



# Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



## Loredana Cooper

### Black Hawk College ESL Mentor/Mentee Program

#### Nov. – Dec. Calendar

- Dec 1 - Dan McNeil, Executive Dir.  
Spring Forward Learning  
Center
- Dec 8 - Robert W. Pantan, M.D.  
President ILL State Medical  
Society
- Dec 15 - TBA
- Dec 22 - TBA
- Dec 29 - Club Assembly

Loredana Cooper is the English as a Second Language/International Transition Specialist at Black Hawk College. She received her bachelor's degree in System Engineering from the Catholic University of Santa Maria, a local private University in Arequipa, Peru. She began her presentation by telling her owl life's story. Born into poverty in Peru, Loredana saw education as her way out of poverty. Her mother told her, "Get an education and make a mark in the world". Loredana followed that advice and became active in her school participating in dance and band as well as studying hard. Through hard work and perseverance, she worked her way through college. With a degree in hand, Coca Cola in Peru took a chance and hired Loredana as a system engineer. She noted that Peru is still a male dominated society with women expected to stay in the home to cook and clean. She said male coworkers resented taking direction from a woman, but again through hard work she gained their respect. While at Coca Cola she met her future husband, married, and immigrated to the United States. She said learning a second language (English) was very hard. She said it was also necessary to learn the culture. Loredana and her husband settled in the Quad Cities and she spent 7 years working at Morning Star Academy. She then spent 2 years at Esperanza Legal Assistance Center, a legal assistance agency serving low-income, immigrant and Spanish-speaking residents of the Quad Cities who are seeking assistance with issues relating to immigration. Then five years ago she joined the staff at Black Hawk College as head of the ESL Mentor/Mentee program. Since 1991 the Black Hawk ESL program has served more than 1,000 English Learner (EL) students from around the world in the Academic ESL Program. Students are refugees, student-visa holders, businessmen and businesswomen, and visiting scholars. Black Hawk is an accredited ESL program with a strong reputation for excellence and innovation. ESL faculty members and staff are committed to preparing students to be competitive with their American counterparts in vocational and academic programs and in the workforce. Loredana serves as advisor for the English as a Second Language Mentor and Mentee Program. The Mentors & Mentees Program is organized to help international/ESL students (mentees) adjust to cultural and academic differences with the help of a BHC student or BHC employee (mentor). This relationship allows international/ESL students and mentors to engage in educational opportunities outside of the campus as well as develop a foundation for effective, intercultural communication. Another goal of the Mentors & Mentees Program is to promote internationalization of the campus. The mentor volunteers meet with their assigned mentee for social and conversational purpose in an informal setting. One hour each week is the typical time devoted by mentors. The program is meant to help international/ESL students improve their English skills and learn more about the U.S. culture and introduce local students to the cultural diversity of the campus, the community, and the world. The Mentor & Mentee program hosts special events including an International Food Competition at the Quad-Cities Campus. BHC students and employees prepare dishes from their home countries that ranged from savory entrees to sweet desserts. Attendees were able to sample more than 20 dishes and vote for their favorites. Sixteen countries were represented in the competition – Albania, Brazil, Burma, Congo, Ecuador, Ghana, India, Iran, Ireland, Mexico, Paraguay, Senegal, Taiwan, Tanzania, Togo, and Turkey. The program is growing with students from 60 nations. Volunteer mentors are needed. One hour per week is all that is requested. Sounds like a great **Service Above Self** opportunity! Contact Loredana at [cooperl@bhc.edu](mailto:cooperl@bhc.edu).



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## Program Chairs

**2019-20**

Aug – Sept Rebecca Arnold  
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Dec – Jan John Wetzel  
Feb – Mar Gary Rowe  
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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** – Today we had no guests and no visiting Rotarians. Do not forget you can invite a guest to join us on ZOOM if you think they might enjoy the scheduled program and/or might have interest in joining Rotary. Just pass on the meeting ID and password. Then feel free to introduce your guest when the meeting begins. Guests are always welcome at Rock Island Rotary, the Number One Club!
- ☐ **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)
- ☐ **NEW CONTACT INFORMATION FOR BUD PHILLIS** – Foundation chairman Bud Phillis will have a new address and telephone number effective December 5<sup>th</sup>. Please make a note: Bud and Diane will be moving to 2120 Friendship Place, Rock Island, IL 61201 as of December 6<sup>th</sup>. Their new residential phone will be 309-786-9667. Bud will still have his 309-781-7864 cellphone. You'll need this new contact information to make or check on your Foundation donations.
- ☐ **ROTARY BELL RINGING** - We will be working 1 hours shifts on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 10am at the Rock Island HyVee. The last shift starts at 3pm. Mark Mayeski is chairing the project. Rotarians along with family and/or friends will staff both doors with teams of two. If you signed up and find you cannot work, be sure to call Mark so a replacement bell ringer can be found. Thanks to those that signed up!
- ☐ **HAVE A SAFE AND RELAXING THANKSGIVING** – Even in these difficult and frustrating times, we have much to be thankful for – safe water to drink, polio free environment, warm clothes, food to eat, and a roof over our heads. Others are not so fortunate! Rotarians care. Rotarians serve. Rotarians get it done!
- ☐ **HAVE ITEMS FOR OUR NEWSLETTER?** Email items, including photos to Bob Swanson at [bobdebswanson@att.net](mailto:bobdebswanson@att.net).

