



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



THE WEATHER SHUTS DOWN MEETING

Reverend Dwight Ford was ready to speak with us when the decision was made to cancel today's Rock Island Rotary meeting. Numerous members reported having no internet and many, no power. It was decided that we wanted Reverend Ford to have the opportunity to speak with a "full house" and that just wasn't going to happen today. On top of that, President Angela Campbell was without power and internet and the same was true of both our 1st and 2nd vice-presidents, so there was no executive to preside over the meeting. Bob Swanson agreed to go on ZOOM and let any members who failed to get the cancellation message know what had happened. We look forward to everyone joining us again next Tuesday and hope that all "weathered" the storm safely and with minimal property damage. MidAmerica Energy reported this as the most severe storm damage in the history of their company. Winds were clocked at 100 mph and in total nearly 500,000 people in Iowa and Illinois lost power, some for hours and others don't yet have power restored. Some areas are being told it may be days before service is restored. We find out how vital the things we take for granted are when we lose them! Thanks to the hardworking crews restoring our power and cleaning up the mess.



People of Action

Rotary is where neighbors, friends, and problem-solvers share ideas, join leaders, and take action to create lasting change.

WE CONNECT PEOPLE

Rotary unites more than a million people

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. 1.2 MILLION members and 35,000+ clubs

WE TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES

We take action locally and globally

Each day, our members pour their passion, integrity, and intelligence into completing projects that have a lasting impact. We persevere until we deliver real, lasting solutions. 16 MILLION volunteer hours each year

WE SOLVE PROBLEMS

No challenge is too big for us

For more than 110 years, we've bridged cultures and connected continents to champion peace, fight illiteracy and poverty, promote clean water and sanitation, and fight disease. 2.5 BILLION children immunized against polio

July Calendar

- Aug 18 - Laura Mahn, NEST (Nourish Everyone Sustainably Together)
- Aug 25 - Chase Norris, Clock Inc.
- Sept. 1 - Melissa Sharer, St Ambrose University Master of Public Health program on social determinants of health
- Sept. 8 - State of the Schools, Dr. Reginald Lawrence - joint meeting hosted by RI Kiwanis
- Sept 15- Dr LaDrina Wilson, Black Hawk College
- Sept 22- Jerry Jones, Martin Luther King Jr Community Center
- Sept 29- Mariah Benson, CAUSE & Tobacco-Free QC



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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** – No meeting meant no guests! Visiting Rotarians and prospective members are always welcome guests at Rock Island Rotary, the Number One Club!
- ☐ **ATTENDANCE POLICY** - During this difficult time with our club meetings being offered via ZOOM only, the Board of Directors determined that meeting attendance will not be recorded. Attendance at ZOOM meetings will not count for or against any member regarding maintaining perfect attendance. When we resume in person meetings, attendance will again be recorded and reported to Rotary International.
- ☐ **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.

GREAT NEWS! DINING BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE!

Our Dining Book chair, Bud Phillis, has received word that there will be a 2020-21 Quad City Dining Book! There was concern that the Covid-19 Pandemic would curtail the annual dining coupon book, but that is not the case. The new books will be arriving soon and will be filled with dining coupons valid until November 2021. Current books expire October 31, 2020. Dining out after months of being sheltering at home will be a real treat and something positive to look forward to. Over 350 Coupons! Over 150 Local Restaurants! Dining Tour books make great gifts! Introduces you to new restaurants! The price remains at \$35 for the value packed book. Rock Island Rotary receives a minimum of \$10 for each book sold. We'll let you know when they will be delivered. You can place an order in advance by emailing Dr. Bud Phillis at rphillis35@gmail.com. Make checks payable to Rock Island Rotary and write "Dining Book" on the memo line.



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

WE NEED JUST ONE MORE SPONSOR!

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.

Please make checks payable to Rock Island Rotary and indicate this is for Pumpkin Palooza

Sponsorship.

Thank you.

The Pumpkin Palooza Team

Contact Sue Rector at suerector@augustana.edu to grab that last sponsor spot!

IF THE PANDEMIC IS CAUSING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP? Rotary Cares!

Your Board of Directors understands and wants to ensure that our members can remain Rotarians through this tough period. They authorized offering all members having financial difficulties the option for dues reduction for up to two quarters by contacting the Club Treasurer, Carrie Crossen. The request will remain strictly confidential between the requesting Rotarian and Carrie. We love and trust our members and will be happy to lend a helping hand to ensure your continued membership. You can call Carrie at 309-291-1577.

FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to Week 2 of Membership & Extension Month of Rotary International.

In the past week, Rotarians have been busy making the world a better place in several ways: through donations of self-care kits to victims of abuse; scholarship awards to needy students; purchase of food items for victims of food insecurity and successful blood screening. This week, the focus is on TRF cancer prevention effort. Cervical cancer is notorious for claiming lives of young people, especially girls, in developing countries. However, once it was discovered that the disease is caused by HPV or human papillomavirus, scientists concluded that the disease is preventable. Boys and girls can be protected from cervical and other related cancers through HPV vaccination. Adult women can be screened through HPV testing which detects risk for cervical cancer before it develops.

The Rotary Club of Birmingham (AL) received a major grant from TRF to help in the fight against cervical cancer in Sri Lanka, a nation of more than 21 million people off the coast of India. The \$400,000 Global Grant, which will be used to develop training materials for health professionals in the country, will help speed up the 20-year goal of eliminating cervical cancer in Sri Lanka. The \$400,000 was awarded to the club and its partners from the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center at the U of Alabama in Birmingham (UAB), the Rotary Club of Colombo, Sri Lanka, the Ashok Leyland Company, and the Sri Lankan Ministry of Health.

Dr Isabel Scarinci, co-leader of this initiative, a polio survivor, senior leader at the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center and member of Rotary Club of Birmingham, explained "As we have seen with other diseases, like polio, having the tools is not enough. We need concerted efforts through credible organizations like Rotary to get these tools to populations who, for many reasons, do not have the ability to benefit from HPV vaccination and screening through a healthcare system. We need to go to them rather than wait for them to come to us." Dan Stephens, the executive director of the Rotary Club of Birmingham, said work would begin on the project once travel and social restrictions due to COVID-19 are eased.

"Disease results in misery, pain and poverty for millions of people worldwide. That's why treating and preventing disease is so important to us. We set up temporary clinics, blood donation centers, and training facilities in underserved communities struggling with outbreaks and healthcare access...Prevention is important, which is why we also focus on health education and bringing people routine hearing, vision, and dental care."



Rock Island Rotary TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, April 16th at 6:30pm

SAVE the DATE and get your team together for Rock Island Rotary's annual fundraiser!

Cash prizes, cash bar, 50/50, silent auction and TONS of FUN with MR. TRIVIA!!!

This fundraiser supports Earl Hanson Elementary School and RI Rotary Community Grants. Corporate Sponsorships are available!

When: Friday, April 16th, 2021

Where: Milan Community Center, 2701 1st Street East, Milan

Time: 6:30pm START time, doors open at 5:45pm

Cost: \$100 a table, up to 10 players

RSVP: Kathy Trone 309-794-9400 or Kathy@wesselspc.com

The Rock Island Rotary Club is challenging all other Rotary Clubs in the QC Area to participate and TRY to win the "Traveling Trophy" for the SMARTEST ROTARY CLUB!