



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



DARI Liz Tallman



Liz Tallman was named Vice President of Development of the Development Association of Rock Island in August of 2020. In that capacity, Tallman oversees a newly created public/private economic development partnership between the City of Rock Island and DARI to help new and established businesses that are seeking to locate, start or grow in Rock Island. Tallman leads an economic development team tasked with proactively engaging with businesses interested in growth opportunities in Rock Island through a coordinated, customer driven, and collaborative approach. Previously Ms. Tallman served as Chief Economic Development Officer for the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce/Quad Cities First; Vice President Economic Development for Quad Cities First/Quad Cities Chamber; Vice President Public Policy for the Quad City Development Group; Economic Development Manager for the City of Davenport; Community and Economic Development Program Director for the Bi-State Regional Commission; and in Job Training Administration, for Black Hawk County, Waterloo, Iowa. She holds bachelor's and masters degrees in Public Administration from the University of Northern Iowa. Ms. Tallman explained that DARI's new partnership with the City of Rock Island has eight areas of emphasis. **1. Business Resources.** DARI will act as a collection center for all types of information necessary for successful business operation. Currently over 1,000 business in Rock Island have signed up and almost 800 have already used Business Resources data. **2. Business Development.** DARI currently has 38 projects underway. Seventeen involve expansion of current businesses and 21 involve attracting new businesses to the city. To help in development \$9.7 million in new investment has been committed to downtown Rock Island. During 2020 over \$70 million for business expansion was planned or underway. **3. Business Corridors.** Several Rock Island Business Corridors have been established such as the Hilltop Business Association, 11th Street Corridor, and Downtown Development. Although Covid has limited the ability to actively be out in the corridors, DARI is committed to aiding these organizations with both finance and information. **4. Product Development.** Rock Island is the product and DARI is working to promote and enhance that product by removing blight, providing grants and expertise to improve the quality of buildings, office, manufacturing, and warehousing space. Rock Island needs to show prospective businesses that our city has excellent facilities available to meet their needs. This also includes quality, affordable housing for business management and employees. Tallman used the "Live-Work-RI" program as an example. That program have provided Rock Island homebuyers with downpayment and closing cost assistance with an average of over \$5,600 per home purchaser generating over \$3 million in real estate transactions. **5. Financial Assistance.** DARI has provided a "Business Guide of Programs" for Rock Island businesses to help them identify programs that are available to assist and meet their needs. They also provide direct grants to businesses including \$140,600 in grants for Round 1 covid relief to Rock Island small businesses and an anticipated \$280,00 in Round 2 grants. **6. Marketing & Communication.** Here DARI is working to increase awareness and to promote Rock Island. They are doing this through an enhanced and improved website and programs such as "Love Local" which provided free advertising for Rock Island businesses. **7. Partnerships.** DARI partners with numerous entities with the common goal of Rock Island Development. The City of Rock Island is one such partner who is helping to fund DARI's programming and staff. Partnerships also exist with real estate brokers, banks, etc. **8. THIS TOWN ROCKS** is a program to publicize the many benefits of living and working in Rock Island. Among their newer efforts has been to directly take on the "perception" that it is cheaper to do business in Iowa. DARI has developed data to show that in identical scenarios, taxes and the overall cost of doing business are less in Illinois than in Iowa. Overall it was a data packed, informative and interesting program. Thank you Liz Tallman!

March - May Calendar

- Mar 25 - District Grant Management Seminar - via Zoom 6-7:30pm
- Mar 30 - Sara Leonard, Earl Hanson Principal
- Apr 6 - Sara Cross - First Tee Update
- Apr 13 - Bert Blood Scholarship Awards - John Wetzel
- Apr 13 - Wine Raffle Committee will meet immediately after our regular Club meeting.
- Apr 20 - Rock Island High School Entrepreneur Incubator Class
- Apr 27 - Lindsey Kerr, LifeLine Pilots
- May 3 - RIHS Incubator Pitch 9am #1 9:00am
- May 6 - RIHS incubator Pitch 9am #2 9:00am
- May 12 - RIHS Final Incubator Pitch 5:00pm



