



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



ROCK ISLAND INCubatoredu ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM

INCubatoredu is a full-year course offering an authentic entrepreneurship experience as students develop their own product or service startup. Why Entrepreneurship? The jobs of our future are unknown, and therefore it is more important than ever to nurture and teach students

critical skills and behaviors of entrepreneurs: creativity, opportunity recognition, self-motivation, adaptability. Entrepreneurs are opportunistic collaborators who learn from experimentation and failure along the way. Integrating entrepreneurship education with academic and CTE (Career Technical Education) curriculum can help students develop these skills by providing relevance and application. Students learn how to: Collaborate with a team; Apply the cycle of experimentation to find solutions to complex problems; Speak confidently and persuasively; Leverage curiosity and creativity to drive solutions. Student teams pitch to gain investment funds in a final shark-tank style pitch event. Student teams explore, pivot, iterate and develop resilience as they work to solve problems they care about. Real entrepreneurs and industry experts serve as volunteer coaches and mentors guiding student teams through the process of idea validation. Rock Island High School unveiled the first INCubatoredu Entrepreneur and Enterprise Program in the Quad Cities and its state-of-the art business incubator classroom in 2015 thanks to the Rock Island Milan Education Foundation and a \$10,000 grant from Rock Island Rotary. The program was designed to get Rock Island High School students excited about becoming entrepreneurs and the success of the programs proves it has achieved its design goal. From the very beginning the program has been led by Trish Matson, the teacher for the program, who says students are excited about the opportunity the program provides "to get them where they want to be." Ms. Matson started the program by stating that the program had 46 students this year divided into two classes. Because of Covid, some attended exclusively virtually, and some returned to school when allowed attending class just two days per week. For that reason, there were fewer "team" projects and more individual or two to three person groups. She also noted that working virtually for much of the year made it very difficult to take advantage of the normal Incubator classroom facilities, and personal meetings with coaches and mentors. She also acknowledged that volunteer Rock Island Rotarians have filled a number of the mentor, coach, and judging positions. She then introduced two of this year's student entrepreneurs. The first was Calving Banks, a senior at Rocky. Calvin got everyone's attention quickly opening his presentation with, "Everyone poops!". He then discussed his business idea which is the "Poop Pod" a revolutionary idea to replace the plunger and relieve users from the disgusting mess that often entails. Calvin and his team partner came up with the idea of creating an enzyme pod, similar in size to a detergent pod. He noted that his research found that stool blockages are caused primarily by toilet paper rather than human waste. Their idea is to use enzymes similar to what is used in septic tanks that will chemically destroy the paper products and clear the clog. They are at the stage of experimenting to find the right combination of ingredients to make the pod work safely and as quickly as possible. Preliminary research indicates the pod could be manufactured for less than 60¢ and would be sold in a 4 or 6 pack for \$19.95. Sounds like the "Poop Pod" could be a "moving" innovation. The second presenter was Divine Kalomba, a Rocky junior. Her three-person team hopes to create and sell heated tires. Stressing the safety hazard driving on snow and ice causes, particularly for new and inexperienced drivers, Divine stated their concept differs from the traditional snow tires currently marketed. Those tires try to cope with ice and snow by tread design and depth. The heated tire would melt the ice and/or snow making driving safer. Their concept is to have a driver operated switch that would heat tires made of silicone rubber which can tolerate substantial heat without tire

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April - May Calendar

- 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
Rev. Dwight Ford, Speaker



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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 were joined by visiting Rotarian Duncan Cameron from the Naples, Florida Club. Stan Coin, though not a visitor, did join our meeting from toasty Arizona. We are looking forward to Stan's return to the Quad Cities soon. Guests are always welcome at the "Number One Club". We hope you enjoyed our meeting
- ☐ **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 at 309-794-9400. The posters are attractive and professionally done. Getting the word out is a big part of having a successful fundraiser. **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 SCHEDULED** – The Wine Raffle Committee will meet immediately after our Club meeting on Tuesday, May 27th. 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 & stubs 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.
- ☐ **HAVE ITEMS FOR OUR NEWSLETTER?** Email items, including photos to Bob Swanson at bobdebswanson@att.net.

