



# Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

## Angie Kendall Hand in Hand, CEO



Hand in Hand announced on February 25, 2020 that Angie Kendall was selected as the new CEO to lead the organization. Board President John Byrne said, "Angie's passion about our mission and the families we serve makes her an excellent choice to lead Hand in Hand in the future. Her passion for collaboration and innovation paints an inspiring vision for this organization as we grow in the future." Kendall graduated from Iowa State University with a BS in Child, Adult, and Family Services. Starting her career in early care education at ChildServe, an agency dedicated to meeting the unique needs of children with developmental delays, disabilities, injuries, and other special healthcare needs. She relocated to the Quad Cities in 2007 and continued her career working in early childhood before spending six years at the Child Abuse Council, ultimately serving as the Director of Development and Communications. Since 2018 Kendall has been a Senior Development Officer at the Genesis Health System Foundation and Genesis Philanthropy. Her career has been dedicated to advocating for young children and their families. Hand in Hand was founded 20 years ago in Bettendorf, Iowa when In 2000, two sets of parents from the Quad Cities agreed that they wanted their children who had disabilities to have the same opportunities for fun and learning as typically developing children. They decided to start by offering a one-week summer camp for children with disabilities, where they could enjoy a full camp experience. The first year of Camp Hand in Hand was so successful, the co-founders knew they had created something really special for parents and participants. This special program is still going strong today. Hand in Hand now hosts 2-week long camps with over 70 campers attending. Activities include archery, fishing, canoeing, swimming, horseback riding, arts & crafts, and "s'mores". Hand in Hand programs have expanded from one summer camp in July, to over 15 year-round programs focused on creating fun, inclusive learning and recreational opportunities for children and young adults, which give their primary caregivers respite from their caregiving duties. Programs range from integrated childcare, to adaptive yoga classes, golf, deck hockey, swimming, arts & crafts, tiquando, fishing, and even hip-hop dancing lessons. Activities are provided through a daily daycare program with fees comparable to daycare provided for children without special needs. Since the Hand in Hand clientele require specialized care, some with one on one care, the extra expense is covered through fund raising. For those clientele who "age out" at 18, Hand in Hand has established a "People With Purpose" program where alumni of the program continue to gather and provide "human power" volunteer services to other not for profit entities. They have worked at the Botanical Center, local food shelters, and do cleaning, painting, and gardening where every needed, including at the Hand in Hand facility on Middle Road in Bettendorf. In addition to being fun, Hand in Hand programs lead to some great outcomes for participants, such as increased independence and social skills, improved mental health and self-esteem, and reaching health and fitness goals. Hand in Hand serves 75 to 100 children daily and each year serves nearly 800 different children. Along with daycare, they offer night and weekend recreation and social programs, including a "prom" for high school aged students. Hand in Hand believes in supporting the well-being of the whole family by giving parents and primary caregivers respite from their caregiving duties. According to a recent survey of parents, 75% of parents/caregivers say their work or home life has improved since their child began attending Hand-in-Hand programs. This was a great presentation of a great program! Thank you, Amy, for sharing an exciting and important story!

### Nov. – Dec. Calendar

Nov 24:- Loredana Cooper - Black  
Hawk Colle ESL/International  
Transition Specialist  
Dec 1 - TBA  
Dec 8 - TBA  
Dec 15 - TBA  
Dec 22 - TBA  
Dec 29 - TBA



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Mark Mayeski, Past President

