



# Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



## BERT BLOOD Scholarships

### 2021

Today, in memory of Rock Island Rotarian, Bert Blood, our club presented scholarships and heard presentations from area 4-H high school students and honored former 4-H members now in college. Albert M. "Bert" Blood, was born in 1870 on a farm near Cambridge, Illinois, graduated from Iowa's Cornell college and then the University of Chicago. Professionally, Bert was Superintendent of Schools in Tiskilwa and Park Ridge, Illinois for 17 years, and served as President of the Cook County Teachers Association and as Secretary of the Educational Council of Cook County. In 1917, he opened the A.M. Blood Co., a school supply business in Rock Island. He became a Rock Island Rotary Club member in 1920 and served as our club's honorary president during 1969-70. Bert chaired the agricultural committee of the Rock Island Chamber of Commerce. Although an urban businessman, Bert never lost touch with his rural roots. He organized our club's annual Rural/Urban program up to his death, at age 101 in 1972. Bert not only challenging 4-H students to academic excellence, but also worked to ensure that Rock Island Rotary kept in touch with our dependence on rural production and supply. To honor his 101 years of life and preserve his rural legacy, our Club established a \$101 memorial scholarship in 1973 awarded annually to a college bound high school student who, in the eyes of our club's judges, presented the best 4-H project. As tuition costs increased and with the help of Rock Island County's 4-H Foundation, the program was expanded, and funding increased. We now present scholarships of \$1,500, \$1,250, \$1,000 to high school seniors and two \$500 scholarships to current college students. This year's high school scholarship winner receiving a \$1,500 Scholarship is Katelyn Oleson, Rural Cordova, Illinois. Katelyn is a senior at Riverdale Senior High School and has been accepted at the University of Kansas-Lawrence and will major in Biology with post-graduate plans for medical school. Katelyn's project was raising and training horses. She related how from getting her first pony as a child the experience has helped develop her character and personality. She learned to deal with adversity from getting bucked off and wiping away the tears and getting back on. She learned responsibility from learning to care for, feed, groom, and train her horses. She learned commitment and passion which also led to volunteering at Hope Creek Nursing Home and at the Quad City Animal Shelter where she also donated animal supplies. In addition to 4H, she is also active in high school basketball, volleyball, softball, and National Honor Society. The Runner-up receiving a \$1,250 Scholarship is Ryan Parchert, Rural Illinois City, Illinois. Ryan is a senior at Rockridge High School and plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and will Major in Agricultural Business. His project was farrowing, raising, caring for, showing, and marketing pigs. From pre-birth care through farrowing, vaccinating, feeding, and grooming Ryan took us step by step through the process all the way to showing at fairs and marketing pigs to lockers and to other youngsters just starting into pork production. Our Second Runner-up receiving a \$1,000 Scholarship is Emma Hogren, Rural Port Byron, Illinois. Emma is a senior at Riverdale Senior High School. She plans to attend Drake University and will Dual Major in Art History and Biology. Emma's project was the entire 4H experience. 4H is so much more than agriculture, Emma said.



Bert Blood at 100 Years Old

### April - May Calendar

- Apr 20 - Rock Island High School Entrepreneur Incubator Class
- Apr 27 - Lindsey Kerr, LifeLine Pilots
- May 3 - RIHS Incubator Pitch 9am #1 9:00am at Rock Island High
- May 4 - Denise Browning, Sunset Marina Manager
- May 6 - RIHS incubator Pitch 9am #2 9:00am at Rock Island High
- May 11 - TBA
- May 12 - RIHS Final Incubator Pitch 5pm
- May 18 - Tyler Mitchell, Public Relations manager for The Project of the Quad Cities
- May 25 - Rotary Awards Presentation

## Officers

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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** – Today we were joined by visiting Rotarians Duncan Cameron from the Naples, Florida Club, and Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport, IA Club. Also attending were numerous guests from the Extension Service and 4H and family members of our honored students, including Tom Parchert, Jennifer Peterson, Becky Buckrop, McCala Crawford, Jill Riedl, and Genny Garner. Guests are always welcome at the “Number One Club”.
- ❑ **WINE RAFFLE POSTERS STILL 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 Trone at 309-794-9400 to get a poster. **Also the easiest way to purchase tickets is to go to [www.rirotary.com](http://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 SCHEDULED** – The Wine Raffle Committee will meet immediately after our Club meeting on Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Committee members and all others interested should stay on the call after our regular meeting adjourns. REMINDER if you still have not returned or paid for the five tickets sent to you in December, (37 members still have tickets out) we need the check & studs or the tickets returned ASAP! Thanks.
- ❑ **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](mailto:smorenz3@gmail.com).
- ❑ **HAVE ITEMS FOR OUR NEWSLETTER?** Email items, including photos to Bob Swanson at [bobdebswanson@att.net](mailto:bobdebswanson@att.net).

