



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



HONOR FLIGHT OF THE QUAD CITIES

**Army Lt. Col. Steve
Garrington, Retired**

June - July Calendar

- 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
- July 13 - TBA
- July 20 - Norm Moline retired Augie professor talks about China
- July 27 - TBA

Lt. Colonel Steve Garrington is a founding member of the Quad Cities Chapter of Honor Flight. He became "Hub Commander" in April 2016 after the retirement of fellow founding member Bob Morrison who had led the group since its establishment in 2008. The very simply stated mission of Honor Flight is "To Transport America's Veterans to Washington, DC to visit those memorials dedicated to honor the service and sacrifices of themselves and their friends." Because of the Covid pandemic, Honor Flights from all over the country were grounded on March 11, 2020. Happily, on April 13, 2021, it was announced that Honor Flight was "Planning for a resumption of flights. The Board of Honor Flight of the Quad Cities and its many volunteers have put in motion the first steps to resuming flights to Washington DC. The initial plans are for flights for those veterans who served sometime during WWII, Korea, and Viet Nam conflicts. Although the exact dates are not yet available, they will be announced as soon as possible. It is hoped that flights will begin sometime during the fall of this year and that two flights will be made followed by two more in the spring. When the final "green light" is given for the 51st Honor Flight, Veterans and Guardians who are eligible will be contacted by phone. Today Colonel Garrington spoke to a joint meeting of Rock Island Rotary and Kiwanis in honor of Memorial Day. Garrington received his bachelor's degree in elementary education from Westmar University in Le Mars, Iowa. He then earned a Master's in Education from Western Illinois University and later entered the US Army Combined and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Subsequent to his military career he was an elementary school teacher in the North Scott school district. Garrington is also a certified lay minister and has served for many years in the Salvation Army. He said to date Honor Flight Quad Cities has taken 4,900 veterans to Washington, D.C. Any veteran who served during World War II, the Korean War, or the Viet Nam War are eligible to go. They take approximately 100 veterans on each flight who are accompanied by 60 "guardians" who pay their own way and assist the veterans and act as caretakers for the group. Members of the local Honor Flight Board and at least 3 medical personnel accompany each flight. One there the veterans and guardians are transported on three coach busses with full police escort from the airport to the various war memorials. Prior to leaving an orientation meeting is held where each veteran receives a book regarding their memorial, a color-coded name badge (red, white, or blue) which also identifies their bus. They also get a tote bag and a tee shirt. In the event of rain, ponchos are also provided. Honor Flight typically makes four flights each year, two in the spring and two in the fall. Currently Colonel Garrington said there is a 700-800 list of veterans waiting to go. Each flight costs \$50,000 for the airplane and about that much for the books, shirts, busses, etc. that are provided for the veterans. Costs are covered by donations and by corporate sponsorships. Some local businesses, such as HyVee, have taken on sponsoring and entire flight by donating \$50,000. Honor Flight is a wonderful "thank you" to those that have served our country. We thank Colonel Garrington and the hundreds of volunteers that made this possible. This was a particularly meaningful program on this Memorial Day weekend. We honor and thank those that served.



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Have a program idea? Contact
the chairman listed above for a
possible date.

Club Notes & Announcements!

☐ **WELCOME GUESTS** – Today we had two visiting Rotarians, Duncan Cameron from the Naples, FL Club and Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport Club. Other guests included Cassidy DeMeyer, our first “Service Above Self” scholarship winner and her parents, Holly and Scott DeMeyer; and Jeremy Richard from Bettendorf, Iowa, who was a guest of Howard Beck. 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.

BIRDIES UPDATE – Standing in for Kevin Koski, President Campbell reported that our Birdies for Charity drive has reached 20 donors for a total of \$2,673 pledged. We have about two weeks left to reach our goal of 35 donors and a total of \$4,800 in pledges. Don’t make Kevin bar the doors (He had done it in the past!) Use the form on page 5 and send in your pledge today!