"HOLY GATHERING BATMAN – IT'S IN-PERSON MEETINGS!"

[Apologies to younger members who never saw the old Adam West/Burt Ward Batman TV Series]

Our Board of Directors unanimously approved a return to in-person meetings **starting in May**. The first such meeting will be Tuesday, May 4th. We will continue to offer a ZOOM option for those uncomfortable or unable to attend in person. Lunch will be the Bridges Buffet, but only Bridges staff will handle utensils and plates. You will just tell what you want, and it will be provided. The decision was made after our recent survey. Members showed 60% wanting to attend in-person starting in May, and another 20% indicating they would probably still use the ZOOM option but had no objection to resuming live meetings in May for those who want to attend. Health Department protocols will be enforced which include facial masks except when eating or presenting at the rostrum. There will be no more than 6 seated per table and tables will be socially distanced. We can host a maximum of 60 people, so long as at least 10 are fully vaccinated at least 2-weeks prior to May 4th. The limit is 50 if none are vaccinated. We expect no problem certifying 10 or more are vaccinated. If you do not mind volunteering that information, please email Bob at bobdebswanson@att.net and simply say. "I was fully vaccinated for Covid prior to April 20th" (two weeks prior to our May 4 meeting). We will not release personal information to anyone. All we are required to do if attendance exceeds 50 is to certify that at least 10 in attendance are vaccinated.

We are excited and look forward to resuming our fellowship with Rock Island Rotarians. It has been a long, long, time and we appreciate the hard work by Past-President Mayeski and current President Campbell and to many others who for the past 13 months kept Rock Island Rotary moving forward with good communication and quality programs via ZOOM. SEE you **LIVE** on May 4th! If you plan to stay with ZOOM, we will see you too!

NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS

Dr. Kathy Ruggeberg, a member of the Milan Rotary Club has applied to transfer her membership to the Rock Island Rotary Club. Dr. Ruggeberg is Assistant Superintendent in charge of Teaching & Learning for the Rock Island-Milan School District. She is a native of East Moline and a graduate of Illinois State University. Kathy and husband Chad reside in Davenport. She is sponsored by Bob Swanson. We are pleased that Kathy selected our Club for continuing her Rotary membership. Please direct comments to President Angela Campbell or Vice-President Justin Peterson.



Mariah Johnson has applied for membership to replace Carrie Smith as a corporate associate member for Illinois Casualty Company. She is sponsored by Howard Becki. Mariah joined Illinois Casualty in April of 2008 as an Underwriting Administrative Assistant. In 2010 she moved to the position of Underwriting Assistant and in 2014 was promoted to Associate Underwriter. Mariah is a life-long resident of Rock Island and resides with her two daughters, one a freshman at Bradley University and the youngest a sophomore at Rocky. Direct any comments to Angela Campbell or Justin Peterson. We are excited to have two great applicants for membership and look forward to greeting them in person!

THE TAB

It was an incredibly quiet day as far as the TAB was concerned. Some blamed it on the April snowfall experienced this morning. It just put everyone in a kind of sullen and quiet mood. The ice was broken by two (unrelated) Swanson. First Bob offered a sad dollar, lamenting that his dear Chicago Cubs were languishing in last place of the National League Central. Sox Fan, John Phillips gave encouragement saying, "it's early". Then Kai Swanson anted up a happy dollar for completing his Covid inoculation with a second shot in the past few days. Hopefully many of our member are seeking vaccination and Kai reported that the National Guard volunteers are doing a wonderful job administering the shots. Hopefully next week will be a much more profitable TAB collection. It will be our final meeting prior to returning to the Botanical Center for in person meetings and paying the TAB piper!

