeting. Kathy Kwiat-Hess, former District Governor and current District Foundation Chair joined us. She is a member of the Rockford Rotary Club. 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!



STANLEY H. COIN

Stan was born on Nov. 9, 1929, in Rock Island. He married Kay Bonebrake of Clinton, Iowa, his wife of 61 years, on Sept. 28, 1958. You may know Stan as your RIHS classmate of 1947; as a manager of the family business, Coin Baking Company; as a founder of American Bank & Trust for over a half century; as president of former Eagle Food Centers, as a former Trinity Medical Center board member; or as a lifelong member of St. George Church. But most of us know Stan as a 68-year member of the Rock Island Rotary; He received our A.T. Peara Award in 1998 and served as our Club President 1994-95. Stan is a Rotary International "Benefactor" and a Paul Harris Fellow +6. Through his many years in our club his friendly personality and vast wisdom and advice has been invaluable to our Club. Congratulations Stans & many more!

For many, when you say the word "Alleman," one of the things that comes to mind might be a "little ole priest." That "little ole priest," Fr. Daniel Mirabelli C.S.V., is celebrating his SIXTIETH (60 years) of being an ordained priest this year. Of his 60 years in the priesthood, Fr. Mirabelli has served at Alleman for 54 of those years. Fr. Mirabelli has touched hundreds of lives through his teaching, development work, and priestly duties. A native of Chicago, Father attended Fenwick High School and graduated in 1950. He graduated from St. Ambrose in 1955 with a bachelor's degree in History. He earned his master's degree in history from Loyola University and master's degree in sacred theology from the Viatorian Seminary in 1960. We are Proud that Father Dan Mirabelli is a 30-year member of Rock Island Rotary!



KIDS AND ROTARIANS LOOK FORWARD TO PUMPKIN PALOOZA!

Palooza chair, Sue Rector, announced this years date for our annual fun filled outing with children from Earl Hanson School. It will be Wednesday, September 30, 2020. Much will be new this year, including the location since the Alpha Pumpkin Patch closed.

Sue has planning well underway and now needs our help. Sponsors are needed for the T-shirts we provide for Earl Hanson students and teachers. To cover the cost of the shirts we will need 10 sponsors to provide \$100 each. Your logo will be printed on the shirt. These are highly valued by the kiddos and you can see them all around town throughout the year. Please let Sue Rector know if you would be willing to be a sponsor for this year's shirt.

As the date nears Sue will also be looking for Rotarians to help at the Palooza. It's a great service opportunity and tons of fun. You spend a couple of hours with smiling, giggling, first graders just keeping an eye on things, helping out when needed, and generally joining in on the fun!

Thanks for making some great kids smile!



SPORTS NICKNAMES ANSWERS to May 19 Quiz

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| 1. The Kansas Comet | Gale Sayers | Chicago Bears Running Back |
| 2. The Stilt | Wilt Chamberlin | NBA Star – Once scored 100 points in a game |
| 3. Stan the Man | Stan Musial | St. Louis Cardinal great. Hit 475 home runs |
| 4. Dr. J | Julius Erving | NBA Great – 4-time MVP and 3 scoring titles |
| 5. Golden Bear | Jack Nicklaus | PGA - Won a record 18 major championships |
| 6. King James | Labron James | NBA - 3 NBA championships, 4 NBA MVP awards |
| 7. Charlie Hustle | Pete Rose | MLB - All-time MLB leader in hits (4,256) |
| 8. The Golden Jet | Bobby Hull | NHL Chicago Blackhawk 7-time most NHL goals |
| 9. The Big Hurt | Frank Thomas | MLB White Sox great - 5-time All-Star - 521 Homers |
| 11. Sweetness | Walter Payton | NFL Bears Greatest – 9-time Pro Bowl player |
| 12. Broadway Joe | Joe Namath | NFL - 1,886 passes for 27,663 yds & 173 TDs |
| 13. The Iceman | George Gervin | NBA - career 26.2 points per game average |
| 14. Sir Charles | Charles Barkley | 11-time All NBA pick, 11-time All Star pick |
| 15. Chocolate Thunder | Darryl Dawkins | NBA – Powerful dunks shattered 2 backboards |
| 16. Joe Cool | Joe Montana | NFL – 3-time Super Bowl MVP, Career passer rating of 127.8 |
| 17. Pistol Pete | Pete Maravich | 5-time NBA All Star. Led league in scoring 1977 31.1 ppg. |
| 18. The Yankee Clipper | Joe DiMaggio | Yankee Great. 13-time All Start. 56 game hitting streak |
| 19. The Mailman | Karl Malone | NBA 14-time All Star, 2-time MVP. 36,928 career points |
| 20. The Sultan of Swat | Babe Ruth | 714 homeruns, 2,213 RBIs, was walked 2,062 times |
| 21. Too Tall | Ed Jones | NFL 6'9" Tall lineman for Dallas Cowboys. 3-tima All Pro |
| 22. The Great One | Wayne Gretzky | All time leading scorer in NHL history, Held 61 NHL records. |
| 23. The Say Hey Kid | Willie Mays | MLB 2-time MVP, 660 Homeruns, recon3 24-time All Star |
| 24. The Refrigerator | William Perry | NFL Chicago Bear at 335 pounds he played line and fullback |
| 25. Mr. October | Reggie Jackson | MLB – 563 homeruns, 14-time All Star, 5 World Series rings |

FOUNDATION MINUTE

Most of the activities that Rotary districts and their clubs worldwide are currently engaged in center on responding to the Covid-19 pandemic. Rotary International, in response to the ravaging impacts of this virus on the lives of the people world-wide, through its charitable agency, The Rotary Foundation, created the Disaster Response Fund. This fund, with limited financing by The Rotary Foundation, is designed to help districts around the world respond to disasters. Funds were made available and applications were accepted from many of the 535 Rotary districts as well as many of the nearly 35,000 clubs worldwide. Shortly after the funds were made available the funds were exhausted. Below are two great stories of how a district and some its clubs have made a difference.

