



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



Tyler Mitchell is Marketing and Communications Director for The Project of the Quad Cities. A 2014 graduate of St. Ambrose University with a degree in Public Relations/Image Management and Spanish Language, He then studied for two months at Universitat d'Alacant in Spain concentrating on Spanish and Iberian Studies. He then entered the University of Iowa where he earned his master's degree in Public Relations/Image Management in 2017. For the past three years he has also served as an Adjunct Instructor at St. Ambrose teaching public speaking. He has served as a free-lance writer for the Quad City Symphony Orchestra and has worked on several political campaigns including those of Ken Crocken, and presidential campaigns for Hillary Clinton and Elizabeth Warren. He also spent over 8 years working as a Digital Marketing Specialist for the Genesis Health System. Established in 1986, The Project of the Quad Cities is a nonprofit, community-based organization that provides the Quad Cities area with case management and support services for those infected with or affected by HIV/STI/AIDS, in addition to prevention, testing, and education to the community at large. The mission of The Project was originally a Commitment to Action in the Battle Against HIV/STI/AIDS. However, the Mission has evolved and is now simply, "Transforming lives through remarkable care". The Project provides access to no-cost PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis) and PEP (post-exposure prophylaxis) to prevent HIV transmission, no-cost mental health counseling and support groups, and no-cost testing and treatment for Hepatitis C. Primary care for LGBTQ+ individuals and families is also offered and identity care including hormone therapy will soon be added to the organization's services. The Project provides services in seven distinct areas: **HIV/AIDS Services** including wellness services and financial assistance to ensure a high quality of life for people living with HIV; **Hepatitis C Services** including testing and treatment for Hepatitis C through the wellness program. Financial assistance is available if needed; **Counseling** provides mental health services focused on people living with HIV, the LGBTQ+ community, and victims of crime. Group and individual counseling is available at no-cost; **Health Services** including same-day STD testing, results, and treatment and PrEP and PEP to prevent HIV transmission; **LGBTQ+ Health Care** providing primary care for individuals and families. MyIdentity Care including hormone therapy for people transitioning; **Pharmacy** through Two Rivers Pharmacy convenient access to discounted prescriptions is provided with no membership required; and **Home-Based Care Services** through an Outreach & Prevention team provides services where it's convenient for the client—in their home, Mr. Mitchell presented his information with the help of an excellent PowerPoint display which he humbly noted would be the most fantastic PowerPoint we would ever see!. He stressed that all services provided in the Project clinic are absolutely without charge regardless of race, creed, or social-economic status. He also was very proud of the fact that their on-site Pharmacy is a 340B pharmacy meaning that they can provide no or low-cost medication and receive reimbursement from federal sources. When asked about the clinic's response when a patient needs more extensive care or treatment, Tyler said that they have a close relationship with the Genesis Health Group's Infectious Disease Center in Davenport and their staff of doctors. Patients are referred there if their needs exceed what the Project can provide. He also announced two upcoming events. On June 4th from 6 to 11pm the project will sponsor "Pride at Bass Street Landing". This event is FREE to the public and will include food, drag performances, live music, education, and the outreach team will be on-site providing free HIV/STD testing. On June 17th The Project and the Quad Cities River Bandits will host Pride Night at Modern Woodmen Park with free pride t-shirts while supplies last! Every ticket purchased will benefit The Project and LGBTQ+ patients and clients. We thank Tyler for a most informative presentation!



May-June Calendar

- May 25 - Rotary Awards Luncheon
Rev. Dwight Ford, Speaker
Awards to students and
leaders from our Club and
the Community.
- June 1 - Memorial Day joint meeting
with Rock Island Kiwanis.
- June 8 - TBA
- June 15- TBA
- June 22- TBA
- June 29- President Angela Campbell
- July 6 - President Justin Peterson



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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 we had one “live” guest and one “ZOOM” guest at our meeting. Duncan Cameron from the Naples, Florida Club joined us live. Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport Club joined us via ZOOM. Visiting Rotarians are among our favorite guests! As you know, guests are always welcome at the “Number One Club”. We hope you enjoyed our meeting!
- ☐ **NEXT WEEK’S MEETING WILL START AT 12 NOON. ARRIVE EARLY TO EAT!**
Serving will begin at 11:30am.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **LUNCH PROCEDURE REMINDER** – Until the pandemic is fully behind us please understand our buffet table is not a serve yourself buffet. Bridges staff will handle the utensils and fill your plate as you direct. Wait for the staff server to help you. She will prepare your plate and hand it to you. You may then obtain your drink from the beverage station. Hand sanitizer, rolled silverware, napkins, and salt/paper are provided at the buffet table.
- ☐ **WINE RAFFLE CRUNCH TIME** - Our drawing is just 7 days away! We are still just a bit short of our goal of \$5,000 in ticket sales. If you want to buy or sell tickets this week, please do so, but be sure to get the stubs to Ruth Lee prior to next Tuesday’s drawing which will take place very early in our meeting. You can still get tickets on line through our website! Please help fund our “Service Above Self” scholarship with Wine Raffle Ticket sales!
- ☐ **HAVE ITEMS FOR OUR NEWSLETTER?** Email items, including photos to Bob Swanson at bobdebswanson@att.net.