## THE TAB GROWS

Second vice-president Cindi was back on the job and Rotarians were generous in offering happy/sad dollars. Although absent from the meeting, Bud Phillis incurred a fine for his recent "letter to the editor". Good message Bud! Kathy Lelonek was tabbed for frequent TV appearances on behalf of our school district. Holly Sparkman added a dollar in support of Kathy. Gary Rowe added a happy dollar for the Illini victory of Nebraska and a sad dollar for the passing of Pat Kula, wife of long time RI Rotarian Al Kukla. John Wetzel added his sad dollar in honor of Pat too. Anne McGlynn gave a happy dollar for the 12 checks received this week from members for our Wine Raffle. Molly Shattuck and Tom Hammar each had a happy dollar for getting Frank Lambert to join the meeting today after absenting himself to Key West! Finally, Rebecca Arnold had a dollar celebrating the M.L. King Center's Thanksgiving feast. They provided almost 3,000 free dinners and had help from several Rotarians. Thanks to all!

## WE ARE MAKING SCARFS ON DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>



Sue Rector is donating the material and Rotarians will gather (socially distanced of course!) at 2pm next Tuesday at the Martin Luther King Center to make warm, cute, winter scarfs for needy children. We need 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. We need men/women with scissors ready to work! Rather write than cut? We will also be addressing holiday cards. Bring a pen. If you can help, call Sue at 563-343-7985 or email her at [srector3614@gmail.com](mailto:srector3614@gmail.com).

## FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to Week 4 of the Rotary International's Foundation Month!

It is a few more weeks to the end of a tumultuous year for Rotarians, but the spate of Coronavirus attacks and natural disasters has not dampened the enthusiasm for doing good all over. Rotary clubs in D3830 continue to give back to society as the pandemic took the world by storm. The Philippines General Hospital in Manila is the recipient of a recent Global Grant jointly written by District 3830 (Manila, Philippines) and D3620 (South Korea) and matched by TRF. The Let's Save the Brain Project was awarded a grant of 2,745,600 Philippine Peso (\$56,923, USD) by TRF which was used to donate 13 bedside monitors vital to saving the lives of patients in Ward 5 of PGH where patients recovering from stroke and other brain diseases are admitted. The Rotary Clubs of Makati Century City, Makati Premier District and Fort Bonifacio Global City coordinated the project. Rotary Club of Cheonan Chungnam contributed to the fund.

In the words of TRF's Trustee chair K.R. "Ravi" Ravindrin, "The year-end holidays are upon us. It is a time of giving and sharing, but it is not limited to our loved ones. It is also for the people we have never met and will never see, for those who are not so fortunate as we and could use a helping hand. The miracle of giving that Scrooge discovered on Christmas Eve is exactly what The Rotary Foundation does 365 days a year."

As if responding to Rotarian Ravindran's challenge, Rotary clubs in D3830 proved that, "...together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."



### ANGEL TREE REMINDER

Chair Molly Shattuck MUST HAVE all the gifts no later than December 14<sup>th</sup>! She must deliver them to Earl Hanson School on the 15<sup>th</sup> so the staff can distribute them to the students at their homes. Be sure your gifts are holiday wrapped, put in a bag, and the student's name needs to be on or attached to the bag. Any questions, email Molly at [molly@hammarcpa.com](mailto:molly@hammarcpa.com). Drop packages off at Molly's office, Hammar & Associates, 2300 – 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Rock Island. If you cannot get them there let Molly know and they will be picked up from you. Thanks to all who took Angels and helped make the holidays a happy time for 35 excited children!

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

We all know Rotary is not a social club, nor is it a lunch club, even though we greatly enjoy our 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 significant damper on our service activities. Community Grants is on hold right now waiting to see what agencies survive the pandemic and which most desperately need help. Similarly, our hands-on projects have been curtailed by shelter at home and social distancing requirements. Today President Campbell offered us a "made for the pandemic" service opportunity. The project will be done in conjunction with the Rock Island – Milan School District. All volunteers need to do is read! You read a book aloud and your voice is recorded. The recording is then made available to our local schools so children can listen and learn, read along, and refugee children can improve their English skills by listening. Many club members have already signed up. If you want to help contact Angela at [campbell.angela@rigov.org](mailto:campbell.angela@rigov.org), OR Gary Rowe at [gnrowe47@gmail.com](mailto:gnrowe47@gmail.com).