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2019-20

Aug – Sept Rebecca Arnold
Oct – Nov John Daly
Dec – Jan John Wetzell
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 we were pleased to welcome two visiting Rotarians! Dr. Kathy Ruggeberg, Assistant Superintendent of Rock Island Schools, and a member of the Milan Rotary Club; and, Mark Zimmerman, a member of the Davenport Rotary Club were guests at today's meeting. Guests are always welcome at Rock Island Rotary, the "Number One Club". We hope you enjoyed our meeting!
- ☐ **WINE RAFFLE POSTERS AVAILABLE** – If you have a business or know of a public location where a wine raffle poster could be posted, please contact Kathy Trone. The posters are attractive and professionally done. Getting the word out is a big part of having a successful fundraiser. Call Kathy at 309-794-9400 to get a poster. **Your help is needed and appreciated!** **PLEASE REPORT WHERE YOU PLACED POSTERS TO HELP AVOID DUPLICATION.** Also the easiest way to purchase tickets is to go to www.rirotary.com. Right at the top you can click to buy 5 tickets for \$20 or 1 ticket for \$5!
- ☐ **WINE RAFFLE COMMITTEE MEETING** – Via ZOOM immediately after our Club meeting on Tuesday, March 30th. Committee members should stay on the call after the Club meeting ends. All others interested are welcome as well.
- ☐ **HELP NEEDED – AT HEART OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY** Volunteers are needed from 3:30pm to 5:30pm every Thursday to help make up food packages and assist in handing them to needy recipients. It is strictly as drive thru, no contact distribution. Heart of Hope also needs old grocery sacks. They also have a clothing ministry and need donations of clothes. Older or slightly used men's, women's, and children's clothing will be appreciated. This time of year, coats, gloves, and caps, as well as warm pants and shirts/blouses are greatly appreciated. Project chair Steve Morenz will arrange to collect sacks and clothing. Email Steve at smorenz3@gmail.com.
- ☐ **HAVE ITEMS FOR OUR NEWSLETTER?** Email items, including photos to Bob Swanson at bobdebswanson@att.net.

SAVE the DATE

The Rock Island Rotary TRIVIA NIGHT Has Been Rescheduled!
November 12th at the Milan Community Center - doors open at 5:45pm

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER

Although a bit difficult when meeting via ZOOM we urge everyone to welcome our newest member, Jeremy Steiner. Jeremy was sponsored by Dave Geenen and his membership was approved by our Board of Directors on March 15th. Jeremy is the Superintendent/principal of the Quad City Christian School overseeing both the elementary and the Jr/Sr High Campuses. Mr. Steiner studied at Moody Bible Institute, Oral Roberts University, and graduated from Regent University with a bachelor's degree in Theology. As the superintendent of QCCS, he serves as the CEO, responsible for the effective operation of the school, general administration of all instruction, business, and other aspects. He administers and supervises the school and its employees, leads development of educational program-improvement, fosters a culture of positive, engaged learners, and serves as an advocate for the school's core values — including developmental philosophy and parental involvement. He works closely with a Curriculum Director/Board to plan and design QCCS's innovative curriculum, as well as designs and implements teacher training for effective curriculum implementation. Jeremy and his wife have four boys and live in Coal Valley. Welcome Jeremy!



THE TAB

Happy/Sad dollars were in vogue today as Rotarians generously contributed to our Foundation account. Jim Moran gave two happy dollars for family events: His son and daughter-in-law, Eric and Kelly, were both named as partners at Deloitte, Haskins & Sells, and his other son, Brian, a Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Army announced his retirement coming up in June. Gary Rowe offered a sad dollar for the Illini's exit from the NCAA basketball tournament and a second sad dollar for the Big 10's poor showing in the tournament. Howard Beck added \$10 for the Big 10's woes. Monta Ponsetto donated \$15, 1 sad for the Big 10 and 14 happy for getting to see her son, John, for the first time in 14 months. He had been at sea for over a year on the US Navy's largest aircraft carrier. Rebecca Arnold gave a happy dollar for Rock Island football finally getting underway with her son a member of the sophomore squad, and also dressing for the varsity. John Wetzel gave 2 sad dollars for Illinois and Iowa both losing in the NCAA Tournament and added a 3rd dollar, happy for Rebecca's footballing son! Jim Nordquist had a sad dollar for the Iowa loss and Mark Mayesky had a happy \$2 for Gonzaga's win. We thank all who contributed!



FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to Week 3 of Rotary International's Month of Water & Sanitation.

