



# Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



## Sunset Marina Denise Browning, Mgr.

Sunset Marina is owned by the City of Rock Island and managed by F3 Marina.

It is in Sunset Park at 31st Avenue and the Mississippi River at mile marker 479.8 in Rock Island, Illinois. The harbor is surrounded by 250 acres of woods and park with jogging paths, picnic, and playground areas. The marina offers 395 slips for seasonal, monthly, and overnight docking. Slips range in size from 16 feet to 60 feet in length. Our fuel dock, located at the east side of the harbor in Lake Potter, offers diesel and non-ethanol fuel along with free pump outs. The Marina offers restrooms with showers and coin laundry facilities. A 35-ton Marine Travelift is on property to support the needs of boaters. Let's Go Boating! Sunset Marina has a well-established reputation for providing the best overall boating experience on the Mississippi River. Boaters don't need to worry about hauling boats away for the winter. Sunset Marina offers winter water and land storage along with trailer storage. Multiple public launching ramps for boats are located at the north end of Sunset Park. F3 took over management of the Marina in October 2018. At the time F3 was selected from 3 firms competing for the contract. F3 was running 11 marinas ranging from 85 slips to 921 slips; five are located along Lake Michigan. F3 manages the Waukegan (Ill.) Marina; the Harbor Centre Marina in Sheboygan, Wis; the F3 Marina in Fort Lauderdale, FL; The Frisco Bay Marina in Frisco, CO; the Halifax Harbor Marina in Daytona Beach, FL; the Hartshorn Municipal Marina in Muskegon, MI; the LaPrade's Marina in Lake Burton, GA; the Flamingo Marina in Guanacaste, Costa Rica; the Port of Rochester in Rochester, NY; the Reefpoint Marina in Racine, WI; the Titusville Marina in Titusville, FL; the Village of Egg Harbor Marina in Egg Harbor, WI; and now Sunset Marina in Rock Island. F3 states creating a financially sustainable marina for the long haul requires a long and short-term strategic plan and detailed budgets. F3 Marina has the expertise to improve the value and performance of the assets they are hired to manage. Strong financial controls, maximizing revenue, and planning for financial sustainability are fundamental strengths within their organization. "Manage from a position of financial strength and knowledge," is their mantra. They provide detailed financial and operational reporting along with weekly executive summaries to track progress in meeting goals and financial targets. They also conduct competitive market studies and improve profit centers – or create new ones – ensuring the marina pursues every opportunity to increase revenue. Ms. Browning came to her position as Sunset Marina Manager with a background in the hotel/hospitality industry. But even then, she was an avid boater and water enthusiast. She received specialized training from F3 and made an easy transition from hotel to marina management, saying in the hotel business you greet guests and do everything you can to make their visit pleasant and memorable. At the Marina we greet families, provide for their needs, and try to ensure that their stay with us is also pleasant and memorable. She stated she feels lucky to be positioned at Sunset Marina and considers our river "pool" from Lock & Dam 15 in Rock Island to Lock & Dam 16 at Muscatine to be one of the best on the entire river. She also rates Sunset's secluded harbor to be one of the best Marina settings on the river. She noted that our pool has multiple harbors with excellent food and beverage service ranging from Ducky's Lagoon on the Illinois side to Fairport on the Iowa shore. Browning says she spends much of her time in the fuel house where she enjoys getting to know Marina patrons as they stop for fuel, snacks, and other amenities. She said the pandemic has in a way been a boon to Marina business with people eager to get out of their homes. She said the boat launches at Sunset have been extremely busy this spring. Ms. Browning says the boating community builds life-long friends and with our excellent location on the river, patrons can enjoy boating, kayaking, jet skiing, tubing, water skiing, and every other Friday, food and entertainment at the Marina provided by Cavanaugh's. Thanks, Denise for an interesting program, putting us in the mood for summer weather!

### April - May Calendar

- May 6 - RIHS incubator Pitch 9am #2 9:00am at Rock Island High
- May 11 - Marcy Mendenhall, Exec. Dir. of Skip-a-Long childcare
- 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 Luncheon Rev. Dwight Ford, Speaker Awards to students and leaders from our Club and the Community.