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. We fell just slightly short of our goal, but did add sell over \$4,500 in tickets. 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.



FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Thanks to the generosity of Pete Wessels, we are able to carry on the Lo Milani tradition of including a bottle of fine wine in our weekly raffle. Keeping another tradition, President Angela Campbell donated one of her custom designed fabric bowls which she said in no way replaces Larry Tadlock’s hand turned wooden bowls, but gives bowl collectors another reason to support the Foundation. Today’s winners were Sara Cross who quickly grabbed the bowl and then heard her name called again so she took the money and donated her winnings back to the foundation. Frank Lambert was the final winner, taking home some fine Cabernet wine! Thanks to all who participated!

2021-22 COMMITTEES

All members recently received an email asking you to indicate 2 or more Club Committees you would be willing to join for the coming year. None of our committees require a large number of meetings or a great deal of time. But all are critical to the wellbeing of our club. Because of printing deadlines for our new Club Directory, we must have your response returned to Justin Peterson at jpeterston@tbkbank.com in the next 10 days. Please do it today! A copy of the preference sheet is included at page 6 and 7 of this newsletter

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

**Happy Memorial Day to Rotarians and other people around the world!
Welcome to Week One of June, Rotary International's Month of Fellowship.**

It has been another busy week for Rotarians doing good around the world. With donations from clubs and districts, **The Rotary Foundation** has contributed to projects aimed at improving the quality of life for those concerned, especially the youth. For example, the **Rotary Club of Nelson, British Columbia**, plans to launch a breakfast program in local schools around British Columbia; **District 7630, USA**, has contributed funds to help improve band programs at Sussex Academy, Georgetown, DE. In Alabama, clubs have contributed to the **establishment of a Rotary STAR Park, a Sensory, Tactile and Adaptive Recreation playground for all children**. While May focused on youth, the month of June celebrates the beauty of Fellowships in Rotary. According to the Rotary International website:

Rotary Fellowships are groups of Rotarians, Rotarian partners, and Roteractors who join together to:

- Share a common interest in worthwhile recreational activities (sports, hobbies, etc.)
- Further their vocational development through acquaintance with others of the same profession
- Make new friends around the world
- Explore new opportunities for service
- Have fun and enjoy life



CONGRATULATIONS ROTARY JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Amanda De La Cruz	June 2	Jeff Dismer	June 15
John Oliger	June 4	John Wetzel	June 16
Larry Tadlock	June 5	Justin Peterson	June 20
Mike Oberhaus	June 7	Dave Hodge	June 27
Pete Wessels	June 10	Anne McGlynn	June 29
Linda Golden	June 11	James Benson	June 29
Sarah Gorham	June 14		



GETTING TO KNOW OUR FIRST RECIPIENT OF THE ROCK ISLAND ROTARY

"SERVICE ABOVE SELF SCHOLARSHIP"



All indications are that our Service Above Self Scholarship is off to a fantastic start and our very first recipient has set the standard high! Cassidy De Meyer was selected for our initial \$1,000 scholarship. She is a "Charles O. Austin, Jr. Scholar" signifying that she earned a 3.5 GPA or higher every semester of her high school career. For that accomplishment her picture will be displayed in the front lobby of the high school. Her grade average on a 4.0 scale is 3.95. She was a member of the Rocky Volleyball team for four years and softball team also for four years serving as captain of both teams. She played on the Quad City Firebirds softball 2016-2019, Quad City S.W.A.T softball from 2019-2021, and Rock Island Destroyers volleyball from 2015-2019. She was a member of the Rock Island High School Student council from 2019-2021 and was inducted into the National Honors Society at Rock Island High School. She also served as a volunteer Student Athletic Trainer her senior year.

