



# Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



## **ANGELA CAMPBELL 106<sup>TH</sup> PRESIDENT OF ROCK ISLAND ROTARY**

### **July Calendar**

- July 14 - Steve Bahls Augustana College President
- July 21 - Jerry Huiskamp Former President of Blackhawk Bank
- July 28 - Chris Marme Augustana Economics Dept.

Today was the inaugural meeting for President Angela Campbell who accepted the gavel from outgoing president, Mark Mayeski. Angela, a native of Eldridge, Iowa, graduated from Lindenwood University with a BA in Art/Corporate Communications in 1996, and in 1997 received her Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) degree from Dominican University.. Prior to her current position as Director of the Rock Island Public Library, Ms. Campbell worked as director of the Glenwood Public Library in Glenwood, IA.. Prior to that she worked for 14 years with the Davenport Public Library. There she served as public relations and programming coordinator 2005 to 2011 and as the Davenport Library's reference and book discussion coordinator from 1997 to 2005. Angela joined Rock Island Rotary in 2013 and quickly became a highly active member serving on numerous committees and projects. In 2018 she was elected our club's 2<sup>nd</sup> vice-president, and in 2019 became 1<sup>st</sup> vice-president/president elect. Angela is a Paul Harris Fellow. She and husband Daniel reside in Rock Island. After the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation, Angela began the meeting by reciting the presidential oath of office. She then inducted the officers and directors elected to serve during the coming year. That included: Justin Peterson 1st Vice President, Cindi Gramenz 2nd Vice President, Anne McGlynn Secretary, Carrie Crossen Treasurer, Mark Mayeski Past President, Howard Beck Director (1 year), Kim Calhoun Director (1 year), Molly Shattuck Director (1 year), Eric Westphall Director (1 year), John Daly Director (2 year), Chris Lemon Director (2 year), Sue Rector Director (2 year), Gary Rowe Director (2 year), Bob Swanson Co-Sergeant-at-Arms, Cindi Gramenz Co-Sergeant-at-Arms. She then thanked the following board members who completed their terms and are leaving the board: Rick Emery, Kathy Lelonek, John Oliger, and Bill Stengel. Angela then opened a discussion regarding the possibility of a return to in-person meetings. The overall tenor of the discussion was a reluctance to meet in person. Members raised concern both for themselves (numerous members have one or more of the "at risk" factors that have been identified) and concern for others noting that a number of our members are in "essential" careers and are regularly meeting with the public. They do not want to risk being exposed and then in turn exposing others by attending an in-person Rotary meeting. There was also a question as to how the Botanical Center will set tables and seating and provide for social distancing, which are details we currently do not know. Dr. Pat Cunningham noted that the most recent medical data indicates currently 3,000 new corona virus cases per day in Illinois with the expectation that the number will stay at that level for another two months and then is expected to drop to 1,000 or less in September. Several members asked if it would be possible to offer a simultaneous in-person and Zoom option. Some technical issues are involved with this, however Molly Shattuck volunteered to do an experimental test at the botanical center using a tablet or laptop with a video camera and mic. She will report her findings to the Board at our July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Angela thanked the membership for a good and open discussion and stated that a follow-up survey will be sent to all members very shortly. Members are asked to reply to the survey promptly so the data can be reviewed by the board on July 20<sup>th</sup>. President Campbell then turned her attention to the coming year and presented a very good "show & tell" program. *See details of that presentation on page 5 -*



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## Officers

Angela Campbell President  
Justin Peterson, 1st Vice Pres.  
Cindi Gramenz, 2nd Vice Pres.  
Anne McGlynn, Secretary  
Carrie Crossen, Treasurer

## Board Members

Mark Mayeski, Past President  
Howard Beck  
Kim Calhoun  
Molly Shattuck  
Eric Westphall  
John Daly  
Chris Lemon  
Sue Rector  
Gary Rowe  
Bob Swanson Co-Sgt.-at-Arms  
Cindi Gramenz Co-Sgt.-at-Arms

