



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



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September Calendar

- 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

Chase Norris is a Licensed Professional Counselor at Clock, Inc: LGBT+ Community Center located in Rock Island, Illinois. He earned his Bachelors degree in psychology from Eastern Illinois University, and Masters in Counselor Education with an emphasis on Clinical/Community Mental Health Counseling at Western Illinois University-Quad Cities in December 2018. He not only has personal experiences with the LGBT+ community (born female and converting to male), but also has professional experience as well. Mr. Norris has worked with people in individual and group counseling settings, who experience depression, anxiety, gender dysphoria, self-harming, suicidal ideation, family conflict, relationship issues, life transitions, and self-esteem issues. Clock, Inc is an organization that provides a consistent location for LGBT+ individuals in the Quad City area. The LGBT+ Center provides resources that include all ages, genders, and cultures. Their enhanced resources include: support and educational groups, classes/workshops, speaking/training, community gatherings, drop in hours, multicultural awareness, and offers counseling to those in need of non-discriminative support of equality. Clock, Inc's mission strives to provide a place for LGBT+ individuals to express themselves freely in a safe, non-judgmental environment. The Center provides a range of resources, varieties of educational topics, enhanced community, and support to those who promote equality. Mr. Norris said that Clock, Inc. served over 2,500 people in the past year 54% coming from Iowa and 46% from Illinois. He said that the Clock community center is the only facility of it's kind between Chicago and St. Louis. He noted that there is no such center in Iowa City or Des Moines. Services provided by the center are taylor made to meet the requests and needs of their clientele. Clock, Inc provides a variety of multi-age & gender community groups, to benefit individuals without any feelings of discrimination or isolation. Current groups are LGBT+ Middle School Group, LGBT+ High School Group, Transgender/Nonbinary Group, LGBT+ Young Adult Group, Coming Out Later In Life Group, Spirituality and You Group, Parents & Allies Group, and Autism Support Group: Ages 16+. The Center offers free workshops on varisous topics including health education. Mr. Norris provides professional counseling in 30, 45, and 60 minute sessions. Fees are charged for counseling, but no one is turned down because of inability to pay. The Center has also conducted donation campaigns and put together 300 Hygene bags plus winter clothing which were donated to those in need. They also collected and donated 10,000 feminine products. Thank you Chase for an interesting and informative program!



HAPPY / SAD DOLLARS



Rotarians contributed to the "Tab" today offering up dollars for happy and sad announcements. Bud Phillis contributed a happy dollar for his improved computer system allowing us to hear him clearly! Carrie Crossen had a happy dollar in honor of celebrating her birthday today! Molly Shattuck and Tom Hammar each threw in a dollar in celebration of a fun family gathering in Wisconsin this past weekend bringing together all the little cousins as well as their parents and grandparents. Doug Hultquist was inspired to offer his dollar after hearing Tom Hammar's report on Club Corporate Membership., noting that Tom worked with Doug years ago in an economics class at Augustana College. Finally, Ruth Lee contributed a sad dollar for a family birthday celebration planned for Sequoia National Forest but cancelled by current California wildfires.



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Aug – Sept Rebecca Arnold
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June – July Tom Hammar
Have a program idea? Contact
the chairman listed above for a
possible date.

Club Notes & Announcements!

- ☐ **WELCOME GUESTS** – We had one guest at today's meeting and were pleased to welcome Duncan Cameron, a Visiting Rotarian from the Naples, Florida Club. Guests are always welcome at Rock Island Rotary, the Number One Club!
- ☐ **CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP AVAILABLE**– Our club has 6 “corporate members” that in total brought 23 members into Rock Island Rotary. One person from each entity is designated as the “primary member” and up to 4 others from the entity can be named as associate members. All are entitled to attend meetings, serve on committees, and fully participate in our club. A corporate membership is ideal for those that are unable to commit to attending weekly. The hope is that one member of the entity will be in attendance each week, although more than one are welcome. An corporate membership brochure and application is available from Bob Swanson. .
- ☐ **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 ARE HERE!

Our Dining Book chair, Bud Phillis, has received a supply of the new 2020-21 Quad City Dining Book! Dining out after months of being sheltering at home will be a real treat and something positive to look forward to and they are good through October 31st of 2021. Over 350 Coupons including a **2 for 1 Circa 21 Coupon** good for our Rotary Holiday Party! 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. You can place an order by emailing Dr. Bud Phillis at rphillis35@gmail.com. Make checks payable to Rock Island Rotary and write “Dining Book” on the memo line.



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.



