



# Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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## JAPANESE AMERICANS AFTER PEARL HARBOR

Guest speaker today at Rock Island Rotary was Jan Mosamoto. In his speech to Congress, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt declared that the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, was "a date which will live in infamy." The attack on Pearl Harbor also launched a rash of fear about national security, especially on the West Coast. In February 1942, just two months after the attack on Pearl Harbor, President Roosevelt, issued Executive Order 9066 that resulted in the internment of Japanese Americans. The



order authorized the Secretary of War and military commanders to evacuate all persons deemed a threat from the West Coast to internment camps, that the government called "relocation centers," further inland. government suspicion arose not only around aliens who came from enemy nations, but around all persons of Japanese descent, whether foreign born (issei) or American citizens (nisei). The entire West Coast was deemed a military area and was divided into military zones. Executive Order 9066 authorized military commanders to exclude civilians from military areas. Although the language of the order did not specify any ethnic group curfews that included only Japanese Americans were announced. Voluntary evacuation by Japanese Americans from a limited number of areas was urged. About seven percent of the total Japanese American population in these areas complied. On March 29, 1942, under the authority of the executive order, Public Proclamation No. 4 began the forced evacuation and detention of West Coast residents of Japanese-American ancestry on a 48-hour notice. Only a few days prior to the proclamation, on March 21, Congress had passed Public Law 503, which made violation of Executive Order 9066 a misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in prison and a \$5,000 fine. Because of the perception of "public danger," all Japanese within varied distances from the Pacific coast were targeted. Unless they were able to dispose of or make arrangements for care of their property within a few days, their homes, farms, businesses, and most of their private belongings were lost forever. It is estimated over \$2 billion in assets were lost by Japanese forced into camps. Over 110,000 Japanese Americans, including over 66,000 U.S. citizens, were forced into internment camps. Among those was an infant Janet Mosamomo and her 3 year old sister, four year old brother, and her mother and father. The entire family are American citizens, her father born and raised in Hawaii and mother in Washington state. Because they were of Hawaiian heritage and lived in California at the time, they were forcibly ordered out of their home. Jan said her mother recalled people coming into their home and offering pennies for their belongings. They were shown no respect and given no compassion. They took only what they could carry and were bused to Santa Anita Race Track and housed temporarily in a horse stall. They were then relocated to a "camp" in Arizona. They were placed in barracks constructed of wood with tar-paper walls. The camp was encircled by barbed wire and guard towers. Beds were gunny sacks filled with straw. Families were placed together so the Jan's families and the families of aunts and uncles were in adjacent barracks. Ironically at the same time one of Jan's father's brothers was serving in the US Army, 442nd Battalion which was made up primarily of Japanese-Americans from Hawaii and was one of the most decorated units in the war. They were kept in the camp for 3 years along with over 16,000 other internees. This was just one of 10 internment camps. Upon their release they found Americans of Japanese heritage were not admitted to many colleges and universities. Her parents found a home they wished to purchase, but the owner refused to sell to Japanese. Fortunately a friend purchased the home and then sold it to Jan's parents. Jan said years later she still suffers some self-conscious effects from her heritage. After growing up and earning an education she still received insulting treatment from some, causing her to leave a position as a dental hygienist when her office was wall papered with anti "Jap" newsprint. She also noted that Japanese children in orphanages and in foster homes were uprooted and sent to the internment camps and placed in internment orphanages. Definitely a sad chapter in US history and a story that needs to be told. Thank you Jan for sharing with us. Your families' suffering will hopefully help ensure this will never happen again!

## June - July Calendar

- June 22- Liz Nino - Recruiting foreign students for Augustana
- June 29- President Angela Campbell's Wrap for the 2020-21 Rotary year.
- July 6 - President Justin Peterson's Induction and inaugural Address.
- July 13 - Norm Moline retired Augie professor talks about China
- July 20 - John Phillips does a tribute concert to John Prine
- July 27 - Dr. Louis Katz Infectious Disease Medical Dir., Scott County Health Department



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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 Duncan Cameron from the Naples, FL Club was our only visiting Rotarians. John Phillips had three guests including wife Karen, sister Mary Yoshioka, and brother-in-law Seiji Yoshioka. Frank Roe, executive director of Christian Care was a guest of the Club. Guests are always welcome at the “Number One Club”. How long has it been since you invited a friend or colleague to be your guest at Rock Island Rotary? New members are welcome!
- ☐ **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).
- ☐ **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET** - Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:45am. The Board meets in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room at Studio 483 Architects, 123 Arts Alley, in Rock Island. Enter the door off Arts Alley and take the elevator or stairway to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Topics of interest will be continuing ZOOM coverage of club meetings and adjusting dues for next quarter which starts July 1<sup>st</sup>. All club members are welcome to attend.
- ☐ **WE ARE BACK TO LIVE MEETINGS** so it’s time to get back into the habit of attending Rotary and bringing a guest who might also be interested in great fellowship, community service, and networking with the area’s leading business and service professionals. Who do you know that would be a great addition to our club?
- ☐ **HAVE ITEMS FOR OUR NEWSLETTER?** Email items, including photos to Bob Swanson at [bobdebswanson@att.net](mailto:bobdebswanson@att.net).



## FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Today’s Foundation featured a beautiful, coiled fabric bowl made by our president, Angela Campbell, a bottle of fine wine donated by Pete Wessels, and of course, Cash! The first lucky name drawn was guest Karen Phillips who took bowl and then heard another of her tickets called and took the money and quickly donated it to our Club Foundation. The third and final number drawn was held by Trisha Barron who happily accepted the Cabernet Sauvignon wine! Thanks to all who participated. Proceeds go to the Rotary International Foundation and are used to continue Rotary’s humanitarian and disease eradicating work throughout the world.



## BIRDIES REPORT

Kevin Koski our club’s “Friendly Finn” gave a report today on our Birdies for Charity participation. With goals for \$4,600 in total pledges and 35 donors, Rock Island Rotarians knocked it out of the park! We ended with 36 donors and pledges totaling \$6,468. Kevin says he can still accept donations! When the match by the Deere Charitable Foundation is added, we will add over \$7,000 to our Club Foundation coffers. THANK YOU!





# FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to Week 3 of Rotary International's Fellowship Month

A state-of-the-art medical instrument for cataract surgery has been donated to an eye hospital in Lagos, Nigeria. The multi-million-dollar world-class hospital is an on-going project of the Rotary Club of Lagos Palmgrove Estate (Nigeria, D 9110), a partnership with Indo Eye Care Foundation and the Indian community.

The hospital received the **\$250,000 (USD)** piece of equipment through a **Global Grant** written by the **Rotary Club of Lagos Palmgrove Estate and the Rotary Club of Singapore** and the participation of **Districts 9110, 3310, 1110 and 1175**. The **Indo Eyecare Foundation** is the caretaker of the medical facility. At the transfer ceremony on **Wednesday, June 9, 2021**, TRF approved project became the **largest Eye Hospital not only in the district, but throughout Africa**.

At the ceremony, Past Assistant Governor (D-9110) and coordinator, Mission for Vision, Femi Adenekan, disclosed that the RC of Lagos Palmgrove Estate had already provided for 4,000 and 5,000 surgeries but "more can be done with this facility." He believes that more than 10,000 Nigerians will benefit from free surgeries performed at the new center every year. **"Rotary has changed the world. These free eye surgeries have given sight to so many people who never thought they could see again."**

**2022 Rotary International Convention:**

**June 4-8, 2022**

**Registration Now Open! Learn more at: [convention.rotary.org/en/houston](https://convention.rotary.org/en/houston)**

## ROTARY BASEBALL CHALLENGE

Diehard White Sox fan John Phillips has thrown down the gauntlet! He has heard enough from the Cardinals, Cubs, Brewers, Yankees, and fans of other major league teams! John says it's time to "Put up or Shut up!" So, here is his challenge: "We have many baseball fans in our club who are loyal to their teams. Cubs, Cardinals and White Sox dominate but there are other teams as well. These teams are doing well this year and have post season aspirations. As a Sox fan, I am willing to bet that the win/loss record for the White Sox will be better than the other teams at the end of the regular season. If they do not have the best record, I will donate \$100 to the Rock Island Rotary Foundation. I challenge the other fans of their favorite teams to do the same. If their team does not have a better record than the other teams in the challenge, they agree to donate \$100, \$50, or \$25 to the Rock Island Rotary Foundation or the Rotary International Foundation (their choice)."

To begin this Challenge, we need to know the Rotarian, your team, and the amount you agree to pledge if your team does not have a better final record than other teams in the challenge. Rotarians can let John or Bob Swanson know if they want to participate. So, who is willing to face the Challenge and add your name?



John Phillips  
Bill Stengel



Frank Lambert



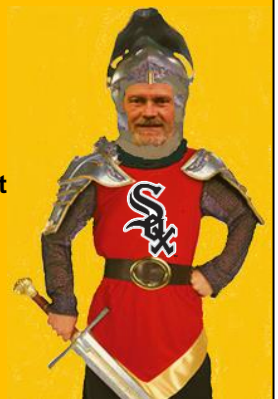
Anne McGlynn  
Bob Swanson



Duncan Cameron



Doug Hultquist



We know there are more Cub fans out there, not sure about Cardinals, Sox, Brewers and Yankees.

