



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



ROTARY AWARDS 2021



Molly Shattuck 2021 A T Peara Award



Ruth Lee 2021 Luckenbill-Wray Award

June - July Calendar

- June 1 - Memorial Day joint meeting with Rock Island Kiwanis. Speaker, Steve Garrington with Honor Flight of the Quad Cities
- June 8 - Diane Koster "A Mother's Memories" Her daughter's battle with cancer.
- June 15- Jan Masamoto - Experiences in a World War II Japanese internment camp
- June 22- Liz Nino - Recruiting foreign students for Augustana
- June 29- President Angela Campbell's Year Wrap for the 2020-21 Rotary year.
- July 6 - President Justin Peterson's Induction and inaugural address

Two of our Club's finest were recognized today at Rock Island Rotary's 47th Annual Awards Luncheon. **Molly Shattuck** received our club's highest honor, the A.T. Peara Award. Named in honor of Absolom T. Peara, the Award is a lifetime award and may be won just once by each recipient. It is presented to the Rock Island Rotarian deemed to best represent the ideals of Rotary International, which are summed up in the Rotary motto, Service Above Self, and in Rotary's Four Way Test: Is it the Truth, Is it Fair to All Concerned, Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships, Will it be Beneficial to all concerned. Molly joined Rock Island Rotary in 2013. In her 8 years of Club membership Molly has served several terms on our Board of Directors, has taken over Chairing our Earl Hanson partnership, and has been a hard-working volunteer in multiple Club projects and activities. As chair of the Earl Hanson partnership, she has for several years organized and attended every monthly Birthday Book celebration and has been our principle contact with the school and its principal, including promoting participation of their staff in our Trivia Night, and periodically soliciting information regarding the needs of the school. Molly has chaired our annual Angel Tree Project for the past several years and this year also participated in our project to make and distribution winter scarfs for children in need. Molly has displayed a dedication to Rotary and has involved her entire family in numerous projects including hanging holiday lights at the Botanical Center, walking and bike riding along with our cars and floats in the Labor Day Parade, and participating in our Rotary Ramble, Rotary at the Ball Park, and numerous other projects, in fact It would be difficult to name a Rotary activity that Molly has not participated in. Recently she took on the job of running a survey of our members regarding the resumption of luncheon meetings. She solicited the information, tabulated the responses, and prepared a report for our Board. Since we began meeting again in person, Molly has been a key person in setting up the ZOOM coverage of our meetings and regularly assists our guest speakers on how to make their presentation to both our live and zoom attendees. Molly has proven herself as a great example of all that A.T. Peara stood for. She has done all of this and committed great amounts of time to Rotary and service to others while completing her education to become a CPA, working long hours at Hammar Accounting, and raising and caring for her growing young family.

The Luckenbill-Wray Award named in memory of Fred Luckenbill and Sam Wray is presented to a Club member for Outstanding Service to Rock Island Rotary. Today **Ruth Lee** became just the second person to win this special award. Ruth served as Club President in 2005-06 and in 2013-14 served as Governor for Rotary District 6420 encompassing all Northern Illinois except for the Chicago area. She won the Club's A.T. Peara Award in 2009. Ruth is a Level II (\$25,000-\$50,000) Rotary International Major Donor and a Rotary International Paul Harris Society Member. Over the past two years she has donated her Foundation Recognition Points

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Program Chairs 2019-20

Aug – Sept Rebecca Arnold
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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 so many guests and a packed agenda, so we dispensed with introductions. We do acknowledge two visiting Rotarians, Duncan Cameron in person and Mark Zimmerman on ZOOM. Many parents and spouses of award winners attended. As you know, guests are always welcome at the “Number One Club”. We hope you enjoyed our meeting!
- ❑ **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 WRAP UP** - Thanks to co-chairs Ruth Lee and Anne McGlynn and an incredible Wine Raffle Committee that made the 2021 fundraiser a record breaker! With a goal of nearly double of past years, the committee set out to sell \$5,000 in tickets. Proceeds were earmarked for our new Service Above Self Scholarship. Thanks and congratulations to all Club members who bought and sold tickets!
- ❑ **HAVE ITEMS FOR OUR NEWSLETTER?** Email items, including photos to Bob Swanson at bobdebswanson@att.net.