ROCK ISLAND ROTARY PARTNERS WITH ROTARY ITABUNA SUL, BRAZIL



Itabuna is a municipality in Bahia, Brazil. It is the 6th largest city in Bahia with an estimated 213,685 residents in 2020. The Rotary Club Itabuna Sul is one of several Rotary Clubs in Itabuna and is led by Club president, Paulo Carvalho Dos Santos. David Nino, brother of Liz Nino a member of our Club, lives in Itabuna and is a member of the Rotary Itabuna Sul Club. They are currently working on a project to fund the Lar Fabiano De Cristo Youth Center. The Center provides leadership programs

in music, dance, and computer skills. The Center is in need of many repairs, so the Itabuna Sul Club began fundraising to provide the cost for materials and labor. They approached us through Liz, noting that they were within \$800 of reaching their project goal. After reviewing the request, our Board voted to partner with our Rotary brothers and sisters in Brazil and agreed to donate \$500 toward the project. We also have requested photos, videos, and may try to set up a virtual tour of the Teen Center so we can have a close-up view of the work going on. Our Board thought the donation was very appropriate since many of our normal youth supporting activities, such as our Rotary Exchange Student program and RYLA have been cancelled or made into virtual activities since the advent of COVID. The Rotary Itabuna Sul Teen Youth Center project allows us to remain active in supporting Youth and International good will. Thanks to Liz for bring this opportunity to our attention. We look forward to following the progress of the project.

FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to Week 3 of RI's Month of Child and Maternal Health.

Here is another report that shows the good that Rotary clubs around the world have been doing. This week our two reports are from Southeast Asia where projects were completed aimed at improving the health of mothers and children.

The Rotary Club of Tirupur Smart City, India (D-3202) in partnership with Rotary clubs of Wuse, Central Abuja, Nigeria (D-9125) and Tirupur Metal Town, India, worked on "The Life on Wheels," a Global Grant project funded by the Rotary Foundation. The \$55,796 (USD) was spent on a well-equipped van designed to receive blood donations simultaneously from three persons. The mobile blood bank can collect 100 units a day and store up to 150 units daily. The project chairperson, K. Ganesharmoorthy, said the Blood Bank on Wheels would help to create awareness on blood donation "through its public address system, holding camps in remote rural areas and enhancing Rotary's public image."

A bank of another sort was set up by The Rotary Club of Guwahati, Assam, India, (D-3240) in conjunction with The Rotary Club of Moorpark, CA, USA (D-5240). Completed with a Global Grant funded by the Rotary Foundation, worth \$35,158 US, these clubs established a Human Milk Bank at the Satribari Christian Hospital. The bank will pasturize and freeze breastmilk collected from donor mothers who have enough milk and are willing to donate. The Rotary Club of Guwahati's president, Bibhuti Dutta, said the milk bank facility will help reduce neonatal mortality rate in that part of India. According to Dr. Devajit Kumar Sharma, the neonatal specialist at the hospital, birthing mothers will be the primary donors. The hospital will organize camps in the villages to encourage lactating mothers to donate.

- Every day in 2017, approximately 810 women died from preventable causes related to pregnancy and childbirth.
- Between 2000 and 2017, the maternal mortality ratio (MMR, number of maternal deaths per 100,000 live births) dropped by about 38% worldwide.
- 94% of all maternal deaths occur in low and lower middle-income countries.
- Young adolescents (ages 10-14) face a higher risk of complications and death as a result of pregnancy than other women.
- Skilled care before, during and after childbirth can save the lives of women and newborns. <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/maternal-mortality>

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 empty baskets to fill and will pick up whatever you have! Just call or email.

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. if you don't want to do a full basket Sue is happy to take random items and put them together to make great baskets. Sue will store things until the event and will event come pick items up from your home. Call 563-343-7985 or email srector3614@gmail.com.