Rock Island Rotary PUMPKIN PALOOZA 2020

Having some fun with the First and Second grade classes at Earl Hanson School

UPDATE

Although we will be unable to take the kiddos to a pumpkin patch this year, we still plan to celebrate fall with them.

We will target
Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Thanks to 7 RI Rotarians who have generously sponsored t-shirts for this year.
Howard Beck, Rick Devinney, Jeff Dismer, Tom Hammar/Molly Shattuck, Ruth Lee,
Mark Mayeski, Tammy Weikert
And to Tricia Barron who again is working with the printers.

Thank you!

What else are we working toward for that day???

- President Angela Campbell is looking into giving each kiddo a fall/pumpkin related **book**.
- * Howard and Anne have the great idea of getting a small **pumpkin** for each kiddo – maybe going that day to scatter them throughout a grassy area and letting the kids pick a pumpkin. *Know any contacts for small pumpkins?*
- (Does anyone have a connection to getting 80-100 small pumpkins at a great price??)
- And, we are working on pulling together some fall/pumpkin puzzles and games that we can copy and print a booklet for each of the kiddos.
 - **Other thoughts???**

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

Thank you.

The Pumpkin Palooza Team

FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to Week Four of Rotary International's Month of Membership and Extension.

The news about one of TRF's mission, health improvement, remains depressing; however, what is uplifting is the relentless effort of Rotarians all over the world at fighting the scourge of COVID-19 and its devastating impact on communities. In the past week, Rotary Clubs in districts devastated by the Derecho have been responding to the immediate needs of people affected by the storm. In the coastal city of South East India, members of the Rotary Club of Chennai donated the sum of Rs.30 Lakhs (40,032USD) to purchase more dialysis machines for a local hospital. Sponsored by TRF's Global Grant, in partnership with Rotary Club of The Hills Kellyville and Chatswood Sunrise, the fund will add seven more dialysis machines to the five installed in the hospital. At the handing over ceremony to the Shree Jain Medical relief Society, the chairperson of the program, Maheshraj T acknowledged the help of Rotary in buying the machines, adding that at least 500 more patients will be dialyzed every month, making healthcare more accessible to people with kidney disease.

The Delaware County Rotary Foundation with matching funds from the Rotary District 6690 and TRF donated \$4,000 to United Way's Supplies for Scholars program for school supplies to Delaware County students. These funds help to reach between 1,500 and 2,000 needy students in Ashley, Sunbury, Delaware, and Dooley's Orchard Apartments in Lewis Center. "Supplies for Scholars is an amazing opportunity to support the students in Delaware County," said Delaware City Schools Superintendent and Rotarian Heidi Kegley. "United Way of Delaware County organizes this event to ensure students have the supplies they need for the new school year. We are so grateful for the generosity of The Rotary Club of Delaware and other community partners who make this event possible."

"If we really want to love, if we really want to live, we must love until it hurts. No Rotarian whose motto is Service Above Self, I think, should call himself a Rotarian if he does not make time to serve. If we love, we begin to serve. And this is where that beautiful motto begins that the Rotarian have made this year, Take Time to Serve." Mother Teresa - 1981.



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!

ROCK ISLAND ROTARY HOLIDAY PARTY 2020

The Magic of an Old-Fashioned Holiday at CIRCA 21



Rated: PG
Area Premiere!

Wednesday
December 9th

In this heartwarming new musical, a dad's wish to celebrate an old-fashioned Christmas leads him and his family on a magical journey to another time where he learns that while remembering the past is important, the best way to hold on to tradition is to enjoy the Christmas present! This one-of-a-kind show, written for Circa '21 by longtime Bootlegger Brad Hauskins, is a nostalgic celebration of family that will leave you filled with the peace and joy of the holidays.

****Due to Covid-19 Restrictions the audience is limited to 50 guests. We have 48 of those seats which will be sold on a first come basis to Rotary Club members and their guests. Email Bob Swanson to make your reservations: bobdebswanson@att.net**

Tickets include a private pre-show Salon Party.

Pre-Show Salon Party with Complimentary Hoers Devours and Cash Bar (5-6pm)

Buffet Dinner (5:45-7:00pm)

Bootleggers Warm-up Show (7:15pm)

"Winter Wonderland" (7:30pm)

TWO WITH DINING BOOK COUPON \$67.23*

ONE ADMISSION (NO COUPON) \$52.75

TWO ADMISSIONS (NO COUPON) \$105.50

***Tip included (not including deserts & bar)**

Circa Subscriber? Pay Just \$3.50 per person for gratuity