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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** – For the first time in years we had no visitors today! Time to invite a friend or colleague to join our ZOOM call!
- ☐ **HELP NEEDED AT KING CENTER** – On November 20-22, the Martin Luther King Center will be providing 3,000 Thanksgiving meals to the Quad Cities community by delivery and drive through. They have a record breaking number of orders and now need volunteers to fulfill them! This is the 31<sup>st</sup> year serving Thanksgiving meals, and they are doing things quite differently. Following strict COVID safety precautions, all activities will be outside in heated tents, the Center will provide masks (required to cover mouth and nose at all times), gloves, disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizer, and disinfectant spray (to wipe down surfaces). Volunteers will work in shifts to limit the amount of people present at any one time. Shifts are 2 hours starting at 8am the last shift ends at 4pm. Duties will be slicing turkey, dishing up and packaging meals and clean up. Anyone able to lend a hand on any of the 3 days should call 309 732 2999 to sign up
- ☐ **DINING BOOKS AVAILABLE** – 2021-22 Quad City Dining Books are available from Bud Phillis. With over 150 local restaurants represented with 2 for 1 coupons, you'll have no trouble quickly recovering the \$35 cost of the book. The Circa 21 coupon by itself is worth more than \$35! Don't delay, supplies are limited and sales end soon. Dining Books make great Christmas gifts for that hard to buy for person. Everyone enjoys dining out, particular after months of sheltering at home! Contact Bud at [rphillis35@gmail.com](mailto:rphillis35@gmail.com)
- ☐ **PAUL HARRIS BOOKS** – Bud Phillis has two books authored by Rotary Founder, Paul Harris. He has read and enjoyed them and would like to pass them on to any member who would like to have them. Free for the taking – Just let Bud know that you would like to have them. Read and keep or read and pass on.
- ☐ **BOARD REPORT** – Our Board of directors met yesterday and discussed a number of important issues. 1. Encouraging former Rock Island Rotary Presidents to consider becoming a nominee for District Governor (See page 8 for further details). 2. Tabled discussion of in-persons meeting until January. 3. Adopted a new kids "Scarf Project" (See page 7 for details). 4. Reported that our new "Service Above Self" scholarship through the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation has been funded with an initial \$5,000 deposit. 5. Agreed to pursue making the joint World Polio Day meeting an annual tradition, possibly as an in-person get together of the 8 area clubs. 6. Heard a report on a recent visit to an in-person meeting at the Bettendorf Rotary Club. 7. Heard a report on last week's service project hanging holiday lights at the Botanical Center.

## THE TAB GROWS

Howard Beck, Ruth Lee, John Wetzel, Stan Coin, and Bud Phillis all gave dollars for the Bears vs. Viking game outcome. Howard & Ruth's were happy dollars, the other were sad dollars! Kai Swanson had to leave early and offered a dollar. The passing of Genevieve "Gabby" Rafferty drew happy to have known her and sad to lose her dollars from Ruth Lee, Gary Rowe, Kai Swanson, and Linda Golden. Our final contributor was \$1 from Justin Peterson, happy the I-74 bridge to Iowa opened. Thanks to all! Tab funds go to the Rotary Foundation.

## CONTINUING A TRADITION

Rock Island Rotary will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army during the holiday season. We will be working 1 hour shifts at the Rock Island HyVee on December 5<sup>th</sup> from 10am until 3pm. As in the past, Mark Mayeski is our project chairman. 7 or 8 Volunteers are needed to fill our shifts. Rotarians and family members are invited to help. Teams of two work great and you can set up your own team or let Mark place you with a fellow Rotarian. Please email Mark at [mark.mayeski@edwardjones.com](mailto:mark.mayeski@edwardjones.com).





## ROTARIANS LIGHT UP ROCK ISLAND!

On a chilly and windswept evening last Tuesday a 19-person team of Rock Island Rotary volunteers converged on the Quad City Botanical Center for a two-and-a-half-hour shift hanging holiday lights all over the Center's gardens. The team included, Avalon Thomas-Roebal & her mom, Molly & Scott Shattuck and their two kids, Cindi Gramenz, Bill Stengel, Monta & Mike Ponsetto & their son and daughter-in-law, Jim Moran, Linda Golden & Mark Pealstrom, John & Karen Phillips and Bob & Debbi Swanson. Many volunteers are helping set up the huge display of over 120,000 lights, and it was great to see Rotary back in the "Service Above Self" mode working on a community project! Below is a small sample of what was done. Winter Nights-Winter Lights opens to the public on Friday and runs to Jan. 10. Go see for yourself! Admission: \$8 adults | \$4 Youth | Under 2 Free | Members \$6 adults | \$2 Youth. You must call for your reserved time. Admission is regulated to ensure social distancing and safety compliance.



## FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to Week 3 of The Rotary International Foundation Month.

District 6000 of Rotary International is one of 535 districts of RI. Our district comprises 3464 members. We have 124 Major Donors, 86 Bequest Society members and 94 Paul Harris Society members. District Rotarians have contributed to TRF Endowment Fund contributions totaling \$2,753,000. Per capita giving in D6000 in the last five years is an average of \$110-\$125.

At its first Virtual Rotary Foundation Luncheon on Saturday, November 7, 2020, District 6000 was recognized for being number one in Zone 29B-30 for percentage of Rotarians giving to TRF. Our district's humanitarian gestures and laudable achievements make D6000 third in its zone for Annual Giving, which for 2019-2020 was \$405,133.

RI President Holger Knaack, the luncheon keynote speaker, recognized how emergencies like Coronavirus and Derecho can force some financial strain on Rotarians, causing a drop in giving to TRF. RI President Holger commended our district for its tenacity at staying focused on increasing demands, noting that District 6000 Foundation giving did not decrease.

The heart of the luncheon program was District recognition of Paul Harris Fellows, Paul Harris Society members and Major Donors. Attendees were reminded that our district received two \$25,000 District Rotary Foundation Grants. In Rotary year 2019-2020, \$25,000 was received and those funds were directed to The Food Bank of Iowa for distribution to Food Pantries across the district's footprint. This year we applied for a \$25,000 Foundation grant for Derecho Recovery. These funds are available to district clubs to aid community recovery.

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## ANGEL TREE

Rotarians took 35 “Angels” from Earl Hanson School and will ensure they have gifts for Christmas. Chair Molly Shattuck will be emailing information to Rotarians who signed up for an Angel giving their child’s sizes, needs, and wishes. When you receive your information, please do your shopping as promptly as possible. Gifts need to be wrapped, put in a bag (garbage bag is fine) and returned with the child’s name on the bag no later than December 14. Molly must deliver them to the school on December 15<sup>th</sup> and school staff will deliver them to the students’ homes. Completed packages can be dropped off at Hammer & Associates at 2300 – 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Rock Island. If needed, Molly will pick them up from you. Thanks to all who signed up for an Angel!

## Rock Island Rotary Trivia Night April 2021

*Serving our community through our generosity of time, talent, and treasure*



***It is NOT too early to start collecting great ideas and items for our Silent Auction.***

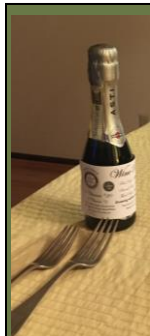
Sue has already started collecting some favorite products to make a Sustainable Products Basket, and there are always great sales around the holidays, closeouts from the summer that we can take advantage of not to mention re-gifting opportunities!! And she's got a stash of baskets if you will need one and is happy to take random items and put them together to make great baskets if you don't want to do a full basket.



Give Sue a call or e-mail with questions or donations. She will store things until April!  
Sue Rector....563-343-7985.... [srector3614@gmail.com](mailto:srector3614@gmail.com)

## GREAT ROTARIAN STOCKING STUFFER IDEA

All club members will be receiving a packet of 5 Rotary Wine Raffle Tickets in the mail this week. The cost of 5 tickets is \$20 and we are hoping each member will purchase the tickets and use them for Stocking Stuffers! Anne McGlynn uses them for both stocking stuffers and Thanksgiving favors adding a clever artistic touch. She purchases small “airflight” size bottles of wine, wraps the ticket around the bottle, adds a ribbon and the gift is ready!! If you don’t care to participate, please return your tickets. If you need more, just email Anne. Proceeds will help fund our new Rotary Scholarship.



## Final Week For “Pass the Hat for Polio” Donations

We wrapped up our 2020 World Polio Day activities two weeks ago with a request that every member make a \$10 (more if you wished) donation to Rotary’s Polio Plus campaign. Our funds are matched 2 to 1 by the Bill Gates Foundation. We set the amount extremely low hoping to have 100%-member participation. So far 14 of our 94 members have donated. This is our final week and last request for donations. If you have not returned your donation, please do so today.