## CAN YOU HELP STAFF A TABLE?



We have permission from the Rock Island HyVee to sell our Wine Raffle Tickets at their two entrance doors on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. At this point we are just planning two shifts, 10am to Noon and Noon to 2pm. Fellow members have volunteered to cover most of the slots, but we still need one more person for the afternoon shift. We will have card tables and chairs there for you along with the ticket fishbowl, tickets to sell, and posters promoting the Wine Raffle and our new. Email [bobdebswanson@att.net](mailto:bobdebswanson@att.net) if you can help.

## THE TAB

It was a dreary day for the TAB. We had just one happy dollar offered and that was from Stan Coin who said he was, “Happy to be here!” We are not sure if he was referring to being with us at Rotary or to physically being in sunny, warm Arizona. We are confident the many more have reasons to be happy and hope that not too many have sadness, but in the interest of time with an interesting and lengthy program awaiting, President Angela needed to move on.

Next week please come prepared with some Happy Dollar items or if you spot a fellow member in the news, you are always welcome to ~~RAT them out~~ honor them by bringing their news to our attention. All donations go to the Rotary Foundation account and help support our philanthropy throughout the world.

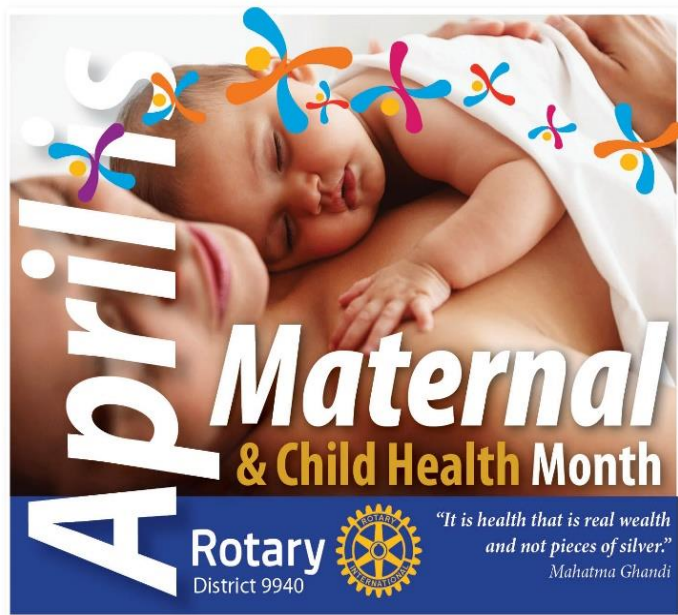


# FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to Week 2 of Rotary International's Month of Maternal & Child Health.

During this past week in Rotary, several clubs around the globe contributed one way or the other toward making the world a better place, especially for mothers and their children. In continuation with the theme of Maternal and Child Health, the Rotary Club of Gibsons in British Columbia, Canada, carried out a Rotary Foundation funded project to help South African mothers be more self-dependent. A report published by Coast Reporter states that when it comes to their international service projects, the Rotary Club of Gibsons has a clear mandate: to provide a "hand up" and not a hand-out.

This attitude was evident in the club's most recent project that delivered 100 Survival Garden Kits to vulnerable women in South Africa. The \$20,000 raised by the club was supplemented with a \$10,000 grant from the Rotary Foundation. As a result, 100 families now have the gardening tools, seedlings, fertilizer, and training to plant



homestead gardens. "The COVID pandemic has created another challenge in many developing countries," said Lynne Geikie, club treasurer. "It's a hunger pandemic; a shortage of food. These garden kits will help create food security for struggling families, not just immediately but for the long term as well."

The kits were distributed in celebration of World Water Day, March 22. Central to the garden kits is the hippo water roller, an innovative tool that gives women an easier and more efficient way to transport water to their gardens. The hippo roller moves five times more water and with considerably less effort than the traditional method of carrying buckets on the head.

"Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom." (Marcel Proust)

## 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.





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:

[www.rirotary.com](http://www.rirotary.com)

Or email us at:

[rotaryclubrockisland@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryclubrockisland@gmail.com) for more info.



