



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

United States **MARINE CORPS BAND**

"The President's Own"



Nov. – Dec. Calendar

- Dec 1 - Dan McNeil, Executive Dir.
Spring Forward Learning
Center
- Dec 8 - Robert W. Panton, M.D.
President ILL State Medical
Society
- Dec 8 - 2pm Scarf Making / Card
addressing at King Center
- Dec 15 - TBA
- Dec 22 - TBA
- Dec 29 - Club Assembly

Typically, our program for the first meeting in December is the Rock Island High School Chamber Singers presenting a program of holiday music. Unfortunately, the pandemic has eliminated all performance of the Chamber Singers. Our own Dan McNeil volunteered to provide the program and was scheduled to speak about Spring Forward Learning Center. Last minute circumstances forced Dan to cancel. Therefore, we turned to an alternate source of holiday cheer and were entertained by the President's Own, United States Marine Corps Band. The United States Marine Band is the premier band of the United States Marine Corps. Established by act of Congress on July 11, 1798, it is the oldest of the United States military bands and the oldest professional musical organization in the United States. Today, the Marine Band also includes the Marine Chamber Orchestra and Marine Chamber Ensembles. The Marine Band has been uniquely known as "The President's Own" since 1801 due to the historic connection to the President of the United States. The relationship between the Marine Band and the White House began on New Year's Day 1801, when President John Adams invited the band to perform at the Executive Mansion. Later that year, Thomas Jefferson initiated the tradition of Marine Band performances by requesting that it perform at his inauguration. The Marine Band has played at every United States presidential inauguration since. President Thomas Jefferson gave the title "The President's Own" in 1801. The Marine Band performs in approximately 500 events every year including state funerals, state arrival ceremonies, state dinners, parades, concerts, and other social events. The Marine Band also travels across the country each October and November during its fall concert tour, a tradition that began in 1891 under its most famous director, composer John Philip Sousa. The Marine Band recruits experienced musicians; members are selected through a rigorous audition procedure and must satisfy additional security and physical requirements to be eligible. Selected band members serve under a four-year contract as active duty enlisted Marines and are subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice and physical standards. Today Rock Island Rotary had the rare treat of being entertained by the President's Own band! The performance began with *The Christmas Song* written by Mel Tormé and made world famous by Nat King Cole. Most of us know the song by its iconic first line, "Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire". Next the band played a jazzy version of the Irving Berlin classic, *White Christmas*, which was first recorded by Bing Crosby and remains the world's best-selling single of all time with more than 50 million copies sold worldwide. Turning away from popular holiday fare, the band presented the *Prelude and Fugue for Christmas* by contemporary composer, Simon Wills. The prelude is based on the carol *Quem Pastores* and the fugue cleverly introduces eight other carols. Next the band featured its trumpet section with Leroy Anderson's 1954 composition, *Bugler's Holiday*. David Letterman made a surprise appearance joining us to introduce the band's next piece. Continuing with the works of Leroy Anderson, the President's Own performed *Sleigh Ride*. Our concert came to an end with the band turning to the works of its most famous conductor. John Phillip Sousa said that he wrote the piece to honor the officers and marines of the United States Marine Corps. He gave it the name of the Marine's sacred oath, "*Semper Fidelis*" (Always Faithful) and considered it his greatest work. It has become the official march of the U.S. Marine Corps. We hope you enjoyed the concert!



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Have a program idea? Contact
the chairman listed above for a
possible date.

Club Notes & Announcements!

- ☐ **WELCOME GUESTS** – Today we were pleased to welcome Marvel Green, widow of long time Rock Island Rotarian, Bill Green. We also had three visiting Rotarians. Mark Zimmerman and his daughter Liz Waldman, both members of the Davenport Club and Duncan Cameron from the Naples, Florida club joined us. 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
- ☐ **NEW CONTACT INFORMATION FOR BUD PHILLIS** – Foundation chairman Bud Phillis will have a new address and telephone number effective December 5th. Please make a note: Bud and Diane will be moving to 2120 Friendship Place, Rock Island, IL 61201 as of December 6th. Their new residential phone will be 309-732-3120 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 this Saturday, December 5th 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 563-528-2359 so a replacement bell ringer can be found. Thanks to those that signed up!**
- ☐ **SCARF MAKING / HOLIDAY CARDS PROJECT** - Helpers are needed to make scarfs and address holiday cards. Meet at the Martin Luther King Center at 2pm next Tuesday, December 8th. Thanks Sue Rector for donating the material and Rebecca Arnold and the King Center for lining up the room!
- ☐ **HAVE ITEMS FOR OUR NEWSLETTER?** Email items, including photos to Bob Swanson at bobdebswanson@att.net.