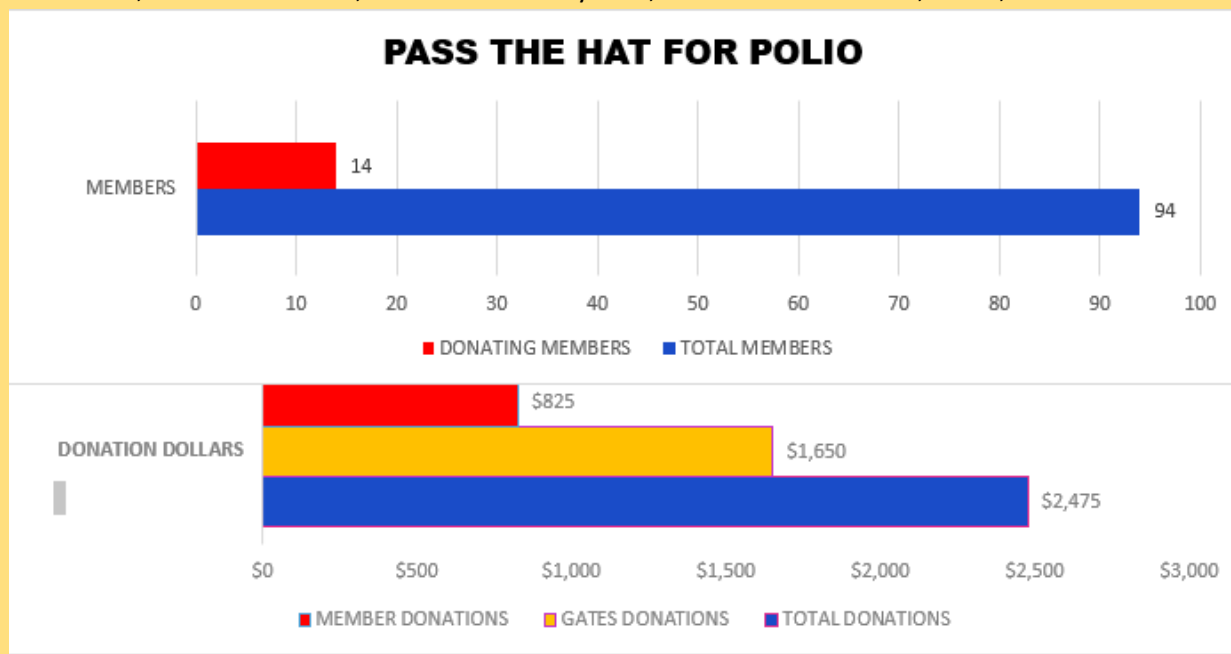
Please snip and return lower portion with your check. Donations will count toward Paul Harris Fellow recognition

Polio is 99% eradicated. The remaining 1% will take time and dollars Rotary has been outstanding in leading the eradication effort. As a Rotarian, I pledge to help Rotary eliminate the last 1% of polio cases.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10    \_\_\_\_\_ \$25    \_\_\_\_\_ \$50    \_\_\_\_\_ \$100    Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Rotarian name \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **Rotary International Foundation** - send to:  
Dr. Bud Phillis, Foundation Chair, Rock Island Rotary Club, 2417 – 127th Avenue, Milan, IL 61264



### IF YOU CAN READ, YOU CAN DO THIS SERVICE PROJECT!

We all know Rotary is not a social club, nor is it a lunch club, even though we greatly enjoy or social interactions and our lunches, we all know Rotary is a **Service Club**. Service Above Self is our motto. Unfortunately, the coronavirus pandemic has put a damper on our service activities. Our hands-on projects have been curtailed by shelter at home and social distancing requirements. The “YouTube Reading Project” is a great pandemic service opportunity. The project in conjunction with the Rock Island – Milan School District has Rotary volunteers read selected books aloud! Your reading is recorded, and the recording is made available to our local schools. Children will listen and learn, read along, and refugee children can improve their English skills by listening. Twelve club members have already signed up. If you want to help contact project chairman, Gary Rowe at [gnrowe47@gmail.com](mailto:gnrowe47@gmail.com). A list of available books will be provided, all you need to do is share your time and voice!