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on a matching basis which has helped many Club members achieve Paul Harris Fellow status. Ruth has co-chaired the Club’s Wine Raffle fundraiser for several years and purchased and has worn her Pinot Noir wine bottle costume at Rotary meetings all over the district to promote the fundraiser. She has used her District connections to sell fundraiser tickets throughout District 6420. Ruth is a tireless volunteer and supporter of virtually every Club project. When sponsors have been needed for various Club activities, Ruth always steps forward without any fanfare or request for recognition and lends her time and money. When called upon to assist with family duties in California during the past year, she joined our meetings each week via ZOOM, conducted committee meetings, and pulled off a record-breaking Wine Raffle. She has used her connections with a Sonoma Valley Vineyard to enable another, soon to be announced, major fundraiser for our Club. Fred & Sam would be proud!

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AN AUCTION IS COMING!

WILL YOU BE A BIDDER?

DETAILS SOON!

ROTARY AWARDS 2021



Tom Sigel – 2021 Excellence Award



John Phillips – 2021 Community Service Award

Two outstanding citizens were honored today by Rock Island Rotary. The Rotary Excellence Award was presented to **Thom Sigel**, head boys' basketball coach at Rock Island High School for past 20 years. The Excellence Award recognizes a person who in their chosen career or profession rises to heights far and above those of others in their field. The 2021 Honoree surprised many when after completing his 20th season as Rock Island's head boys' basketball coach earlier this year he announced his retirement

from coaching with an overall record of 502 wins and just 241 losses. During twenty years at Rock Island, Coach Sigel guided teams to ten Western Big 6 titles, 12 Regional Championships, two Sectional Championships, and in 2011 won the IHSA State Championship. Sigel came to Rock Island after six years as head coach at his alma mater high school in Rock Falls, Illinois. Rock Falls High School was his first head coaching opportunity where he won 127 games and lost just 52. In 1999 his Rock Falls "Rockets" won the Class A State Championship. When he was enticed away to come to Rock Island he left as the all-time winningest coach in Rock Falls history. To this day he is the only coach in Illinois history to have won State Championships in two different classes. In the spring of 2017 Sigel was inducted into the IBCA Hall of Fame. Coach Sigel is a graduate of Knox College, with an English major. He earned a Masters' degree from Western Illinois University in counseling and is currently in his 20th year as a Guidance Counselor at RIHS. As a coach and counselor Thom has influenced and been the role model for hundreds of young adults. Thom's wife, Alicia, is a teacher at Earl Hanson Elementary School in Rock Island. Their three children Trey, Haley, and Colton all went through the Rock Island school system. All three were outstanding students and All Conference athletes.

Fellow Rotarian, **John Phillips** was named winner of the 2021 Community Service Award which is presented to a citizen who has exhibited an outstanding commitment in serving our community. Since retiring from his long-time position at Rock Island City Manager, John has immersed himself in voluntary community service. He is currently President of the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation and is a former board member of the Rock Island Community Foundation and is a current board member of the Genesius Theater Foundation. He has served on the Illinois Quad City Chamber of Commerce board, the Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging board, the United Way of the Quad Cities board, the Quad City Civic Center Authority board, and was a board member of the Development Association of Rock Island. John was instrumental in bringing the Incubator Entrepreneur program to Rock Island High School and spearheaded the effort to fund the project. John is an active Rotarian serving as club president in 2015-16 and winning the A.T. Peara Award in 2019. He currently serves as our Club Foundation Development Committee chairman. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and has volunteered and led numerous Rotary community project including stringing lights for the Botanical Center's Holiday Lights presentation, leading the Rotary Urban Gardens project, helping spring gardening and planting at the Botanical Center, and annually volunteers to man the kettle and ring the bell for the Salvation Army. John also frequently volunteers his talents as a singer, song writer and guitarist entertaining for at various community organizations and events. He frequently includes his wife Karen in his volunteer activities. The couple has two grown children, Michael and Katie who are both graduates of Rock Island High School.