Outside of school Cassidy volunteers in community blood drives and hunger drives, and the Dance Marathon organization. While doing all this Cassidy also holds down a part-time job at HyVee, serving as an online personal shopper, taking online orders, doing the shopping and prepare the order for pick up. Cassidy will attend Augustana College in the fall, with a major in Environmental Science. In addition to our scholarship, she has been awarded an Augustana College Academic Presidential Scholarship for \$14,000 (per semester), an Augustana QC promise scholarship of \$1,000 (per semester), and an Augustana Visit scholarship of \$500 (per semester). In her scholarship application Cassidy said, "Through this degree I have the opportunity to study on the Mississippi River. There will be a lot of hands-on experience involved. I love the fact that I live right on a hotspot for environmental studies. Jobs studying the river are in high demand and are projected to continue rising. This means that I can stay in the Quad Cities well after I graduate. I made the choice to live at home while attending so that I can save on room and board and meals. After college I would love to get a job here in the quad cities and work with the Mississippi River. Ultimately, I want to find a way to keep the river cleaner and healthier for residents of the Quad Cities. This in turn would provide a healthier environment for us. Science has always been a subject I gravitate towards, and I am extremely excited to continue a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) field of study."

-- A requirement of our scholarship is an essay on the topic, "The 4 Way Test". This is Cassidy's essay --

Helping others has been a principle that has surrounded me for as long as I can remember. My dad was always helping other kids on my brothers' baseball team. My mom was always helping friends handle new responsibilities. My siblings and I have always been willing to help each other out when needed. This goes hand and hand in with doing something with a purpose. No matter what action you are participating in, you do it with a purpose. My purpose has always seemed to be helping others, or just making others feel more comfortable.

I am an honest person. When it comes down to it there is no valid reason for lying. In my day-to-day life I incorporate "Is It The Truth?" by living up to my personal expectation of just being honest. I have not been in a situation yet where the truth did more harm than good. An example of this would be one time when I was playing volleyball. The opposing team had hit a ball out of bounds; and I told the official I had a touch on the block. By doing this the other team received a point, but there was no reason to act like I didn't touch the ball or try to play anything off. It was one point, no big deal.

Being included was a big thing I struggled with specifically freshman year in high school. Towards the end of the school year, I was called up to play with the varsity softball team in post season. All the upperclassmen made me feel so welcome, like I was part of the family, like I belonged there. After that I made it a rule to include everyone. One way I continue to do this is by volunteering to work with freshman on the volleyball, and softball teams. I work out with them and show them the basics. If they ever have questions, I will do my best to answer them. That is my way of continuing to make everything fair for all concerned.

Positivity is something I struggled with when I first started high school. I soon realized that being negative didn't help anyone out, it only made things harder on myself. I started to work on being more positive towards myself so that soon I could be more positive with others. Currently in my senior year I would like to consider myself one of the most positive people I know. When I go out with friends, or go to a practice, my goal is to stay positive and upbeat. This not only helps keep me in the right mindset, but it encourages others around me to be positive as well. This leads to having more fun in my opinion. It also makes you more friends. People enjoy being surrounded by positivity. Building goodwill and friendships is one of the most important parts of being young and having fun.

In my day-to-day life I always want to be sure that whatever decision I choose to make doesn't lead to harming someone else. For example, unlike many people my age, I don't text and drive. I will not look at my phone while I am driving because I have made myself aware of the repercussions. By making this choice I am keeping myself and every other person on the road safer because I am a more attentive driver. In a smaller example, I will always offer my assistance to somebody who may need it. This includes opening doors, an extra chore for mom, and helping another student for a math quiz. Where my help is warranted, I will provide it. This is beneficial to others because sometimes you just need someone to lend a hand.

In conclusion this 4-way Test by the Rotary Club of Rock Island is an encouraging way to live your best life. To help others as often as you can. To be a leader in the community. To just overall be a good person. Helping others has been a way for me to live from the start and I plan to continue that tradition for as long as possible.

ROCK ISLAND ROTARY CLUB



Chip in for your charity

OFFICIAL PLEDGE CARD **2021**



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DUOTED FOR

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 (#304) 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

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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.