# ***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)



## **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

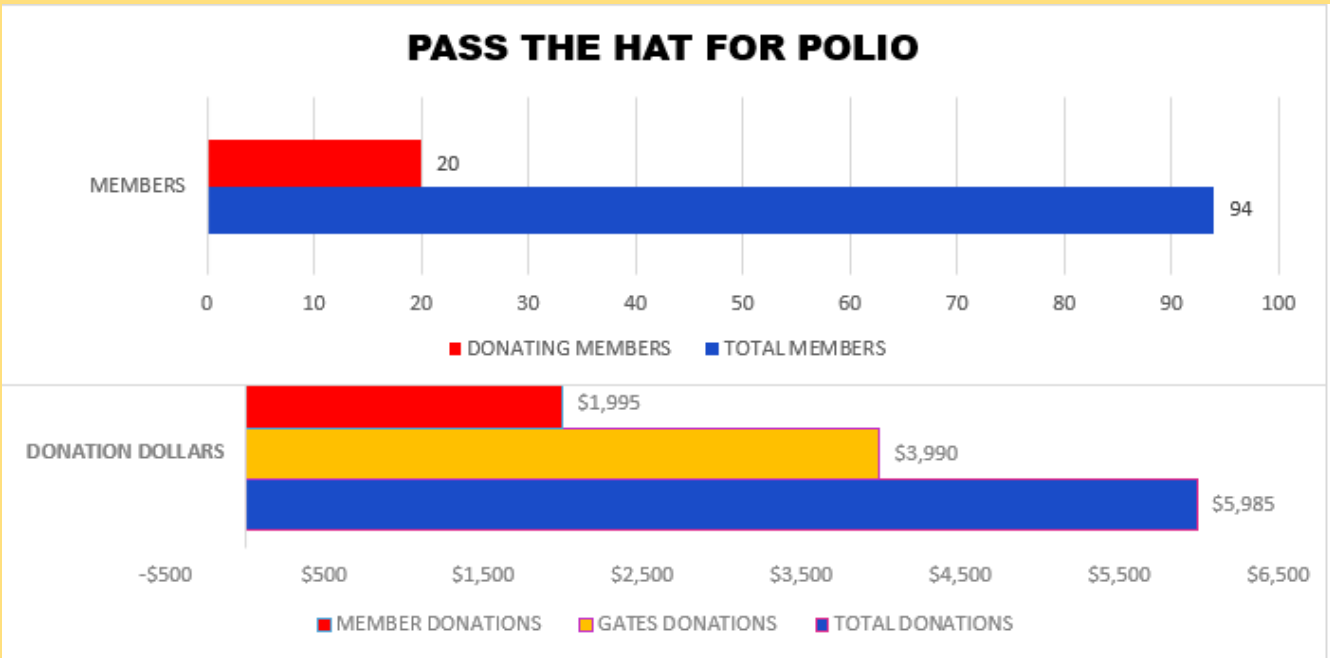
**RSVP:** Kathy Trone 309-794-9400 or [Kathy@wesselspc.com](mailto:Kathy@wesselspc.com)

**The Rock Island Rotary Club is challenging all other Rotary Clubs in the QC Area to participate and TRY to win the "Traveling**



## FINAL REPORT “Pass the Hat for Polio”

A flurry of donations during the final week of the campaign pushed the final total far beyond our initial goal and once again showed that Rock Island Rotarians can be counted on to come through when asked to help! We asked all members to participate with a \$10 donation. Had everyone done so we would have raised \$940. In the end we received donations from 20 members and a total of \$1,995. That plus the 2 for 1 match from the Gates Foundation made our total donation impact a significant **\$5,985**. Our little “Pass the Hat” campaign will provide vaccine to more than 9,650 children! Thanks to all who donated!



## WE ARE FORTUNATE

Rotary was born in Illinois

Rotary's World Headquarters remains in Illinois

Rotary's President and President Elect are required to live in Illinois during their term of office

The room where Rotary founder Paul Harris met with Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram E. Shorey for the first Rotary meeting was in Loehr's Chicago office. That room was carefully dismantled board by board when the building was scheduled for demolition. It was painstakingly, carefully, and authentically rebuilt inside Rotary's World Headquarters.

Rotarians can schedule tours of the World Headquarters and Clubs can schedule meetings there.

Paul Harris' Chicago home has also been preserved and is open for tours. It is located on the South side of Chicago, approximately 30 miles from the World Headquarters.

Even though we live so close, few of us have ever visited Rotary's Headquarters. [Here is your chance.](https://youtu.be/-A7SGQxB3AAQUARTERS) This video tour takes about 30 minutes so when you have the time, click on this link for a guided tour our World Rotary home!

<https://youtu.be/-A7SGQxB3AAQUARTERS>



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of Rock Island*  
is proud to present the 2021

## *Annual Wine Raffle*

Proceeds benefit the Rock Island  
Rotary "Service Above Self"  
scholarship program.

1st Prize—  
\$500 in Wine

2nd Prize—  
\$300 in Wine

3rd Prize—  
\$200 in Wine



*"It doesn't matter if the glass  
is half-full or half-empty, there is  
always room for more wine."*

Ticket shown "stocking ready" wrapped around an airflight sized wine bottle.

**Please do not forget to forward your filled-out ticket stubs and payment to Rock Island Rotary,  
P.O. Box 4514 Rock Island, IL, 61254-4514 or kindly return the ticket to that same address or to  
Kathy Trone at 423 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 102 in Rock Island.**