Rock Island, IL 61204  
[www.rirotary.com](http://www.rirotary.com)

## Officers

Angela Campbell President  
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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** – We had numerous guests today including Virginia Johnson, wife of Don Peterson; Virginia Houlton, wife of Fred Houlton; Rock Island 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Alderman Randy Hurt and 6<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman, Mark Paulos; and joining us via ZOOM from Naples Florida was visiting Rotarian, Duncan Cameron. Guests are always welcome at Roc Island Rotary, 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 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](http://www.rirotary.com). Right at the top you can click to buy 5 tickets for \$20 or 1 ticket for \$5!**
- ☐ **REMINDER** if you still have not returned or paid for the five tickets sent to you in December, (over 30 members still have tickets out) we need the check & stubs or the tickets returned ASAP! You can drop them of at next week’s 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](mailto:smorenz3@gmail.com).
- ☐ **SELL OR BUY** – We need to move 125 books of Wine Raffle tickets (at \$20 per book) in the next three weeks! Please don’t assume someone else will do it. Go to the information on page 4, go on line and buy tickets, keep them or sell them at your preference. We need all to help with at lease one, hopefully more books!
- ☐ **HAVE ITEMS FOR OUR NEWSLETTER?** Email items, including photos to Bob Swanson at [bobdebswanson@att.net](mailto: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](mailto:srector3614@gmail.com).





## Retiring the TAB

Now that in-person meetings have returned, the Raffle Table is back in business and Vice-President Gramenz has the microphone for fining and honoring those of us who appear in the news. The TAB did go out with a flurry with members lining up to pay their "TAB" accumulated over the past 13 months of virtual meetings. Thanks to all who supported the Foundation via the TAB, \$1,287 was donated. If you didn't ante up today you can give your TAB donation to Bud Phillis at next week's meeting



## FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to Week 1 – Rotary International's Youth Service Month  
(Formerly Education)

Youth Service strengthens the ability of communities to support basic education, literacy and to reduce gender disparity in education. Rotary clubs all over the world sponsor Youth Service programs such as Rotaract, Interact, RYLA and Youth Exchange.

The Rotary Foundation's offers scholarships and grants to exceptional students pursuing a career in an area of great humanitarian need. The student pursues graduate studies at institutions outside of North America.

Isabel Eliassen, a graduate of Western Kentucky University (WKU) with degrees in international affairs, linguistics and Chinese, is a recipient of a 2021 Rotary Foundation Global Grant. Sponsored by The Rotary Club of Bowling Green in District 6710, the \$50,000 grant will pay for enrollment in Asia-Pacific Studies at National Chengchi University.

In tune with TRF's mission of advancing "...world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the ...support of education and the alleviation of poverty...", Eliassen will study how the disadvantages ethnic minorities face in economic stability and quality of education in Taiwan affects their access to English language education. According to a WKU website report, Eliassen will promote "Rotary's action through service" by investigating systemic problems in education to assess how to better serve others through language education.

"Rotary is a dynamic force in Taiwan, resolving public issues and joining community leaders across borders...Expanding solutions to reach students around the world is a challenge, but empowered by deep conviction and Rotary's forward thinking, achieving better, accessible language education is possible." The RF's 2021 Global Grant Recipient believes that "Rotary is the ideal organization to spearhead meaningful change with its mission of fostering global understanding."

## GREAT TO MEET!

**Rock Island Rotary returned to in-person meetings at the Quad City Botanical Center today. It was great to see our members Face to Face! For a while, masks are need and social distancing is being practiced. Lunch is a pay at the meeting basis until the next dues cycle. Members unable to attend can still attend via ZOOM. We are now resuming taking attendance. IT WAS GREAT SEEING "LIVE" FELLOW ROTARIANS!**



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 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

# Rock Island Rotary Awards Luncheon

Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 o'clock noon. The event will be in-person at the Quad City Botanical Center honoring outstanding members or our community, our club, and our schools. All awards other than the student awards are selected from nominations submitted by members of our club. It is critical that club members submit nominees for the various awards! **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION!**