THE TAB GROWS

Vice-president Cindi Gramenz helped the coffers of the Rotary Foundation with fines and happy/sad dollars. Mark Mayeski was fined \$1 for a recent newspaper article and photo honoring Mark for 10 years of excellent service as a financial advisor for Edward Jones. Mark added \$9 to make is a dollar for each year. Dr. Jim Nordquist was fined a dollar for his recently announced retirement. He added \$41 more to make it a dollar for each of his 42 years at Rock Island Optometric Center. Anne McGlynn contributed \$20 for finding a 20-year-old Rock Island Roster Book while clearing some items from her home. Mark Zimmerman gave a sad dollar, noting that his former Zimmerman showroom in Rock Island is now completely gone. Another sad dollar came from Monta Ponsetto. After enjoying a visit from son, John, she had to bid farewell as he returned to his aircraft carrier and once again set out for the Persian Gulf. Finally, President Angela Campbell put in a happy dollar after being advised that Rotarians have filled all our time shifts for Salvation Armv Bell Ringing this Saturday! Thanks to all!



ANGEL TREE REMINDER

Chair Molly Shattuck **MUST HAVE** all the gifts no later than December 14th! She must deliver them to Earl Hanson School on the 15th 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. Drop packages off at Molly's office, Hammar & Associates, 2300 – 5th 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!



WE ARE MAKING SCARFS ON DECEMBER 8th

A scheduling conflict caused us to move our Scarf Making Project back one week. We will be meeting at the Martin Luther King Center at 2pm next Tuesday, December 8th. Sue Rector will bring the material and Rotary "helpers" should bring scissors! Sue will show us how to make warm, cute, winter scarfs for needy children from the material she is donating. Volunteers need only bring a good pair of scissors and be able to tie knots. Sue will show how it is done! We hope to make 50 to 75 scarfs in just a couple of hours.

If cutting and tying is not your forte, we also need volunteers to address holiday cards. Just bring a pen. The cards and addresses will be provided!

If you can help, call Sue at 563-343-7985 or email her at srector3614@gmail.com.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DECEMBER ROTARIANS

Kathy Lelonek	December	9
Mark Mayeski	December	15
David Parker	December	18
John Phillips	December	26
Chris Lemon	December	28
Jeff Whitaker	December	29



★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

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



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

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

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

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

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

FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to the last week of Rotary International's Foundation Month!

The news this week is all about Rotarians helping ease the discomfort of COVID-19 in communities impacted by the pandemic. Fifty-two clubs make up Rotary International District 6380 (Michigan and Ontario, Canada) with seven clubs located in Macomb County, Michigan. These seven clubs donated more than 90,000 PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) to hospitals, nursing homes, dental offices, homeless shelters, food programs and schools as part of their on-going "100,000 Mask Challenge." This largesse was made possible through a Rotary International Disaster Grant of \$25,000 awarded by TRF.

In a related report, the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor North received a \$73,000 grant from TRF called the "Pandemic Relief for Detroit Project" to provide a total of 100,000 masks to frontline workers in the area. A member of the Livingston Sunrise Rotary Club and incoming DG for 2021-2022, Brenda K. Tipton, expressed gratitude to the Foundation, explaining that the \$73,000 GG Project "will supply PPEs and human service needs to the Detroit area...The Detroit VA Hospital is on the list to receive \$10,000 worth of PPEs."

Still in Michigan, District 6360 has provided funds matched by TRF to agencies providing nutritious meals to seniors in St. Joseph-Barton Harbor. The Rotary Club of St. Joseph-Barton Harbor handed a sum of \$3,750 to Senior Nutrition Services and Meals on Wheels of SW Michigan. TRF grant was awarded to help respond to the COVID-19 pandemic which has caused over 66% increase in need and new requests. Prior to Coronavirus, according to club president, Matt Hanley, 300 meals a day were served, but with the onset of the pandemic, the need has risen to 500 meals daily.