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.





FOUNDATION MINUTE

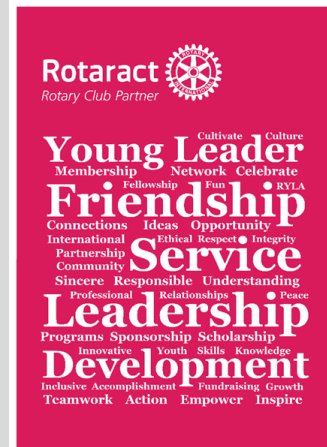
It's Week 3 of Rotary International's Youth Service Month.

It's been another busy week for Rotary clubs all over the world. With the steady support of TRF, members have been responding to the plight of fellow human beings by doing good and making lives better for all concerned. During the month of May, many younger members of the Rotary, our organization's next generation of leaders, increase their involvement in their communities. They exhibit leadership in their roles in their high schools, colleges, as Youth Exchange Scholars and entrepreneurs in their communities. TRF encourages youth focused clubs through matching funds which are added to proceeds from the fund-raising efforts by members of Rotaract and the Interact clubs all over the globe.

Quick Facts: Rotaract

- A Rotaract club is a student organization that began originally as a Rotary International Youth Program
- The first Rotaract Club was officially chartered on March 13, 1968 at the U of NC in Charlotte
- Motto: Self Development-Fellowship through Service
- About 200,000 members in 189 countries
- Almost 11,000 Clubs

Effective July 1, 2022, Rotaract clubs can be either partners or hosts of a Global Grant if they have previously partnered with a Rotary Club on a Global Grant.



NEW CLUB DIRECTORY IS BEING PREPARED

All members should have received an email asking you to review your directory listing and photo. If you did not get such an email, notify Bob Swanson immediately! Over half the Club has responded. If you have not, please do it today! If any information is incorrect or incomplete, or if you have a different photo you would like us to use, please email the corrected information and/or your new photo to bobdebswanson@att.net.

We will distribute the new directory at the first meeting of the 2021-22 Rotary year, which this year is July 6th. To do that everything needs to be turned in, all changes made, and our 60-page book with over 90 individual listings must go to the printer by early-June.

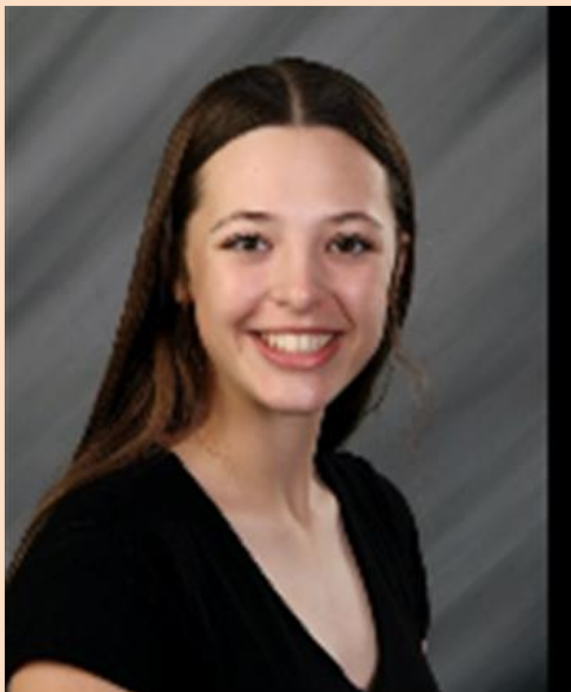
Please either approve your current listing or send your corrections as soon as possible!



BOARD VOTES TO FUND FIRST TEE & SERVICE ABOVE SELF SCHOLARSHIP WITH GENEROUS DONATIONS

Two years ago, Fred & Virginia Houlton made a substantial unrestricted donation to our Club which, because of the pandemic, had not yet been designate for use. More recently Mark Zimmerman made a substantial unrestricted donation as well. Yesterday our Board of Directors voted to use the Zimmerman donation as the club's share of our District Grant application for 2021-22. That application requires the Club to supply \$1,000 which in turn will be matched by a \$1,500 grant from Rotary District 6420. The \$2,500 total will be used to provide scholarships for 40 Rock Island Youth to participate in the summer First Tee Golf camp. The Board also voted to apply \$5,000 of the Houlton donation to our new "Service Above Self" scholarship for Rock Island High School Students. This seems highly appropriate since prior to retirement Fred was a lifelong educator and an administrator in the Rock Island School System. The donation forms the permanent foundation for the scholarship allowing future funds raised to be used for annually presenting scholarships to deserving Rock Island graduates. Our sincere thanks to Mark Zimmerman and Fred & Virginia Houlton for their generosity and commitment to Rotary.