ROCK ISLAND ROTARY CLUB  
2021 Awards Committee

Rock Island Rotary's annual Awards Luncheon is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**. The Awards Committee seeks nominations for the following awards:

1. **Excellence:** Recognizes distinction or superiority in a field of endeavor. This can be for a single accomplishment or for achieving high standards of achievement or performance over a sustained period of time.
2. **Community Service:** Recognizes individuals or organizations who have worked effectively for the betterment of our community.
3. **The Luckenbill - Wray Excellence Award** Recognizes a current Rock Island Rotarian for outstanding service and dedication to our club over the past year.
4. **A.T. Peara Award for Service Above Self:** Recognizes the Rock Island Rotary member who has exhibited the dedicated service and faithful commitment to the ideals of Rotary that were personified by A.T. Peara, for whom the award is named after.

The first two awards are open to any individual or organization that has demonstrated excellence or worked for the betterment of the Rock Island community. The excellence award applies to all lines of work and to all ages.

The Luckenbill – Wray and A.T. Peara awards are limited to current members of Rock Island Rotary.

To ensure that our committee has adequate time to evaluate, consider, make the selections, and have awards prepared, the deadline for nominations is Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Please consider making one or more nominations using the lower portion of this form. Additional copies are available if you need them. We greatly appreciate your participation and assistance.

Submit Nominations by email to Carrie Crossen: [ccrossen@choosethechief.com](mailto:ccrossen@choosethechief.com)

NOMINEE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

EXCELLENCE AWARD      COMMUNITY SERVICE      LUCKENBILL-WRAY      A.T. PEARA AWARD

Reasons in support of your Nomination:

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# ROTARIANS AT HyVee

This Saturday, fellow members will be staffing tables at the Rock Island HyVee from 10am until 2pm selling our Wine Raffle Tickets. Thanks to Justin Peterson, Gary Rowe, Eric Westphall, Marcy Bell, Anne McGlynn, Cindi Gramenz, Rick Emery, and Sarah Gorham for giving their weekend time for this project. Justin even volunteered to wear Ruth Lee's Pinot Noir Wine Bottle Costume! If you're out and about, or have groceries to buy, stop by the HyVee between 10 and 2pm and say, "Hello" and "Thanks" to your fellow members! You could also make their day by purchasing a few tickets! Just even said he might do a little dance for ticket purchasers!



**Who says Rotarians don't have fun! That's one of the many reasons  
Rock Island Rotary is the Number 1 Club!!**



### **Rock Island Rotary's Ongoing Commitment to The Youth of Our Community**

- **Founded and support EarlyAct Club at Jordan Elementary School**
- **Founded and support Interact Club at Rock Island High School**
  - **Founded and support Rotaract Club at Augustana College**
  - **Adopted and support Earl Hanson Elementary School**
- **Host monthly Birthday Book's Celebration at Earl Hanson School**
  - **Host annual Pumpkin Palooza for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Students**
- **Donated \$10,000 to Help Establish Incubator-Entrepreneur Program**
- **Donated over \$100,000 to Help Create Botanical Center Children's Garden**
  - **Donated \$3,000 for Girls Softball League Scoreboards**
  - **Made and Donated Winter Scarfs for area children**
  - **Annually Sponsor High School Youth for RYLA Camp**
- **Annually provide gifts through Angel Tree to children in need**
  - **Donated \$10,000 for Lights at Rotary Softball Field**
  - **Donated \$21,000 to Purchase Spring Forward Van**
  - **Funded Books for Youth Summer Enhancement Program**
- **Funded Field Trips to Whitewater Junction for Summer Youth Program**
  - **Built & Maintain Little Libraries at area schools**
  - **Provide Funding for Bert Blood Scholarships for 4H Youth**
- **Rock Island Rotary frequently donates to numerous area youth organizations including:**  
**Youth Hope, Rock Island County Children's Advocacy Center, Alleman & Rock Island Post Prom, Girls Scouts, Boy Scouts, First Day Fund, Two Rivers YMCA, Children's Therapy Center, Royal Kids Camp, Ballet Quad Cities, First Tee of the Quad Cities, and many more.**

### **IN CASE YOUR WONDERING ...**

Today was our first experience hosting a "blended" meeting. We had 39 people live at the Botanical Center and 12 on ZOOM for a total of 51 in attendance. ZOOM participants were in Iowa, Illinois, Florida, and Arizona. Bridges provided an excellent buffet lunch with a few COVID precautions. A drink station allowed self service of drinks rather than pitchers on the table, silverware was picked up individually at the food table, and salt and pepper were provided in individual packets rather than in table shakers. It seemed to go extremely well! Thanks to all who attended!



