



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

The Illinois State Medical Society

Dr. Robert Panton, President



The Illinois State Medical Society is a professional organization that represents and unifies its physician members as they practice the science and art of medicine. The Society represents the interests of member physicians, advocates for patients and promotes the doctor/patient relationship, the ethical practice of medicine, and the betterment of the public health. The Society was formed in Springfield, Illinois in June of 1840. 12 physicians and surgeons of the State of Illinois assembled to make preliminary arrangements for the organization of the Illinois State Medical Society. These physicians were concerned with the solution of ethical, scientific, legislative, and economic problems plaguing physicians. From this embryonic beginning, ISMS has grown into the leading advocate of Illinois physicians and patients. Since its inception, ISMS membership has represented the overwhelming majority of Illinois physicians statewide, from all specialties and practice. Robert W. Panton, MD is the Societies President for 2020-2021. A board-certified specialist in ophthalmology, Dr. Panton is in private practice in Elmwood Park. He is on active staff at Gottlieb Memorial Hospital, Rush Oak Park Hospital, Westlake Hospital and West Suburban Hospital Medical Center. Dr. Panton is a fellow with both the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the American College of Surgeons. He received his undergraduate, Master's and medical degrees from Brown University, completing his internship in internal medicine at the University of Chicago. He completed his residency in ophthalmology at the University of Illinois Medical Center in Chicago and his fellowship in cornea and cataract surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Dr. Panton, as expected, spent the majority of his time speaking about the coronavirus pandemic. He noted that the State Medical Society has been at the forefront of the battle against the disease working closely with Governor Pritzker and drafting many of the orders the governor issued. The Society has also sponsored numerous public announcements promoting social distancing, frequent hand washing, and wearing masks. He said the association also compiled data identifying the most dangerous activities with regard to the disease and pointed out that the number one most dangerous activity is going to bars. He said in that environment people are in close proximity to one another and frequently remove their masks for drinking and eating. Legislatively the Medical Society has successfully obtained new laws to increase funding for mental health and substance abuse, and to increase transparency of medical qualifications. They are currently working for legislation to allow tele-health in Illinois. During the pandemic tele-health has been allowed by executive order and its use has increased from .01% of medical visits to a high of 45.9% in April. It has now leveled off at about 20% and the Society strongly supports continuing tele-health to provide better care for patients in rural areas and patients reluctant or unable to seek medical care in person. Another top priority for the ISMS is to reform the prior-authorization laws in Illinois. Currently insurance companies may require their authorization before covering procedures a doctor may recommend. The Society wants to establish qualifications for those doing the authorizing and time requirements for their decision. Finally, Dr. Panton Stated vaccines will be authorized in a few weeks and have proven to be highly effective and safe. He said the flu vaccine is 20-60% effective and the coronavirus is proving to be 96% effective. Thank you, Dr. Panton for a most enlightening program.

Dec. – Jan. Calendar

- Dec 8 - 2pm Scarf Making / Card addressing at King Center
- Dec 15 - Dan McNeil, Executive Dir. Spring Forward Learning Center
- Dec 22 - Preparing for your 2020 Tax Year - Tom Hammar & Molly Shattuck
- Dec 29 - Club Assembly – Committees Will report their activities
- Jan 5 - Jeff Rose – The Economy
- Jan 11 - State of the City, Mayor Mike Thoms **NOTE THIS IS A MONDAY JOINT MEETING WITH KIWANIS**



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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** – Today had two visiting Rotarians. Mark Zimmerman of the Davenport Club and Duncan Cameron from the Naples, Florida club joined us. Guests are always welcome at Rock Island
- ❑ **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 has a new address and telephone number. Bud and Diane moved to 2120 Friendship Place, Rock Island, IL 61201. Their new residential phone is 309-732-3120. Bud still has his 309-781-7864 cellphone. You'll need this new contact information to make or check on your Foundation donations.
- ❑ **SCARF MAKING / HOLIDAY CARDS PROJECT** - Helpers are needed to make scarfs and address holiday cards. Meet at the Martin Luther King Center at 2pm today, December 8th. Thanks Sue Rector for donating the material and Rebecca Arnold and the King Center for lining up the room! Show up to help!
- ❑ **HOLIDAY GIFT IDEA** – Here's an idea for that very special person who already has everything. Make a charitable gift in their name. We will provide an appropriate, personalized certificate card for presentation to the recipient. Give a water filter for children in Kenya - \$350; or a Paul Harris Fellow award - \$1,000. The gift is a great and caring way to honor your recipient and may have beneficial tax consequences for you as well. Contact Bob Swanson for details.
- ❑ **HAVE ITEMS FOR OUR NEWSLETTER?** Email items, including photos to Bob Swanson at bobdebswanson@att.net.