The Rotary Club of La Crosse (WI), District 6250, received a \$1,000 Disaster Relief Grant from TRF to be donated to the Hunger Task Force's "Together We Can" Drive-thru Food Drive at the Valley View Mall. The district added a sum of \$2,000 to the grant, which will be split among organizations catering to local needs. The New Horizon's Food Pantry, Gateway Council Boys Scouts Camp Subsidies, YMCA Youth activities are among the beneficiaries.

The six Chippewa Valley Rotary Clubs, (WI) District 6250, also received a \$4,200 Disaster Relief Grant from TRF. In addition to the grant from TRF, the clubs have donated \$2,500 in relief funds which provides a total of \$6,700. All funds will be donated to two different organizations providing Covid-19 relief in the Chippewa Valley. Assistant Governor Michael Kloss stated that the clubs understand the difficulties and hardships caused by the pandemic, adding "I hope that our help, through the support of Rotary International (The Rotary Foundation), will ease the pain for some and foster others more fortunate to help in any way they can."

"We have to be open to new approaches and creating unique clubs for younger people is just part of the solution...We will not let rapid change defeat us. We will capture this moment to grow Rotary, making it stronger, more adaptable, and even more aligned with our core values." Rotary International President-elect, Holger Knaack.!

THE TAB GROWS!

In the absence of our official "finer", President Mark called for "happy dollars". Today there was just one. Cindy Gramenz said she was so happy to see Payton Manning defeat Tom Brady in the recently aired Charity Golf Challenge. The two NFL stars teamed with Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson for the competition. Woods and Manning were the winners on the links, but the real winner was the charity's recipient. The event raised \$20 million for coronavirus relief efforts.



KOSKI REPORTS ON BIRDIES

The Club goal is 40 pledges for a total of \$2.25 per birdie. So far, 16 members have turned in pledges totaling \$1.65 per birdie. Use the form at the end of this newsletter to send in your pledge or just email or call your information in to Kevin. All proceeds go to our local Club Foundation. Let's be sure to meet and exceed our goal!



WINE RAFFLE WINNERS DRAWN

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. First prize winner was Mark Mayeski, 2nd wen to Mary Ann Sims and 3rd to Howard Beck. Thanks to all!!

CLUB AWARDS NOMINATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 5

President Mark reminded club members to email nominees for our A.T. Peara and Luckenbill-Wray Awards. As soon as possible. The deadline is Tuesday, June 5th

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 or the email sent to you last week, 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. You can use the nomination form below,

ROTARY AWARDS NOMINATION

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.**

- 1) 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.
- 2) Luckenbill/Wray Excellence Award:** Recognizes a Rotarian who has exhibited outstanding service and dedication for Rock Island Rotary over the last year.

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):

___ A.T. Peara Award ___ Wray/Luckenbill Award

Reasons in support of your nomination: (use back of page if needed)

FIND THE GOVERNORS

Over the past 35 years, 35 dedicated men and women have served as Governor of Rotary District 6420. Tom Brooks will be our new Governor as of July 1st. Can you find his and the last name of the previous 35 Governors in this Word Search?

Names may be horizontal, vertical, or diagonally going up or down. Good Luck!

Don Ahnendsen	Ottawa Club	Fred Luckenbill	Rock Island Club
Tom Brooks	Loves Park club	Kent Mallquist	Rockford Club
Patricia Burch	Rochelle Club	John Morehead	Galena Club
Elise Cadigan	Rockford Club	Jim Nelson	Rockford Club
Don Clayberg	Sycamore Club	Robert Newton	Oregon Club
Raymone Den Adel	Rockford Club	Anita Papich	Loves Park Club
Charles Engel	Rochelle Club	George Partio	Harvard Club
Curt Gruenau	Freeport Club	Leo Patterson	Dixon Club
Bob Hammon	Sycamore Club	Nelda Pitelka	Sandwich Club
Roscoe Haas	Freeport Club	Jim Prather	Quad Cities Club
Fred Houlton	Rock Island Club	Richard Roeing	Sterling Club
Jed Johnson	Marseilles Club	Shannon Scheffel	Loves Park Club
Paul Kerr	Moline Club	Scott Shore	Putnam County Club
Steve Kuhn	Sycamore Club	Robert Smith	Sycamore Club
Kathy Kwiat-Hess	Rockford Club	Stuart Smith	Loves Park Club
Ruth Lee	Rock Island Club	Melfin Sparlin	Loves Park Club
Eldon Leehuis	Ottawa Sunrise Club	Keith Speckman	River Cities Club
Ben Litherland	Rock Island Club	William Welk	Savanna Club

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 N M P A T T E R S O N M Y S E D U A T Y

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.



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OFFICIAL PLEDGE CARD **2020**



BIRDIES FOR CHARITY

15623 Coaltown Rd, East Moline, Illinois 61244



78.4%



ROCK ISLAND ROTARY CLUB

CHARITY SOLICITED FOR

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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.



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