# Chip in for your charity

OFFICIAL PLEDGE CARD **2021**



## ROCK ISLAND ROTARY

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 \_\_\_\_\_

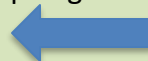
PHONE OR EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

## BIRDIES CHAIRMAN KOSKI

Kicked off the 2021 Birdies Campaign Today!

Every cent pledged comes back to Rock Island ROTARY Plus the Golf Foundation kicks in an additional 5% donation! Funds are dedicated to our Rock Island Rotary Club Foundation

Use this form to make your pledge!



### KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

I pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ one-time donation

I guessed \_\_\_\_\_ birdies would be made

Payment was included with pledge

☐ YES \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ NO

☐ CASH ☐ CHECK NO. \_\_\_\_\_



There is a \$50 Club Prize for the best guess for number of Birdies in this year's Tournament. Our goal is 35 pledges with a total of \$4,800 in contributions. Use this form or get one from the Sergeant's table. 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 – 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue Court, Rock Island, IL 61201. Do not include a check or cash with your pledge, the Tournament will bill you! June 15<sup>th</sup> is our deadline.

## 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! If you received it and have not yet responded, please do so today or tomorrow. If any information is incorrect or incomplete, or if you have a different picture, you would like us to use, please email the corrected or additional information and/or your new photo to [bobdebswanson@att.net](mailto:bobdebswanson@att.net)

Our hope is to distribute the new directory at the first meet of the 2021-21 Rotary year, which this year is July 6<sup>th</sup>. To do that everything must go to the printer by early-June.

You would be surprised how much time it takes to lay out a 60-page book with over 90 individual listings. Please either approve your current listing or send your corrections as soon as possible!





## FOUR RECEIVE “HONORARY MEMBER” RECOGNITION

During the past year our Board of Directors voted to honor four of our long-time, dedicated members “HONORARY MEMBER” status. They join Jay Stanley, named an Honorary Member many years ago. Today was the first time our Club met in person since the honorary status was conferred and to our delight, all four were in attendance today. President Campbell read the following proclamation:

*Sam Doak, Fred Houlton, Lo Milani, and Don Peterson - You have been chosen for Honorary Membership of the Rotary Club of Rock Island because our members believe your commitment to this club over the years warrants this recognition.*

*Honorary Membership in Rotary is a privilege, which we believe you have earned. As an honorary member you are exempt from paying dues; do not vote; and do not hold any club office. You are entitled to attend all meetings and enjoy all other privileges in the club.*

*I now present you with the lapel pin by which your fellow Rotarians and the public at large will recognize you as an honorary Rotarian. We trust that you will take the opportunity to continue to enjoy the fellowship of Rotary and assist our community in service through Rotary.*

*We most heartily offer you the right hand of Rotary Fellowship!*

*Congratulations.*

Each was presented with a special HONORARY ROTARIAN lapel Pin followed by a standing ovation from all present. Congratulations to each you for your long and dedicated commitment to Rotary.



← Sam Doak joined Rotary in 1971 and just completed 50 years of membership. He had a long career with the Corps of Engineers and private practice engineering



Fred Houlton join Rotary → in 1963 and is in his 58<sup>th</sup> year of membership. He served as our President for 70-71 and District Governor 85-86. He is a retired school administrator.



← Don Peterson joined Rotary in 1967 and is in his 54<sup>th</sup> year of membership. Don served as our president in 89-90. Prior to retirement he was a professor and Department Head at Augustana College.



Italo “Lo” Milani joined → Rotary in 2007 and is in his 14<sup>th</sup> year of membership. He served as a Sergeant at Arms Aide for many years and by his generous donations instituted our weekly Foundation wine raffle prize