## Program Chairs

### 2019-20

Aug – Sept Rebecca Arnold  
Oct – Nov John Daly  
Dec – Jan John Wetzel  
Feb – Mar Gary Rowe  
Apr – May Bill Stengel  
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 Duncan Cameron, a visiting Rotarian from the Naples, Florida club join us today. Duncan was our only guest and is with us almost weekly during the summer months when he returns to our area. Guests are always welcome at Rock Island Rotary, the Number One Club!
- ☐ **NEW CLUB DIRECTORY BOOKS** have been printed and will be distributed to members when we are able to meet in person once again. A supply will be taken to the July 20<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and distributed to all Rotarians present. We meet in a large room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Jeff Dismer's office. All Rotarians are welcome, social distancing will be practiced.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **HAVE ITEMS FOR OUR NEWSLETTER?** Email items, including photos to Bob Swanson at [bobdebswanson@att.net](mailto:bobdebswanson@att.net).

## TO MEET OR NOT TO MEET – THAT IS THE QUESTION!

The last “in person” meeting of Rock Island was March 10, 2019. Since that time, the Corona-19 virus has forced us to meet virtually, via ZOOM. We have received word that the Botanical Center has re-opened and Bridges is prepared to provide lunches for our meetings. Things will be a bit different to ensure compliance with the ongoing state guidelines for health safety. Tables and seating would be more widely spaced to comply with social-distancing recommendations. Food would be served in individually boxed lunches, rather than our customary buffet. The Botanical Center will be tasked with complying with the pandemic sanitization requirements regarding chairs, tables, and all items that might be touched. Open pitchers of beverages will not be used.

So, the question was posed to Rotary, “when would we like to return to live meetings”. The Botanical Center needs just a one-week notice. Rotary president Angela Campbell opted to pose the same question to our membership in an open discussion at today's meeting. Balancing the desire for social interaction and live programs vs. health fears are the two competing issues. Club members voiced their opinions, making persuasive arguments. Next planned is an email survey to be sent to all members. Data received will be evaluated by our Board and a decision made. Rotarians can be confident that the will of the Club and the welfare of our members will be carefully considered. It is simply good to know that we are now talking about “when” we will resume live meetings rather than “will” we resume live meetings!



## MARK MAYESKI MOVES ON FROM PRESIDENCY

Former president Mark Mayeski reports that Tom Hammar asked what he would do with all his free time now that his year as Rotary president has concluded. Initially, Mark's thought was to slip quietly into a back table at Rotary meetings and to concentrate on his family and business. He thought being a "former" Rotary President was the best position ever. Then something happened. The bright lights of the silver screen hit him squarely in the face as he and his wife were asked to audition for a Goods' Furniture television commercial!

**WATCH OUT HOLLYWOOD!** Last Wednesday Mark and Kim were filmed and interviewed for the commercial. Thirty other hopeful "stars and starlets" were also filmed. Now the hope is that the Mayeski's don't end up on the cutting room floor! The budding actor said it was very interesting going through the process of saying the same thing over and over but in slightly a different way each time. He added, "If nothing else we had fun!" Commercials will start airing in a few weeks so we will see what happens! Might be a good idea to ask for an autograph now before his star rises too high and requests will have to go through an agent!



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY – JULY ROTARIANS!



Ernie Beane	July 3
Lo Milani	July 6
Holly Sparkman	July 7
Kevin Koski	July 12
Frank Lambert	July 15
Doug Hultquist	July 28







The Illinois Quad Cities Rotary Club is partnering with River Bend Food-bank providing support for their School Pantry Program. Their "Gift Card Raffle" has 17 gift cards representing local businesses for a total of \$345.00 in value. For every dollar raised, the Rotary Foundation will match up to \$1500. The raffle drawing will be held on July 15<sup>th</sup>. To purchase tickets, simply contact the Illinois Quad Cities Rotary Club president, George McDaniel at [g.mcdaniel@mchsi.com](mailto:g.mcdaniel@mchsi.com). Tickets are \$5 or 5 for \$20.

## FOUNDATION MINUTE

As we transition into the new Rotary year, clubs all over the world are experiencing a change of leadership. The ceremonies, normally done in person, are now mostly online. Being involved in leadership transition has not stopped Rotarians from extending a helping hand to those in dire need of assistance.