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NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

The following names were received from the City of Rock Island as new member applicants under the City's Corporate membership. The applicants are Nathan Parch - Community and Economic Development Director; Randy Hurt - 2nd Ward Alderman; Mark Poulos - 6th Ward Alderman. They will be replacing Stephanie Masson, Chandler Poole, and Randy Tweet. May Mike Thoms will continue as the primary member. Please direct any comments to President Angela Campbell or Vice-President Justin Peterson.

ROTARY AWARDS 2021

TOP STUDENTS IN ROCK ISLAND HIGH SCHOOLS

The Rock Island Rotary Club honored the top two students from Rock Island High School, Alleman Catholic High School and Augustana College at today's 2021 Rotary Awards Luncheon.

Recognized as the scholastic best from Rock Island High School were Say Say and Noah Rettig. **Say Say** is the daughter of Pono Annai and Sandar Annai. She is a member and Vice-President of the National Honor Society and a Charles O. Austin Jr. Scholar. Her activities at Rocky include the Math Team, German Club, and the Environmental Action Club. She was captain of the varsity Girls Soccer Team, a member of the Student Council, and a Rock Island High School Student Ambassador. Say served as a Junior Marshall for the Class of 2020 graduation and receive the DAR Good Citizen Award. She received an Illinois High School Association Scholastic Award and the Western Big 6 Academic All-Conference Scholastic Awards. Outside the school she is a member of the First Baptist Church, Moline Youth Group. She plans to attend Black Hawk College's transfer program with a Computer Science major. Her long-term goal is to start her own small business.

Noah Rettig is the son of Kevin and Heidi Rettig. He is a member of the National Honor Society and is a National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association Academic All-American. Noah is an Illinois State Scholar and was named Academic All-Conference by the Western Big 6 Conference and received an IHSA Scholastic Achievement Award. He was recognized by the Rocky math department as their "Number 1" student. Noah also received a Top 10 Austin Academic Achievement Award. He is a four-year member of the varsity swim team, the Pride of Rock Island Marching Band, and the Symphonic Band. He is also a member of the award-winning Rock Island Chamber Singers. Outside of school Noah is a Lifeguard and Lifeguard Instructor for the Rock Island Parks and Recreation Department. After graduation he will be attending Augustana College majoring in computer science.

Alleman's top seniors are Caroline Adam and Gage Mowry. **Caroline Adam's** parents are Johnna and Tim Adam. She is a member of the National Honor Society and was an Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics State Qualifier. Caroline was also a WISE Academic Challenge State Qualifier and was IHSA Academic All State Honorable Mention. She received Western Big 6 Conference and IHSA Scholastic Awards and is a Rev. John O'Connor Scholar. She served as Student Council Vice President, chaired the student Blood Drive, and was a 4-year member of Sigma Alpha Delta (Students Against Destructive Decisions). Caroline is an Alleman Student Ambassador and also participated in the Student Hunger Drive. She was captain of the Dance Marathon, participated in basketball, cross country, and track and was named captain of all three teams for two years. She was a state qualifier in cross country and track. Out of school she was a volunteer for the John Deere Classic, the Alleman Summer Youth Sports Camp, the Jordan School Summer Camp, served as a Hy-Vee Aisles Online Employee and participated in Teens Encounter Christ. Caroline plans to attend the University of Michigan and will major in Biomedical Engineering.

Gage Mowry is the son of Craig and Barb Mowry. He too is a member of the National Honor Society and a Rev. John O'Conner Scholar. Gage was a National Merit Finalist and on the Principal's list. He is a member of the Alleman Student Council and was named Scholastic All Conference by the Western Big 6 Conference. He was captain of the wrestling team and was a state qualifier and named Most Valuable Player. Outside of school he works as a pro shop attendant and bag staff at Pinnacle Country Club. He also is a volunteer at Skip-a-Long Daycare and at the Hauberg Center. After graduation Gage will attend the University of Florida studying Industrial and Systems Engineering with a minor in Finance.