## 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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

### NEW ROTARY SCARF PROJECT SET FOR "GIVING TUESDAY" DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>

Sue Rector came up with a super idea for a new Rock Island Rotary service project. She is donating the material and Rotarians will gather (socially distanced of course!) to make warm, cute, winter scarfs for needy children. All we need are volunteers who can bring a good pair of scissors and tie knots. Sue will show how it is done and believes we can crank out 50-75 scarfs in just a couple of hours. Time and location to be determined. If you can help, call Sue to volunteer at 563-343-7985 or email her at [srector3614@gmail.com](mailto:srector3614@gmail.com).

### FOUNDATION MINUTE - CONTINUED

The final segment of the luncheon were success stories that highlighted a district grant, a global grant, and a Rotary Scholar. Norlan Hinke, District Grant chair, introduced The Tiny Homes Project by the Rotary Club of Bettendorf. The club's president explained how his club was helping to combat homelessness and its attendant psycho-social problems in the Quad City area.

Global Grant Chair, Brock Earnhardt, introduced a D6000 Global Grant success story, joint effort with God's Mercy Orphanage in Uganda. Club and district contributions and a matching grant from TRF funded medical equipment for Imbabazi (Mercy) Centre for Women and Children where more than 40 orphans learn to read and write while improving their overall hygiene and mental health.

Finally, DG Steve Dakin introduced Rotary Scholar Simone Jean-Marie Renault. Speaking from Los Angeles, the district's recipient of a \$30,000 Global Scholarship, Simone expressed her gratitude to the district and TRF for sponsoring her Graduate Program in Global Mental Health, Public Health and Psychiatry at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine & King's College, London.

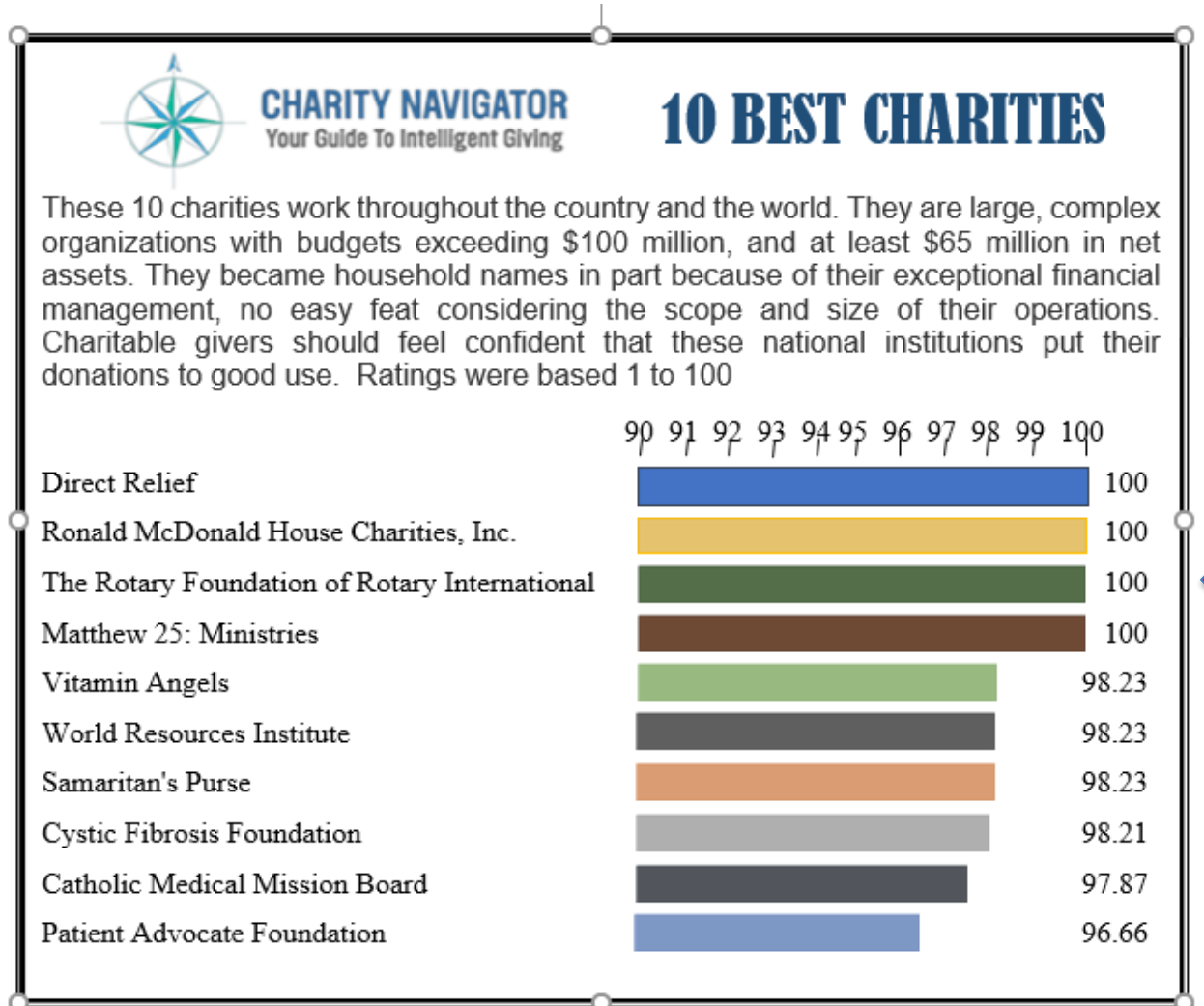
In the district, Forty-nine Rotary Clubs with matching grants of \$408,000 from TRF have funded 42 projects in 23 countries resulting in better health, much literacy, improved economic potentials and a higher quality of life for more than 362,000 poor people.