Congratulations to our Two Most Recent Paul Harris Fellows



Mark and Kim Mayeski along with Rock Island Rotary are proud to present Jozef Bruce Hunter (left) and Zyon Hunter (right) with the Paul Harris Fellow award! Jozef currently resides in Alaska with his wife Mia and is the oldest son of Dr Kurt Hunter and Julie Hunter. Zyon Hunter currently resides in Rock Springs, Wyoming and is also the son of Dr Kurt Hunter and Julie Hunter. Julie is the sister of Kim Mayeski. We congratulate Jozef and Zyon and Rotarian Mark Mayeski and wife Kim for honoring their nephews as Paul Harris Fellows.

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damage. Get stuck, just flip the switch, and let the tires melt the snow away! Sound far-fetched? Keep in mind that technology now has placed coils in our windshields to melt ice and snow and has sensors in our tires to tell us how much air pressure each has. Remember clutches and shifting gears? The idea of something that could automatically shift gears was pretty “far out” too! Divine’s team believe the tires could be manufactured for about \$60 each. Exactly how the hearing would occur and what the switch mechanism might entail is still at the research stage. We congratulate both groups for thinking big and creatively! Preliminary pitches by all groups will be presented on May 3rd and 5th at 9am at the high school. The final pitches by those selected as the very best will be made on May 12th at 5pm. Want to hear the pitches? Be sure to take your mask! Thanks, Tricia Matson for another fascinating program from the Rocky Incubator-Entrepreneur classroom!

2021-22 District Grant Project Revealed



At yesterday’s Board of Directors meeting, incoming president Justin Peterson discussed the project selected for our 2021-22 District Grant application. Two weeks ago, we heard a program from Sara Cross regarding First Tee of the Quad Cities that combines the game of golf with youth training in character with emphasis on concepts

such as hard-work, honesty, integrity, respect, perseverance, and dedication. The six-week program costs \$75.00 per student, \$100.00 per family. To try to ensure program availability for children of all levels of means, First Tee offers scholarship and last year were able to admit 250 children without charge. Sara indicated there were many more children the program would like to reach through the King Center and Boys & Girls Club, but finances are limited. Our District Grant application would require a \$1,000 commitment from our club and seeks a \$1,500 matching grant from our Rotary District 6420. First Tee has agreed that in return for the combined \$2,500 donation, 40 scholarships directed specifically to Rock Island youth will be provided. The final application papers are being created and will be sent to the District. We anticipate approval and are excited to continue our commitment to youth, education, and character building in our community.

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

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

We wanted to share this email with the entire club since so many of our members have donated toward the purchase or actually purchased a water filter as part of our Western Illinois-Eastern Iowa Water Project. Things were stalled for many months due to Covid. In Kenya schools were closed and travel restricted. Schools reopened in January and our last \$21,000 purchase of 60 water filters are now being distributed. Much more remains to be done, but we wanted to share the "Thanks You" expressed by the children in the attached photos. The generosity of Rotarians and Rotary clubs all over Western Illinois and Eastern Iowa is responsible for our now having reached over 17,000 children with clean, safe, water. And yes, the project is still ongoing. We would gladly accept your additional support to help us reach more of the thousands still having no access to safe drinking water. Each filter costs \$350. Please send your donation in any amount to Rock Island Rotary – Water Project, PO Box 4514, Rock Island, IL 61204-4514. Thank you for all you have already done!

From: Replenish <info@replenishwater.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 5:07 PM
To: Bob Swanson <bobdebswanson@att.net>
Subject: LifeStraw Distribution-2021

Dear Bob and Rotarians,

It is with great joy that I can share with you these pictures for our recent distribution! Thanks to Rotary Clubs of Rock Island, and the Rotary Clubs of Western Illinois and Eastern Iowa, these students are experiencing the love, kindness, and generosity through your gift of clean water! Schools have been fully open for all grades since January allowing our distribution plans to continue. They are now out of session until May, but the distribution will be completed once the schools resume.

We hope all is going well for you and the members of Rotary and their families! We look forward to our continued teamwork making this lifesaving difference together! Thank you for your ongoing support!

Gratefully,
Barbara

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Magunga Primary School, April 2, 2021

Homa Bay Primary School, April 4, 2021

Both photos on next page taken at Lala Primary School
April 1st & 2nd, 2021