As I look back on 2020, I reflect on how our lives have changed. The global COVID-19 pandemic brought pain and loss to many of us. And for almost all of us, our daily lives, family time, and work also changed this year. But we've made it to the end of this difficult year, not on our own but by reaching out to one another, as we always do in Rotary. With each passing year, I become prouder of our organization. (Holger Knaack, RI President 2020-21)

ROCK ISLAND ROTARY CLUB FOUNDATION HONORS THREE

Club Foundation chair, John Phillips introduced Marvel Green, Mark Zimmerman, and John Wetzel as recipients of Club Foundation Recognition. The Rock Island Rotary Foundation was created in 2008 as a result of a generous bequest of \$200,000 from the estate of Stan Harris. This Foundation is intended to support projects and programs that benefit the people of Rock Island. The Board's policy is to use only the net income and appreciated value of the fund to further the goals of Rock Island Rotary to help the Rock Island community. The Foundation board is comprised of Rock Island Rotarians. Since its creation, the Foundation has nearly doubled with current assets just under \$400,000. Chairman Phillips noted that gifts can be made during one's lifetime by Memorial or Honorary Gifts, Charitable Lead Trust, Gifts That Pay Income, Charitable Gift Annuities, Charitable Remainder Trusts. Gifts can also be made beyond one's lifetime via Charitable Bequest, Beneficiary Designations, or Endowed Gifts.

John reminded club members that substantial Club Foundation grants have been given to help build the Botanical Center's Children's Garden; purchase lights and scoreboards for Rotary Field at the Rock Island Girls Softball Complex adjacent to the Hauberg Center; fund the creation of the innovative Incubator program at Rock Island High School; and helped purchase a new van for Spring Forward Learning Center. These were just four of many projects our Foundation has funded.

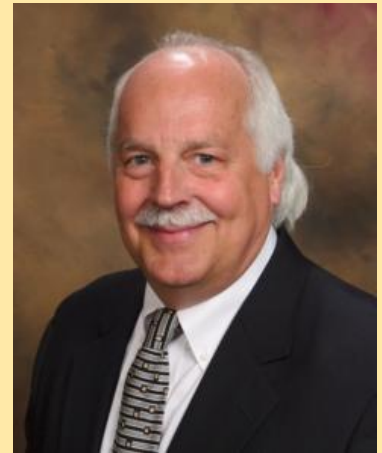
The Foundation recognizes various level of donors and today Marvel Green was recognized as a "Friend" of the Rock Island Rotary Foundation signifying contributions in excess of \$500. Many of the contributions came in honorary memorials for the passing of Marvel's husband and former Rock Island Rotary Club member, Bill Green. Mark Zimmerman was also named a "Friend" of the Rock Island Rotary Foundation for his contributions now exceeding \$500. John Wetzel was honored as a "Patron" of the Rock Island Rotary Foundation for his contributions now in excess of \$5,000. John stated that he found it easy to contribute by using his required IRA annual distribution funds, which also provides a significant tax advantage. John also mentioned that under the "Cares Act" for this year up to \$300 in charitable donations may be directly written off against taxes. That is something we all need to check out with our tax professionals. We sincerely appreciate the generosity of Marvel, Mark, and John. We hope others will follow their lead and support our Club Foundation.



Marvel & Bill Green



John Wetzel



Mark Zimmerman

WINE RAFFLE CO-CHAIR OFFERS THANKS!

Co-chair Anne McGlynn requested that we include a very special "Thank You" to the most recent TEN Rotarians who sent in their wine raffle stubs and contributions. She reports that already 23 members have paid for their tickets and are supporting the raffle's push to use them as Stocking Stuffers and dinner favors. Anne was the one that came up with the clever idea of wrapping a ticket around an airplane sized bottle of wine, add a ribbon and bow and you have a unique and inexpensive gift. Who knows, the recipient may end up with one of the three winning tickets and have \$200, \$300, or \$500 dollars' worth of wine to enjoy. So far, we are off to a great start!



*Raffle tickets make
perfect stocking stuffers!*

\$5 Each
Or
5 for \$20

Contact
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*The Rotary Club
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 airlight 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 17th Street, Suite 102 in Rock Island.

Last week we provided a virtual tour of our Rotary World Headquarters located in Evanston, Illinois. This week we give the story of the how and why Rotary owns our own building and how it came to be located in Evanston. [Reprinted from Rotary International – History]

ROTARY HISTORY

A Home for Headquarters

The idea that Rotary should own its headquarters dates back at least to the 1920 convention, when Albert Adams, 1919-20 Rotary president, told attendees that he hoped to someday see the headquarters in a beautiful building of Rotary's own.

"It sounds like a dream, doesn't it?" he said. "But it can be done."

Rotary's worldwide presence, and the number of secretariat staff members working to support it, would grow considerably by the time the idea became a reality in the 1950s.

The Chicago years

The National Association of Rotary Clubs — now Rotary International — formed in 1910 and had its headquarters in the Chicago, Illinois, USA, office of its secretary, Chesley R. Perry. In March 1911, Rotary's headquarters moved to rented space in the First National Bank Building, one of many downtown Chicago rentals.