The 2020 D6000 Foundation Luncheon was presided over by the District Foundation chair, Chris Knaap. It's our Foundation. We give to it. We spend the money. But If we don't give to it, there is no money to be spent...

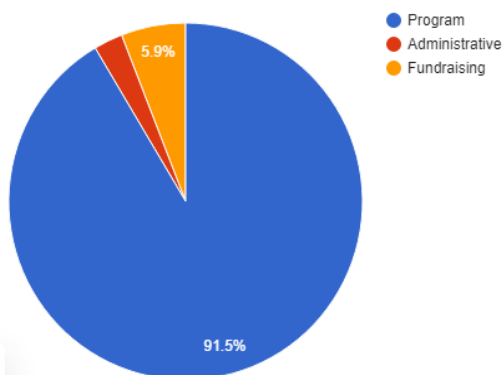
We are contributing to...a safer world, a healthier world, a world based on peace and harmony.

Rotary is an opportunity, if we don't share it, it will wither. (Chris Knapp, D6000 Foundation Chair, November 7, 2020)

## NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, ROTARY FOUNDATION IS AMONG THE BEST!



Expenses Breakdown (FYE 06/2018)



Rotary's administrative costs are just 2.6% of funds raised.  
**91.5%** goes to program services!

Compare others - % going to program services:

Cancer Society – 75.4%

UNICEF – 88.9%

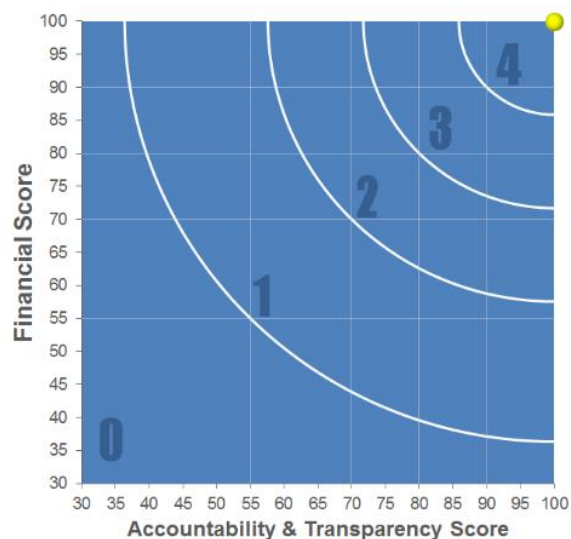
Save the Children – 86%

St. Jude's – 71.9%

AFPCA – 74.6

Alzheimer's – 86%

Heart Association – 79.5%



Charity Navigator Rates the Rotary Foundation at the **Top of the chart** for financial Accountability and Transparency.