Rotary Committee Preferences: 2021- 2022

Please choose **Two or More** committees that you would like to participate in during the upcoming 2021 - 2022 Rotary Year. Please check the box if that committee is of interest to you. In some cases, a chair has already volunteered and is listed. If not and you would be willing to chair, please write "I will chair". If there is a box next to a committee name, we need members! Be sure to put your name on the form and return it to Justin Peterson, JPeterson@tbkbank.com . We must have these back within 10 days to get the rosters in the Club Directory. Those who do not respond will be assigned where needed. We would prefer to have you serve on a committee of your choice. Thank you for your service in the Rotary Club of Rock Island. RETURN ASAP!

Your Name: _____

CLUB LOGISTICS COMMITTEES

Program Committee:

(Need one person for each slot)

August-September ☐

October November – Frank Lambert

December-January – John Wetzel

February-March – Kai Swanson

April-May ☐

June-July – Tom Hammar

Membership Committee:

Chair – Cindi Gramenz

Recruiting

Retention

Orientation

Mentoring

Invocations Committee:

(Need one person each month)

July ☐

August ☐

September ☐

October ☐

November ☐

December ☐

January ☐

February ☐

March ☐

April ☐

May ☐

June ☐

Nominating Committee:

Chair – Frank Lambert ☐

Awards Luncheon:

Chair, Chris Lemon ☐

Public Image Committee:

Chair – Bob Swanson ☐

Newsletter:

Website:

Press Releases:

Social Media:

Club Fellowship:

Night at the Ball Park – John Oliger, Chair ☐

Holiday Party – Bob Swanson, Chair ☐

New Social Activities ☐

Sergeant at Arms Aides

CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEES

Rotary International Foundation:

Chair – Bud Phillis ☐

RI Rotary Club Foundation:

Development Chair, John Phillips ☐

Grant/Project Chair, Bill Stengel

Budget Priorities:

Chair - Frank Lambert ☐

Salvation Army Bell Ringing:

Chair – Mark Mayeski ☐

Bert Blood Scholarships:

Chair – John Wetzel ☐

Youth Exchange: Chair, Jeff Dismer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Literacy/Little Libraries Committee: Chair, Sue Rector	<input type="checkbox"/>
RIHS Entrepreneurship/ Enterprise Class: Chair, John Daly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pumpkin Patch: Chair, Sue Rector	<input type="checkbox"/>
Earl Hanson & Birthday Books Chair, Molly Shattuck	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heart of Hope Committee Chair, Steve Morenz	<input type="checkbox"/>
Global Project: Chair, Bob Swanson	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rotaract: Augustana College Black Hawk College	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interact/RYLA: Rock Island High School	<input type="checkbox"/>
Earlyact: Chair, Bud Phillis Jordan Elementary School	<input type="checkbox"/>
Blood Drive: Chair, Chris Lemon	<input type="checkbox"/>

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEES

Dining Books: Chair, Bud Phillis	<input type="checkbox"/>
Birdies for Charity: Chair, Kevin Koski	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trivia Night: Chair, Kathy Trone	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wine Raffle: Chair, Ruth Lee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rotary Ramble: Co-Chair, Bruce Peterson Co-Chair, Kathy Lelonek Advisors – Dick & Mary Fislar	<input type="checkbox"/>

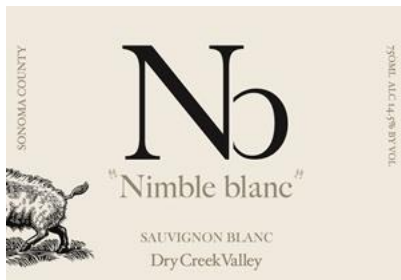
FIRST EVER ROCK ISLAND ROTARY ON-LINE WINE AUCTION

Through a family connection Club member Ruth Lee was able to obtain an incredibly generous donation from the Nimble Vineyards of Sonoma Valley, California. We have decided to use the donation to further fund our Service Above Self Scholarship.