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ROTARY AWARDS 2021

TOP STUDENTS AT AUGUSTANA COLLEGE

Leading the Academic way at Augustana College are Jaclyn Hernandez and Kristian Mrazek. **Jaclyn Hernandez** is the daughter of Carol and Ray Hernandez of Palatine, Illinois. She was a member of the Prose Board for SAGA (Augustana's literary magazine) for two years and then became one of the Prose Editors her junior and senior years. She authored a short story "More Than the Grass and Stars" which won honorable mention in prose for SAGA's 2018-2019 edition. She has had either a short story, poem, or piece of art published in SAGA every year during her years at Augustana. Jaclyn was a member of Unabridged (Augustana's literary club) for four years and served as Vice President her senior year. The English department awarded her the Thomas F. and Wanda W. Hanson scholarship her junior year and the Roald Tweet Scholar in English Studies Award her senior year. Jaclyn won third place in the long analytical essay category for the Audre Lorde Prize awarded by the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies department. She interned under Dr. Karin Youngberg for East Hall Press for two years and has been on the Dean's list every trimester/semester during her time at Augustana. Outside of school she worked as a Reading/Writing Center tutor for three years. During the summer of 2020 she was accepted into New York University's Summer Publishing Institute and received a certificate in publishing. After graduation Jaclyn will pursue a career in publishing with a goal of being an editor for children's or young adult books. She says, "I understand the importance a good book can make in a child's life. I want to be a part of the process that helps make a child's favorite book come to life."

Kristian Mrazek is the son of Paula and Bruce Mrazek of Cary, Illinois. He is a member of Sigma Pi Sigma a nation physics honor society, and Pi Mu Epsilon a mathematics honor society. He served as president of the Augustana Astronomy Club and was a member of the Augustana Physics and Engineering Society (APES) and the Chess Club. Kristian was on the Dean's List every term of his Augustana career. He participated in the Radio Astronomy Research Project and authored a Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) Research Paper with Machine Learning. Outside of School he was selected to participate in the University of Colorado's REU (Research Experience for Undergraduates) in Solar and Space Physics, a paid summer research experience for highly motivated students interested in solar and space physics. Students spend 10 weeks in Boulder, Colorado working on a research project with a mentor. The topic areas span the field of solar and space physics, from instrument hardware to data analysis to modeling of the Sun, the Sun-Earth system, the near-Earth environment, or the heliosphere. After Graduation Kristian hopes to land a job in software development or data science (preferably with physics application) and plans to apply to Astrophysics Ph.D. programs for the fall of 2021.

ROTARIANS INVITED TO COMMUNITY EVENT

Fellow Rotarian Ametra Carrol invites us all to join her in the National Night Out Against Crime, at Longview Park's upper pavilion, Tuesday, August 3rd. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. and lasts until 8:00 p.m.

The Community Caring Conference (CCC) is sponsoring this local celebration of the nationwide Night Out event, which recognizes the effectiveness of neighborhood and law enforcement cooperation in reducing and preventing crime. It is one of hundreds of similar activities under the coordination of the National Association of Town Watch.

There will be free refreshments. Activities include K-9 Unit demonstrations by the Rock Island Police Department, as well as presentations by the Rock Island County Sheriff's Department and Rock Island Fire Department.

Games and fun activities for the kids!

This family event is aimed at encouraging residents to be visible and active in their neighborhoods, and to communicate effectively with law enforcement to fight crime. The Community Caring Conference has organized block clubs across the city for 40+ years. The CCC is inviting active neighbors, those whose block clubs may need to be reactivated, and anyone interested in becoming active with their neighbors.

For more information, please contact Ametra at CCC 309-373-1202 or rockislandccc@gmail.com. Thank You, Ametra Carrol-Castaneda, CCC Organizer



FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to Week 4 of Rotary International's Youth Service Month.

In his current commentary on TRF, **Foundation Trustee Chair, K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran** assures Rotarians that the future is bright. "In a year when people were unable to meet, families stayed secluded, and businesses struggled to flourish, we still managed to go forward together in many areas, **Through Rotary Foundation Grants**, clubs and districts brought creative solutions to their pandemic-hit communities. **Since March 2020, the Foundation has awarded over \$34,000,000 in grants to initiatives related to COVID-19.**" (*Rotary*, June 2021).