Or, **ADD YOUR TEAM**





# It's time for Rotary Foundation baseball

Greetings Rotary Foundation baseball fans! Rotary District 6420 is proud to announce the first annual Rotary Foundation 2021-22 baseball season. Scoring will be ranked by aggregate Per Capita Giving to the Annual Fund and PolioPlus during the Regular Season. We have 5 divisions this year divided among the 10 Areas of the district, including:

1. The Northeast Division – Areas I & II
2. The Mid-Central Division – Areas III & IV
3. The South-Central Division – Areas V & VI
4. The West-Central Division – Areas VII & IX
5. **The Western Division – Areas VIII & X** {This is us}

Our baseball season will follow the following calendar.

- **July & August – Spring Training**

- Clubs are encouraged to get their teams picked & prepped, including each club's Foundation chair and committee members. Club goals including giving to the Annual Fund and PolioPlus should be agreed and reported to Rotary Club Central. And most important, club leaders should engage their club members to assure each player understands his/her importance in bringing home their division championship.

- **September thru May – The Regular Season, Nine Innings**

- Each month, updated year-to-date club rankings within their divisions will be communicated to club leaders. In addition, the division rankings will be posted and updated on the District 6420 website.

- **June – The World Series**

- The division winners will have 30 additional days to swing for the fences to compete for the World Series trophy for 2021-22. The division winner with the highest aggregate per capita giving at the close of business on June 30 will be awarded the trophy.

Much like this past week's weather, things are really starting to heat up in preparation for this upcoming year's season. The great thing about this event is that every Rotarian in District 6420 gets his/her chance at bat! As promised last week, today we'll be discussing a couple of additional details for this inaugural season, including team formation and fund-raising organization.

## **Club Foundation Leadership Teams**

While every club member is encouraged to get in the game and step up his/her contributions during the 2021-22 year to the Rotary Foundation, especially to the Annual Fund and PolioPlus, each club needs a leadership team to organize fund-raising efforts and to report each month on that club's progress toward its goals. That team is composed of the club Foundation Chair along with one or more volunteer Foundation committee members. Naturally, smaller clubs will likely have a smaller number of committee members, and larger clubs will have more. The bottom line is to recruit a strong bench of volunteers to help brainstorm new and innovative fund-raising projects as well as lead them to fruition. As your club begins this process, please feel free to consult with other clubs in the district for successful fund-raising ideas that may work in your community as well.

**Fund-Raising Organization** Once a club's Foundation leadership team establishes its goals and fund-raising projects, it's important to recruit volunteers to help make those plans a reality. This could include Community or Club Service committee members, Rotaract members, Interact members, and possibly even Early Act members, or any combination of the above. An important factor to remember is to recruit organization members whose personal skills and abilities play to the tasks needed to successfully complete the project. Remember, Rotarians step up when asked, so let's be sure to ask for help when and where we need it.

Next week, we'll touch on a few details related to publicizing fund-raising plans and events. Also, keep your questions and comments coming in; we'll answer those as well. Stay tuned as the excitement for this first annual Rotary Foundation Baseball season continues to build! Want to help? Contact Foundation Chair, Bud Phillis, [rphillis35@gmail.com](mailto:rphillis35@gmail.com).

TWO WEEKS AGO JEFF ROSE TOLD US ABOUT THE UPCOMING ROCK ISLAND ROTARY

# WINE AUCTION

FEATURING OUTSTANDING HIGH LEVEL WINE FROM THE NIMBLE VINEYARD  
OF SONOMA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA



Winners of the 2019 Sunset International Wine Competition  
Best of Class, Double Gold Award Winner  
\*Nimble Vineyards Nobis Cabernet Sauvignon\*

This will be a 2 week long “ON-LINE” Silent Auction Starting in Mid-August  
WE NEED CLUB MEMBERS TO STEP UP AND HELP WITH EXPENSES

We have received a generous donation of nearly \$7,000 worth of wine but must pay for shipping, taxes and miscellaneous expense for preparing the wine for auction.

**Here are the needs and opportunities:**

**Auction Sponsors** – You/Your Business or Entity will be recognized as an Auction Sponsor in all pre-auction promotions on Facebook, Twitter, Internet, and directed emails. You will also be shown as a sponsor in the On-Line Auction itself for the entire time the auction is open (minimum of 2 weeks)! Cost - \$200.00

**Swag Sponsors** – Your Business or Entity provides Swag promoting your business which will be added to an auction item. That item will then be named including your name. I.e., “John Doe Company Nobis Cabernet Sauvignon Delight”. That name will appear on the item throughout the auction (minimum of 2 weeks) continuing all the way through to the successful purchase of the item.



## Club Foundation Makes Major Donation!

President Campbell had the pleasure of providing a \$10,627.94, donation from our local Rotary Club Foundation to be split between Christian Care and the Rock Island Library Foundation. Christian Care is using their share to complete a project that will make a public shower facility available to anyone in the community needing such assistance. Executive Director Frank Rowe (left) said this will help those in need get started toward a better life. Library Foundation President, Kathy Lelonek (right) stated their portion of the donation will be used to help complete the purchase and renovation of the Tri-City Jewish Center into a much-needed branch library with special areas for teens and students.