A word about Nimble Vineyards - Wayyyyyy up in the hills above the famed Dry Creek Valley in Sonoma County sits Nimble Vineyards. These prestigious grapes have been sold to local wineries for over a decade, but now they are utilized for their own Nimble Vineyards wines. Today's exclusive 'Nimble Vineyards Reds Collection' is filled with tiny production red wines that you will not find at your local wine store.



This is not some low-cost local wine; it is some of Sonoma Valley's finest. Their donation to us includes these four varieties, which regularly retail as shown per bottle. Our on-line auction will make these wines available by the case, in mixed variety cases, and in smaller groupings including by individual bottles. Everyone can join in to try some of the best!



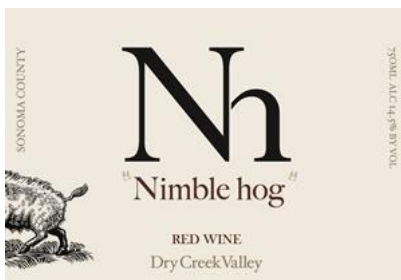
Nimble blanc

Sauvignon Blanc

CA - Sonoma County - Dry Creek Valley

Beautifully detailed aromatic profile of candied lemon rind, green mango, crushed slate, and flakes of toasted brioche. Flavors strongly mimic the aromatic profile, mostly dominated by mineral notes with nuances of citrus. Clean, dry, and notably complex.

\$21.00 / 750 mL Bottle



Nimble hog

Red Blend

CA - Sonoma County - Dry Creek Valley

Perfumed sweet nose of baked blueberry, black raspberry, crushed rock, and toast. The higher percentage of Syrah in our Nimble Hog drives it away from the bramble red fruit often associated with Zinfandel to the darker, more mysterious side. Fresh and linear entry gives away to highlighted dark fruit and semi-sweet chocolate. Firm and chewy tannins but generous in the mouth.

\$30.00 / 750 mL Bottle



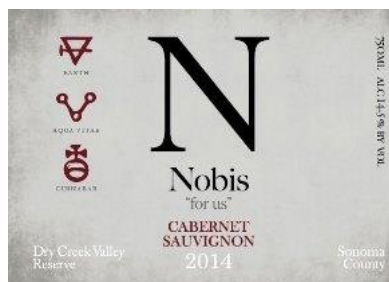
Nobis Syrah

Syrah / Shiraz

CA - Sonoma County - Dry Creek Valley

Aromas of fresh blueberry, vanilla bean pod and dried wild brush overlay hints of savory meat. The front palate is lush with rich notes of roasted coffee and summer blackberry. This wine exhibits incredible depth and concentration. The tannins are well integrated and approachable from a young age. The finish is long and pure; leaving no doubt that this wine will age beautifully.

\$40.00 / 750 mL Bottle



Nobis Cabernet Sauvignon

Cabernet Sauvignon

CA - Sonoma County - Dry Creek Valley

This vintage has a deep, dark red appearance. Initially subdued, it reveals fresh red currant skin, earthy loam, and fresh wild herb with further aeration. A focused and linear entry highlights the red fruit and dried tobacco leaf notes. Chewy and firm tannins give way to a subtle but persistent finish. The freshness and balance of this wine will be a great compliment to food.

\$50.00 / 750 mL Bottle

Wondering how good these wines might be? Take a look ---



Winners of the 2019 Sunset International Wine Competition

Best of Class, Double Gold Award Winner

Nimble Vineyards Nobis Cabernet Sauvignon

And many more awards that we will share in the future!

Our auction will open in mid August and will close on September 2nd. Stay tuned for more details! Thanks to Jeff Rose for giving the "kick off" for the project at today's meeting! Thanks to Ruth Lee for the contact and to Nimble Vineyards for their donation of over \$6,000 in high quality, Sonoma Valley Wine!