MEET OUR FIRST RECIPIENT OF THE ROCK ISLAND ROTARY "SERVICE ABOVE SELF SCHOLARSHIP"



**ROCK ISLAND-ROTARY
"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"
SCHOLARSHIP
\$1,000.**

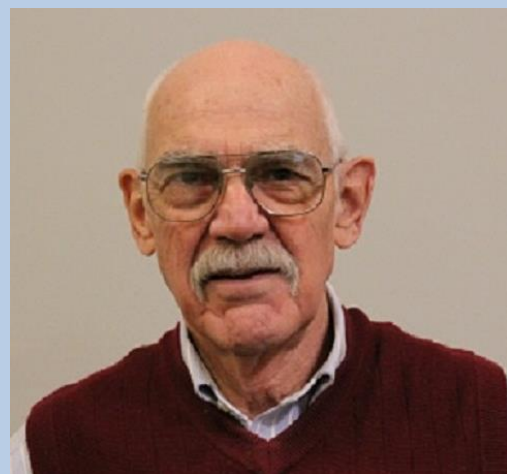
Cassidy DeMeyer



Cassidy is a "Charles O. Austin, Jr. Scholar" signifying that she earned a 3.5 GPA or higher every semester of her high school career. Her picture will be displayed in the front lobby of the high school for that honor. She was also a member of the varsity volleyball and softball teams at Rocky.

DR. LARRY TADLOCK BESTOWED "HONORARY STATUS"

Our Club Board of Directors voted unanimously at its May meeting to name Larry Tadlock an Honorary Member of Rock Island Rotary. Honorary status is granted for dedicated, long-time commitment and outstanding service to Rotary. Larry became a Rotarian in 1969 while living in Granite City, Illinois. It was our good fortune that he relocated to Rock Island and opened the Quad City Animal Hospital, an institution he owned and operated until his retirement. He served as our Club president in 1974-75 and was the driving force in sponsoring the creation of the Milan Area Rotary Club. Through his philanthropic generosity, Larry was named a Rotary International Foundation "Benefactor". He was our A.T. Peera Award winner in 1982, the first such winner after A.T. Peera received the introductory Award. Larry is a Paul Harris Fellow and through generous contributions has bestowed that honor and many members of his immediate and extended family. Since retiring Larry's interest in woodworking had a chance to blossom and his monthly donations of handcrafted bowls, candle holders, and decorative wood dishes became a highlight of our Rotary Foundation raffles. Hearing the call, "I'll take the bowl", became the norm when winners were given the choice of money, wine, or a Dr. Tadlock item. As an honorary member Larry has all rights and privileges of his regular Rotary membership, other than holding an office, voting, and his dues are waived permanently. Larry joins Jay Stanley, Sam Doak, Don Peterson, Fred Houlton, and Lo Milani as the only Honorary Members of Rock Island Rotary. We congratulate you and thank you for your many years of dedicated service to Rotary and our community and for your great friendship!



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



Chip in for your charity

OFFICIAL PLEDGE CARD **2021**



ROCK ISLAND ROTARY CLUB

CHARITY SOLICITED FOR

937

BIRD NUMBER

I pledge and promise to donate:

☐ \$_____ one-time flat donation.

Please attach payment. Checks payable to
Quad Cities Golf Classic Charitable Foundation.

☐ \$_____

extra donation to the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund

Donations to the BFC Bonus Fund (#3041) help provide the 5% match
for all participating charities.

GUESS THE BIRDIES & WIN A TWO YEAR LEASE ON A 2021 LEXUS NX!

I guess that _____ birdies will be made.

Only 1 grand prize will be awarded. Void where
prohibited by law.

BIRDIES SCORED (YEAR)

2,160 (2011)	2,040 (2014)	1,918 (2017)
2,113 (2012)	1,990 (2015)	2,355 (2018)
2,142 (2013)	1,982 (2016)	2,091 (2019)

PLEDGE INFORMATION (Please print)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____

PHONE OR EMAIL _____

Use this form to make your 2021 Birdies Pledge Today! Every cent pledged comes back to Rock Island ROTARY, Plus the Golf Foundation kicks in an additional donation for us! Funds are dedicated to our Rock Island Rotary Club Foundation. You can turn in your pledge to Kevin or to the Sergeant at Arms Table at any Rotary Meeting, or if you prefer you can mail your pledge to Kevin Koski, 1309 – 38th Avenue Court, Rock Island, IL 61201.