On March 11, 2021, members of the Rotary Club of Boothbay Harbor, Maine, welcomed TRF chairperson, Brenda Cressy to their club for a grand occasion. Cressy was at the club to announce a humongous gift to TRF by the Otto & Fran Walter Foundation, a charitable organization based in New York City. The Otto & Fran Walter Foundation's gift of \$15.5 million was described by Cressy as "... the second largest gift in Rotary International's history...second only to the one from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation." The gift was facilitated by board members of the Walter Foundation, who also happened to be members of the Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club.

Boothbay Harbor Board President Martha (Marty) Peak Helman, Past President Frank Helman and members Chip Griffin and Ken Bradsell recalled that the idea of doing something similar to the Rotary's Peace centers cropped up during one board meeting of the Otto & Fran Walter Foundation. The board was discussing a successful Rotary International scholar program focused on promoting world peace with centers around the globe. "What about one in the Middle East? Wouldn't that be the ultimate tribute to Otto, and be an incredible way to change the world," Marty Helman, the 2020-21 chair of TRF's Peace-Major Gifts Initiative had asked. Expressing immense gratitude of TRF, Brenda Cressy said that TRF has always wanted a Middle East Peace Center since 2018. The new center will be Middle East/North Africa (MENA) region. Once the Middle East peace center is established, the Walter Foundation's endowment will fund 20 scholars per year in perpetuity, and the gift will be the last, according to Marty Helman.

In another report, Rotary District 7120, western New York, received a Disaster Relief Grant of \$24,585 from TRF. The money will be used to purchase relief materials for those who are at a high risk for contracting COVID-19. Eleven counties will benefit from the gloves, masks, disinfectants, wipes, gowns and hand sanitizers.

When the coronavirus hit about a year ago, TRF quickly mobilized and awarded 319 COVID-19 specific disaster response grants for \$7.9 million. To date, we have further awarded 317 COVID-19 global grants for \$24.1 million which, combined with previously approved global grants...has made for a total outflow of more than \$32.7 million." (K.R Ravindran, Foundation Trustee Chair)

RUTH AND RAFFLE COMMITTEE WORKING HARD!



During last week's meeting, Wine Raffle Co-Chair, Ruth Lee, made a plea to all members to join the effort to fund our "Service Above Scholarship" by buying/selling Raffle tickets. She didn't mention that she personally had put on her wine bottle costume and attended (via ZOOM) the Rockford Rotary Club whose members purchased numerous tickets to support us. She will continue to visit clubs throughout District 6420 working tirelessly to make this project a success. Other committee members are working equally hard designing, printing, and placing posters throughout the community, distributing tickets, and getting sales up and running on our webpage and on our Facebook page. But what about the rest of us? In December, 5 tickets were sent to each member and we were asked to sell, purchase, or return them. Total cost, \$20 bucks, or a stamp or short drive to return them. Last week, after 3 months it was reported that about half of our members have yet to purchase, sell, or return the tickets. We can do better! Ruth asked that we each commit to buy or sell five \$20 books of tickets. I don't enjoy selling things, but for this cause and in support of my Club, I'll do it. Have you tried? (Is it the Truth?) We have members who have volunteered to bring tickets to you. Will you help? (Is it fair to all concerned?) Help!

Rock Island Rotary Trivia Night November 12, 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 the event! Call 563-343-7985 or email srector3614@gmail.com.



Not all Crooks are Stupid – MORE Tips for Staying Safe!

LONG-TERM PARKING

Some people left their car in long-term parking while away, and someone broke into the car. Using the information on the car's registration in the glove compartment, they drove the car to the people's home in Essex used the car's garage door open to enter the home and robbed it.

GPS:

Someone had their car broken into while they were at a hockey game. Their car was parked on a lot which was adjacent to the arena and specially allotted to hockey fans. Things stolen from the car included a garage door remote control, some money and a GPS which had been prominently mounted on the dashboard. When the victims got home, they found that their house had been ransacked and just about everything worth anything had been stolen. The thieves had used the GPS to guide them to the house. They then used the garage remote control to open the garage door and gain entry to the house. The thieves knew the owners were at the hockey game, they knew what time the game was scheduled to finish and so they knew how much time they had to clean out the house. It would appear that they had brought a truck to empty the house of its contents. Something to consider if you have a GPS - don't put your home address in it. Put a nearby address (like a store or gas station) so you can still find your way home if you need to, but no one else would know where you live if your GPS were stolen.