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#### BLOOD SCHOLARSHIP – Continued from page 1

Emma got involved in Art and Photography through 4H and took advantage of opportunities to perform community service, learn leadership, and become skilled in public speaking. She stated that her family has a long involvement with 4H, both as members and as club sponsors. She believes 4H offered her multiple experiences that made her what she is today. Our college winners were selected from applicants who were “graduates” of 4H and are continuing their studies in 4H related areas. Receiving college scholarship of \$500 each are Mia Freyermuth, Rural Illinois City, Illinois. Mia is a sophomore at Illinois Central College majoring in Agricultural Business with a minor in Ag Communications; and, Hunter Johnson, Rural Reynolds, Illinois attending Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College. His major is Agricultural Transfer. Rock Island Rotary congratulates all our 2021 Bert Blood Scholarship winners! Jenny Garner from the University of Illinois Extension service also provided an update on Extension activities during the past “pandemic” year. All services went virtual in March of last year however the Service adapted quickly, and an array of virtual programs were created, mixed with “hands on” options through curb-side programs and “Activities in a Bag” handouts that reached over 2,480 per month, plus another 1,200 in programs provided to area schools. Very popular programs were the Wellness Trail Challenge (over 4,400 participated) and on-line cooking and gardening classes. Live 4H shows will return this summer and they hope to be full-time face to face by September. Thanks to 4H and the Extension Service for again partnering with us in this great program!



Katelyn Oleson



Ryan Parchert



Emma Hogren



Mia Freyermuth



Hunter Johnson

## ROTARIANS SPEAK VIA SURVEY



With immunizations rapidly increasing, passing 183,000,000 in the United States<sup>1</sup>, and the Covid mortality rate dropping to 1.8% in the US<sup>2</sup>, and restrictions loosening even in states such as Illinois, one of the strictest in pandemic regulation, Rock Island Rotary recently surveyed members regarding the possibility of returning to in-person meetings. Sixty members responded to the survey, many offering personal thoughts and comments. The response rate, approximately 70% of those eligible to reply, is in and of itself incredible and greatly appreciated. Thanks to Molly Shattuck and Hammer Accounting for providing the mechanism and tallying the results of the survey. In summary, approximately 38% of responders would like to reconvene in-person meeting immediately. 36% don't object to an immediate resumption but would personally continue attending via ZOOM. About 19% are opposed to an immediate resumption of in-person meetings. Moving forward a month, the numbers change dramatically. 60% would attend in person if such meetings begin in May. 20% have no objection to a May resumption, but personally would continue via ZOOM. Those opposed to May in-person meetings drop to less than 7%, however about 19% think in-person meetings should not begin until all Covid restrictions are lifted, and the pandemic is essentially over. Over 80% of responders agree that pandemic or not, a virtual option for meeting attendance should be continued on an ongoing basis. Regarding dues, 73% supported continuing our reduced dues rate of \$50 for the final quarter of 2020-21 (April-June). If in-person meetings do reconvene during the quarter, those attending in person would individually pay for their lunch. Our Club board of directors will review all the survey data carefully at their April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and be tasked with deciding what course our Club will take. Thanks again to all who responded to the survey. Rock Island Rotary members may view the entire survey results at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-MRHFCKP89/>.

<sup>1</sup> 56% of the Population have had at least 1 shot, CNN updated April 11, 2021

<sup>2</sup> John Hopkins University Updated April 11, 2021



**Come out and support Rock Island County 4-H  
at this year's drive through Pork Chop Dinner  
and Pie Auction Fundraiser!**



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FOOD CHURCH ROCK ISLAND MILAN, ILLINOIS

Special thanks to all of  
the Rock Island County  
4-H Clubs for their  
donations of desserts  
and pies for the event!



**NEW LOCATION  
DRIVE-THRU  
EVENT**

Rock Island County Extension & 4-H Education Foundation invites you!

**Pork Chop Dinner & Pie Auction Fundraiser**  
**Thursday, May 6, 4:30—6:30 pm**  
**Rock Island County Extension**  
**321 W 2nd Ave, Milan, IL**

Proceeds support Rock Island County 4-H & Extension Programs

**\$8 Pork Chop Meal or \$5 Hot Dog Meal**

*Meal includes sandwich or hot dog, potato chips,  
baked beans, applesauce, and dessert.*

**Take home a Homemade Pie from the Auction!**  
**Drive Through event at Extension office in Milan**