Last week's Foundation Minute featured Rotaract clubs and how they carry out the spirit of **TRF in their humanitarian activities**. **The focus this week is on Interact clubs.**

Interact is a Rotary-sponsored club, most often school based, that gives young people between the ages of 12 to 18 an opportunity to participate in fun and meaningful service projects while developing leadership skills and meeting new friends. Members are involved in numerous activities aimed at improving lives for members of their immediate communities.

- **Interact - coined from "INTERnational and ACTION"**
- **First club founded November 5, 1962**
- **Interact Club of Melbourne High School, Melbourne, Victoria**
- **Motto is "Service Above Self".**
- **About 342,000 members**
- **Almost 15,000 clubs**
- **145 countries**
- **District 6000 has 27 Interact clubs**



CONGRATULATIONS 2021 ROTARY WINE RAFFLE WINNERS!

FIRST PRIZE \$500 WINE SHOPPING SPREE – Stan Coin - Rotarian
SECOND PRIZE \$300 WINE SHOPPING SPREE – Tasha Keegan – TBK Bank
THIRD PRIZE \$200 WINE SHOPPING SPREE – Tricia Barron - Rotarian

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Our thanks to the Grape Life Wine Store & Lounge

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A Huge thank you to the Wine Raffle Committee:

Ruth Lee & Anne McGlynn co-chairs, Kim Calhoun, Angela Campbell, Carrie Crossen, Rick Emery, Cindi Gramenz, John Oliger, Justin Peterson, Jeff Rose, Gary Rowe, Bob Swanson, Kathy Trone, and Tammy Weikert



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! All but 16 Club members have 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 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! One more reminder will be sent, then we go to press!

FINAL THOUGHTS & SIGHTS FROM OUR 2021 AWARDS LUNCHEON

The program got off to a great start with Singing God Bless America accompanied by Molly Shattuck on the piano. That was followed by a moving invocation by Reverend James Benson. Bill Stengel introduced Keynote Speaker, Rev. Dwight Ford. Rev. Ford spoke of the past year as coming through a winter with spring now ahead of us. He spoke of facing fears, valuing learning, and noting that education is something that can never be taken away but can always be shared. He said there is great value in curiosity and asking important questions. He gave an inspiring talk touting the importance of hard work, commitment, education, and dedication. Plus, he was able to intertwine into his comments the Rotary Four-Way Test. It was an excellent presentation. Chris Lemmon gave a short introduction and thanked the Awards Committee and then the presentation of awards began.



Molly Shattuck – A.T. Peara Winner with President Campbell and past Peara Award winner, Mark Mayeski.

At Right is Molly with her proud Mom and Dad, Sue and Tom Hammar and her daughter, and husband, Scott Shattuck.



Left – Luckenbill-Wray Winer Ruth Lee with President Campbell and past Peara Award winner, Carrie Crossen

Below – Excellence Winner Thom Sigel with President Campbell and past Excellence Winner, Bob Swanson



Community Service Award winner John Phillips with President Campbell and Awards Chairman, Chris Lemon

Student photos on next page.

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS HONORED BY ROTARY

Rev. Dwight Ford presents Keynote Address



Augustana's best, Kristian Mrazek, with Kai Swanson, Asst. to the Augie President and President Campbell



Alleman's best, Caroline Adam and Gage Mowry with President Campbell and Alleman Principal, Sara Stroud



Rocky's best, Noah Rettig and Say Say with President Campbell and Rocky Principal, Jeff Whitaker



We regret that Jaclyn Hernandez from Augustana College was unable to attend today. Her award will be sent to her home with our best wishes! Congratulations to each of these outstanding young scholars!



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OFFICIAL PLEDGE CARD **2021**



ROCK ISLAND ROTARY CLUB

CHARITY SOLICITED FOR

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BIRD NUMBER

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Quad Cities Golf Classic Charitable Foundation.

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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)

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|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 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 _____

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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.