You can have confidence that your donation is valued, protected, and wisely spent.

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING A ROTARY LEADER AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL?

Rock Island Rotary has a long and proud tradition of District leadership in Rotary. Rock Island Rotarians who have served as Rotary District Governor include Emerson C. Fisher 1921-22, William N. Phillips 1934-35, Major William R. Stevenson 1946-47, J. Harold Grove 1959-60, Monte Hance 1963-64, Charles O. Austin, Jr. 1978-79, Fred R. Houlton 1985-86, Bennett Litherland 1995-96, Fred Luckenbill 2003-04, and Ruth Lee 2013-14.

This past week our club received a letter from current District Governor Tom Brooks urging us to consider nominating a Rock Island Rotarian for a future District Governor position. He stated that the Nomination cycle for the next District Governor has begun for the 2024-25 year. Any Rotarian who has served as a Club President is eligible to apply for the election by the District Nominating Committee. They will meet December 5, 2020 where they will interview all candidates and choose the next District Governor. This meeting may have to be held on Zoom. The Rotarian that is chosen will have training and operational duties each year leading up to the year of their Governorship and extending for an additional two years in a leadership role.

Previous involvement with Rotary at the District level is recommended and helpful; but is not required. The only requirement for the office is having served as President of a Rotary Club.

Our club has numerous past-presidents that would be outstanding District Governors. Just looking back through our past 20 presidents the names of Mark Mayeski, Sue Cassatt, Bruce Peterson, Steve Morenz, John Phillips, Anne McGlynn, Frank Lambert, Tom Hammar, Jim Moran, Jeff Dismer, Mary Fislar, Bob Swanson, and Kevin Koski come to mind. Our current Assistant District Governor, Gary Rowe is also a well-qualified candidate.

Anyone having an interest is invited to speak with Ruth Lee, our club's most recent District Governor. She is well qualified to tell what is involved, how much time is required, and to lend her experience and advice to help you make the decision. There is no obligation to seeking information! Please give it your consideration.

## ROTARY RESOLUTIONS – FROM SOUP TO NUTS?



Posted by Past District Governor, Scott Shore

Annually, Rotary's Council on Legislation receives, and reviews numerous resolutions proposed by Clubs and Districts from around the world. Those adopted by the Council are then referred to the RI Board of Directors and Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees for their consideration. Each Rotary District has one representative on that Council. PDG Scott Shore as our Rep for 2020-2023 and PDG Steve Kuhn as Alternate, have reviewed 31 proposed Resolutions to cast our District's vote on each by November 15. The resolutions can be found at <https://my.rotary.org/en/cor/vote> If you have any comment to share in regard to these pending Resolutions, please share those comments by email to [DGScott6420@gmail.com](mailto:DGScott6420@gmail.com).

**Subjects of this year's batch of proposed Resolutions include, among others: renewed focus on professional development and vocational service, suggested changes to the Four-Way Test, Rotary sponsorship of EarlyAct Clubs, whether Rotary's non-political policy will continue to prohibit RI from taking a stance on such matters as climate change and nuclear arms controls, whether or how we will address needs arising due to COVID-19, and whether our women/child health focus might be expanded to also address senior health issues.**

You may access the website above for the full text of all pending resolutions. Our own Clubs also have the ability to suggest Resolutions and triennial Legislation. Those procedures are outlined at [tps://my.rotary.org/en/document/how-propose-resolutions-council-resolutions](https://my.rotary.org/en/document/how-propose-resolutions-council-resolutions) and <https://my.rotary.org/en/document/how-propose-enactments-council-legislation>.

This is our opportunity to be heard on a wide variety of subjects. PDG Scott encourages all members to share your comments, concerns or questions so that this process is ours, collectively, as District 6420 Rotarians.