Recently a grant from TRF, with additional contributions from members of the Rotary Club of North Platte Noon and with the help of Gary's Super Foods, generated \$6,000 worth of food items for distribution to various pantries that were running short of food supplies. Recognizing the impact of the pandemic on communities in and around North Platte, these Rotarians loaded a trailer at Gary's Super Foods with 282 cases of food. The North Platte grant is part of the \$25,150 that TRF has granted for use throughout Nebraska in response to COVID-19.

During the celebration of the United Nations Public Service Day in Evanston, Illinois, on June 23rd, President Mark Daniel Malory reiterated that TRF has awarded \$20 million to support Rotary Clubs worldwide in their response to COVID-19 in their communities.

In Philanthropy, the quarterly national magazine of The Philanthropy Roundtable, The Rotary Foundation is cited for having donated \$2 billion "collected from its 35,000 local chapters, and additional billions from the Gates Foundation for polio eradication. At the end of 2019, donors contributed an additional \$2.6 billion with the aim of turning one of history's most wounding viruses (polio) into a cold memory." ([philanthropyroundtable.org/philanthropy-magazine/article/gift-of-health-summer-2020](http://philanthropyroundtable.org/philanthropy-magazine/article/gift-of-health-summer-2020))

## THE TAB GROWS

Offering happy dollars this week were Cindy Gramenz who ratted out several fellow Rotarians for newsworthy events; Gary Rowe was happy Rock Island-Milan Schools recently received a substantial federal grant; Angela Campbell was called out for appearing in a Rock Island video; Mark Mayeski was cited for his TV acting debut; and Bob Swanson was "very happy" for completing renovation of his lake cabin. Thanks for the news and the contributions to the Rotary Foundation!

## DISTRICT WIDE ZOOM MEETING

The first in a series of District Wide Zoom meetings will be on Thursday, July 16 at 5:30 pm. Literacy Awards, Rotarian of the year, and many others will be presented in a quick and fun Zoom Meeting. The link information will be posted on the District's Calendar and all will receive an email with the sign-in details. It would not be wrong to celebrate with a cocktail during the program and perhaps you will join me in a toast to Bobbi Burke at the end of her year as our District Governor.

President Campbell – continued:

Angela admitted that she approached her year as president with some apprehension and fear. Then she attended the District Rotary “PETS” training (President-Elect Training Seminar) and came away excited and ready to lead. She also took solace in lessons learned from her mother and mother-in-law, which included “Be deliberate, understanding, and flexible”, “It is okay to fail”, and “Learn from your mistakes”. She then turned to her hobby of quilting, told how she learned to quilt and in a “show and tell” format held up and described numerous quilts she has made over the years. She noted that initially some of the quilts were exceedingly difficult to make and took many days and weeks. As her experience and skill progressed she can now complete a quilt in one or two days. She showed how many different designs and materials come together to make a great finished product. Turning to Rotary, Angela said that no one expected what we have faced and will be facing during the coming year. We may or may not be able to meet in person; we may or may not be able to host our usual fundraisers; we may or may not have our usual social activities. In essence she said it is hard to plan this year. However, noting that we have a solid strategic plan and club goals, there are many things we can work on this year. She said the club has 4 principal goals: 1) To be a strong leader in giving to the International and local Rotary Foundations. 2) To provide service and community involvement. 3) To develop seamless administration, mentoring and member follow-up contact. And 4) To promote and make Rotary known throughout our community. Angela stated that we can work toward achieving these goals whether or not the pandemic prevents us from meeting in-person. Then relating all this back to her “show and tell” she said we can make everything piece together and fall into place through our work, service, good communication and dedication. Thank you Angela for your commitment to lead. We look forward to an exciting and great Rock Island Rotary year!

## Rock Island Rotary



### PUMPKIN PALOOZA 2020

Hosting First and Second grade classes from Earl Hanson School

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

*Should this event be postponed or changed, we will still plan something fun for the kiddos and teachers and give them a t-shirt.*

Sponsorship

\$100

*Helps to provide a t-shirt for every participant*

Sponsor's name/logo will be printed on the back of the shirts

Thank you for your support for a great day for a great group of kids.

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The Pumpkin Palooza Team