In 1914, Rotary set up its headquarters in the Karpen Building on South Michigan Avenue. During its nine years there, the staff grew to 78 people, and Rotary expanded beyond North America and Europe to Asia, South America, Africa, and Oceania. Citing increasing rent after World War I, Rotary moved to the Atwell Building in 1923, then to several more buildings after that.

After so many moves, some Rotary leaders began to call for a world headquarters that RI itself would own. Delegates at the 1921 convention attempted to pass a resolution to purchase a site for a building of Rotary's own, but they were unsuccessful. The 1928 convention delegates adopted a similar resolution, which had two notable conditions: There would be no increase in the per capita tax or assessment on clubs, and the site was to be in Chicago. A committee was formed, and potential locations identified, but the Depression and the U.S. entry into World War II delayed any further action.

The search begins

Finally, in 1943, the debate over sites got underway when the RI Board appointed a headquarters committee consisting of 1939-40 RI Director Roy Weaver from Colorado, 1942-43 RI Director Fred Haas from Nebraska, and 1935-36 RI President Ed Johnson.

Around the time of his appointment, Johnson sent a letter to other past presidents sharing his vision for a building for Rotary in Evanston, a suburb north of Chicago and near the campus of Northwestern University. He appealed to the financial sensibilities of ownership and to the sentimental opportunity to dedicate a building to Paul Harris, Rotary's founder. He also proposed that sponsoring the building could become an objective of The Rotary Foundation, which at the time had no regular programs.

The 1944 convention delegates approved expanding the headquarters search beyond Chicago. Thirty clubs expressed interest in having the headquarters located in or near their cities. Committee members visited seven of the cities and ultimately recommended Denver, Colorado, USA, as the site for headquarters.

The recommendation surprised members and the Chicago community. The group representing Chicago met with the Board and highlighted the city's status as a financial and transportation center accessible by rail and air. Representatives also reinforced the connection between Rotary and the city, noting that "Chicago business and civic leaders have a justifiable pride centered in the fact that Rotary is an offspring of Chicago."

Proposals to relocate to Denver were debated at length and finally rejected at the 1946 and 1947 conventions.

Making Evanston home

In January 1952, the Board decided to "immediately and energetically" begin looking for land or a building in Chicago or the vicinity. That August, a lot was purchased in Evanston. The November issue of The Rotarian (as Rotary magazine was then known) previewed sketches and details of the new three-story building, which was distinguished by a large granite staircase, monolithic columns, and angled building wings. Inside the building were modern systems and features, including an acoustic ceiling treatment and air conditioning.

ROTARY HISTORY – Continued

Rotary leaders gathered at 1600 Ridge Avenue for a groundbreaking ceremony in 1953, and the building opened in August of the following year. In that first month, 250 Rotary members and friends visited to see it for themselves.

Despite initial room to grow and a later addition, Rotary eventually outgrew that space. In 1987, Rotary purchased the building on Sherman Avenue in Evanston from Baxter Travenol Laboratories. Known today as One Rotary Center, that building is still home to Rotary International World Headquarters and welcomes more than 2,000 visitors a year. Learn how to schedule a tour.

Rotary world headquarters locations

Some former locations are still commercial or office space, while others have been converted to private residences.

1910: Chesley R. Perry's office, LaSalle Street, Chicago

1911: First National Bank Building, South Dearborn Street and Monroe Street, Chicago (now demolished)

1913: Fort Dearborn Building, South Clark Street and Monroe Street, Chicago (now demolished)

1914: Karpen Building, South Michigan Avenue, Chicago

1923: Atwell Building, Cullerton Street and Prairie Avenue, Chicago

1928: Chicago Evening Post Building, West Wacker Drive near Wells Street, Chicago

1934: Jewelers' Building (previously the Pure Oil Building), East Wacker Drive, Chicago

1954: Ridge Avenue, Evanston

1987: One Rotary Center, Sherman Avenue, Evanston

In addition to its headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA, Rotary International has several offices worldwide.

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Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI)*

Rotary clubs in Great Britain and Ireland are served by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) and not by Rotary World Headquarters or the international offices.

RIBI General Secretary, Amanda Watkin

* During World War 1, there was little contact between the international clubs and the British Rotary Association held the small number of Rotary clubs together in Great Britain, Ireland with a few other European communities. Following the war, a new Rotary regulation came into place whereby countries which had more than 25 clubs could apply to be a 'territorial unit' and be represented on the Rotary International board. The clubs in Great Britain were the only ones to apply and Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) was formed. Shortly afterwards, the territorial unit concept was dropped, yet existing units were allowed to keep their rights and privileges. RIBI continues to function as an independent unit of Rotary International.