THE TAB GROWS

Once again, our coffers grew with numerous happy/sad dollars. Tom Showalter offered \$2 happy dollars for the large, color photo of his wife Ann that appeared today on the front page of local newspapers. Kai Swanson had a happy dollar in honor of his new granddaughter and will be traveling soon to Delaware to meet her. John Wetzel and Sue Rector had happy dollars for Iowa's football victory over Illinois. Gary Row added a sad dollar for the same game, which had an outcome he did not enjoy. John Wetzel added a sad dollar for the Chicago Bears poor performance vs. Detroit this past Sunday. Linda Golden put in a happy dollar in honor of her Salvation Army Bell Ringing partner, Brady Shattuck. Brady is Molly's 7-year-old son and Linda report that he did a fantastic job for charity! Rebecca Arnold paid a \$1 fine for joining the meeting late. Happy/Sad dollars and fines go to our Rotary International Foundation fund and help provide club support to those seeking to become new Paul Harris Fellows. Thanks to all who donate!



ANGEL TREE REMINDER – Less than a week to go!

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 TODAY

Rotarians will be meeting at the Martin Luther King Center at 2pm today to make winter scarfs for Earl Hanson kids., Sue Rector is providing the material and Rotary “helpers” were asked to bring scissors! Sue will show us how to cut and tie the material to make warm, cute, winter scarfs for needy children. Volunteers need only bring a good pair of scissors and be able to tie knots. We hope to make 50 to 75 scarfs in just a couple of hours.

For those that don’t care to cut and tie, volunteers will also be addressing holiday cards. Just bring a pen. The cards and addresses will be provided!

If you can help, come to the King Center today at 2pm. .

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 December

Formerly – The Rotary Family Month

Now – Disease Prevention and Treatment Month of Rotary International.

Generally, this is the month most people in the world recap on the year's activities; and what a recap 2020 would be for most of us! However, in conjunction with TRF's mission of advancing "world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health..." among other goals, Rotarians have made improvements in the area of disease prevention and treatment. Rotarians are providing much relief to a world filled with misery, pain, and poverty. TRF believes that good health is a right of everyone in a world where 400 million people cannot afford or do not have access to basic health care. A quick round-up on global health achievements reveals that treating and preventing disease are important to TRF and that is why the following accomplishments are top of TRF's list:

- Setting up mobile health vehicles and clinics, blood donation centers and training facilities in underserved communities struggling with outbreaks and healthcare access
- Providing clean water in hospitals, schools, and community centers.
- Improving the capacity of local health care professionals
- Promoting disease prevention programs, with the goal of limiting the spread of communicable diseases
- Enhancing the health infrastructures of local communities
- Encouraging initiatives that allows doctors, patients, and governments to work together.
- Combating diseases like Malaria, and HIV/AIDS.
- Ending Polio
- Providing health education through routine hearing, vision (cataract surgeries), and dental care.
- Establishing virtual clinics or telemedicine in rural parts of the world. The current edition of The Rotarian cites a story of a pulmonologist whose Rotary club helps fund one such clinic in remote parts of Nepal.

"The polio structure in Nigeria has made the response to any disease outbreak quicker and more focused. Because we have people who are already knowledgeable from the grassroots to the national level, we can quickly equip them to respond....That is why Nigeria was able to defeat Ebola, and why Nigeria is also able to fight COVID-19. The world has Rotary International to thank for this." (Dr. Onyibe, WHO Nigeria's Office)

*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.



AUGUSTANA CHRISTMAS NEED

Augustana has 63 international students who will be living on campus pretty much alone for the 5 weeks of the holiday break. There will be limited food service available but not much by way of fresh foods and nothing special for Christmas as Augie has just a skeleton crew of staff working to support these students.

Augustana hopes to provide each of these students with a \$100 HyVee gift card that will help them to make it through this break in a healthier manner. Augie has a lead gift of \$3000 and a few alumni gifts in so far; but are needing help to get the total amount needed. Many Rotarians have Augustana connections and we all care about kids. The need is for gifts of any size directed to the college for the purpose of International Students Holiday Break Gift Cards. You can send your gift to Sue Rector at Augustana College, 639 - 38th Street, Rock Island, IL 61201.

ROCK ISLAND ROTARIANS RING THE BELL FOR CHAIRITY!

Organizing the club's Salvation Army bell ringing was a bit harder this year because of the Coronavirus. We finally filled all the spots and a great weather day was on tap—what could go wrong? Well, it is 2020! After numerous assurances from Salvation Army that we would have two kettles, Saturday morning came, and there was only one kettle!! Program chair Mark Mayeski got Salvation Army on the horn and a temporary kettle was delivered quickly so we could collect donations in front of the entry to the liquor section. Turned out to be a blessing in disguise, because as we know, with the stay-at-home order way more people enter through the liquor section these days. Thanks to all those who volunteered!

Signing off till next year,
Mark Mayeski

Rebecca Arnold, Gary Rowe, & Sue Rector



Avalon Thomas-Roebal & John Daly

Brady Shattuck, age 7

John Phillips & Cindi Gramenz



Tom Hammar, Brady Shattuck, & Mark Mayeski



Rick Devinney



Dan McNeil



Sarah Gorman & Sue Cassatt



Jim Moran



Howard Beck & Jim Nordquist



We regret not being able to obtain photos of all Rotarians who helped Ring the Bells. Thanks to all!

Chairman Mark & Kim Mayeski