Moral of these stories

- a. If you are going to leave your car in long-term parking, DO NOT leave your registration/insurance cards in it, nor the remote garage door opener.
- b. DO NOT put your home address in your GPS. Put a nearby address (like a store or gas station) so you can still find your way home if you need to, but no one else would know where you live if your car or GPS were stolen.

The stories and tips provided over the past two weeks were kindly provided by Dr. Bud Phillis

The Rotary Club of Rock Island
is proud to present the 2021

Wine Raffle

All proceeds benefit the
Rock Island Rotary
Service Above Self Scholarship
with the
Rock Island-Milan
Education Foundation

1st Prize— \$500 in Wine

2nd Prize— \$300 in Wine

3rd Prize— \$200 in Wine

* Winners get to choose their own
Wine from The Grape Life!

Tickets:

1 for \$5 or
5 for \$20

Drawing will be held
on May 25, 2021

Purchase Tickets Online via Square at:
[Facebook.com/rockislandrotary](https://www.facebook.com/rockislandrotary)

Or email us at:

rotaryclubrockisland@gmail.com for more info.



HAVE A PLACE OF BUSINESS OR PUBLIC LOCATION WHERE
A WINE RAFFLE POSTER COULD BE DISPLAYED?

PLEASE CALL KATHY TRONE 309-794-9400

ROTARY MOTTO'S

Did you know that Rotary has two mottos?

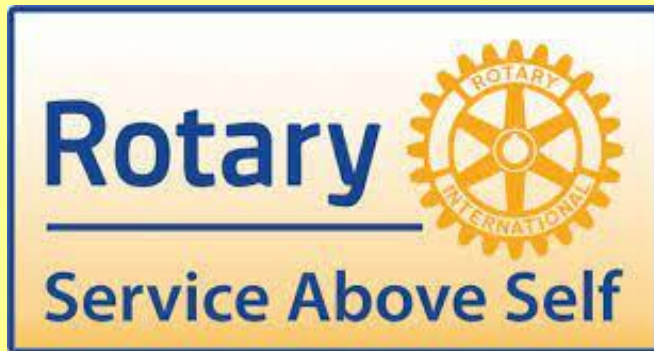
The first motto of Rotary International, "He Profits Most Who Serves Best," was approved at the second Rotary Convention, held in Portland, Oregon, in August 1911.

The phrase was first stated by a Chicago Rotarian, Art Sheldon, who made a speech in 1910 which included the remark, "He profits most who serves his fellows best."

At about the same time, Ben Collins, president of the Rotary Club of Minneapolis, Minnesota, commented that the proper way to organize a Rotary club was through the principle his club had adopted-"Service, Not Self."

These two slogans, slightly modified, were formally approved to be the official mottoes of Rotary at the 1950 Convention in Detroit-"He Profits Most Who Serves Best" and "Service Above Self."

The 1989 Council on Legislation established "Service Above Self" as the principal motto of Rotary since it best explains the philosophy of unselfish volunteer service. The 1989 Council's vote to admit women into Rotary clubs worldwide remains a watershed moment in the history of Rotary and led to altering the original logo to: "One Profits Most Who Serves Best".



PLANNING A FUTURE VACATION?

Maybe a Rotary International Convention will fit your plans!

Ask any of the many members of our Club who have attended a Rotary International Convention and they will tell you it was, in many cases, a life-changing experience. Sure, you hear and learn a lot about Rotary but what makes the indelible impression is the incredible entertainment, world renowned speakers, international pomp and circumstance, and just the immensity of the whole four days. You think Ringling Brothers put on a big show – "you ain't seen nothin'" compared to a Rotary International Convention. Over 25,000 Rotarians from 175 countries and geographical regions around the world attended the 2019 Convention in Toronto! Over 45,000 people attended the Rotary Convention in Osaka, Japan. There are workshops, stimulating breakout sessions, hospitality rooms, star-studded entertainers, and city tours. Whether you've just joined Rotary or you're an experienced member, our annual convention is an unparalleled opportunity to immerse yourself into diverse cultures and develop rich relationships. Connect with influential peers from across the globe and deepen your friendships with kindred spirits who share your desire for meaningful action. So, when planning your future vacations keep these dates and inviting locations in mind.



2021 – Virtual (Originally scheduled for Taipei)

2022 – Houston, Texas, USA 12-16 June

2023 – Melbourne, Australia 4-8 June

2024 – Singapore 27-31 May

2025 – Calgary, Canada 8-12 June

2026 - TBA

2027 – Honolulu, Hawaii USA 21-25 June