



# Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



## PRESIDENT ANGELA CAMPBELL



Our final meeting of the 2020-21 Rotary Year featured President Angela Campbell's final address to the club. To say she presided over one of the most difficult years in our 107 year history might be an understatement. Angela entered office in the middle of a pandemic. At the time our club was meeting exclusively virtually via Zoom. It was not until the 11<sup>th</sup> month of her 12 month tenure as president that Angela had the opportunity to call an in-person club meeting to order and to "ring the Rotary bell". While many clubs lost members and interest and some failed to meet for months at a time, Angela lead our club with weekly virtual attendance of from 35 to 45. We had guests speakers and excellent program every week, actually increased our membership, and continued participation in both fundraising and community service. We also had a significant number of new Paul Harris Fellows recognized during her term. Angela missed the social opportunities of greeting members at our annual Holiday Party, throwing out the first pitch at our annual Night at the Ball Park, and greeting members each week at the Botanical Center dining room. Those events were all cancelled by the pandemic until our live meetings were resumed last month. She also was limited to inducting new members via Zoom and actually inducted herself when she took office. Board meetings were also held virtually for the majority of Angela's term. Through it all Angela remained poised, confident, kept her sense of humor, and provided steady leadership. Angela said that when Frank Lambert recruited her to start through the chairs of Rotary Leadership he mentioned that she would get to attend the Rotary International Convention in Hawaii during her presidential year. She would get to throw out the first pitch at the Rotary Night at the Ball Park and would ride in style through the Labor Day Parade. She could be a part of the monthly Birthday Books celebration at Earl Hanson Elementary School, and accompany the kids to the Pumpkin Patch for our annual Pumpkin Palooza! Unfortunately, none of that happened when Covid struck. She did however have plenty to highlight for the past year. At her Presidential Training seminar she met and had a great photo with Rotary International President Holger Knaack and attended meetings with him. She said he was an incredible man and a thrill to meet. She then turned to our Club meetings which for the first 10 months of her term were confined to ZOOM. Even so she was proud of the Club accomplishments during the year, including obtaining a District Grant which provided dining chairs and equipment for Christian Care in Rock Island. Our Birdies for Charity "virtual" campaign set a record for the most we had every raised for our Club Foundation. We had a successful Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army, did a modified Pumpkin Palooza for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade children at Hanson School, and gave grants to Ballet Quad Cities, Dress for Success, Ridgewood Elementary School, the German-American Heritage Society, the Mississippi Valley Blues Society, and Understanding Works NFP. The Club also provided hand sanitizer to local non-profit organizations, provided Angel Tree gifts for needy children, helped fund the renovation of a Teen Center in Brazil, did two voluntary service day projects at the Botanical Center (stringing Christmas lights, and spring gardening/planting). We held a record breaking Wine Raffle to fund a new Fred Houlton Service Above Self Scholarship for Rock Island High School students, and held an outdoor "make-up" Birthday Books celebration for Earl Hanson kids. On top of all that, we made a major contribution through our Club Foundation to the Rock Island Public Library Foundation Campaign, and a major contribution to Christian Care for creating a public shower facility. We also continued our support of the High School Incubator Entrepreneurship Program and conveyed "Honorary" member status on five of our long-time, loyal members. We also helped fund five scholarship for area 4-H youth and once we reconvened live meetings, hosted a wonderful Awards Luncheon honoring students, community members, and fellow Rotarians. So, while the whole country was huddled up at home hiding from the pandemic, President Angela led our club to new and great achievements. Service Above Self shown brightly in Rock Island! We can all be very proud of our outgoing President and of our club. Angela left us with one final act of service, presenting to us a beautiful Rotary quilt she made to be used as we see fit for a future fundraiser or raffle item. Thank you Angela for all you did!

### June - July Calendar

- 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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## Officers

Angela Campbell President  
Justin Peterson, 1st Vice Pres.  
Cindi Gramenz, 2nd Vice Pres.  
Anne McGlynn, Secretary  
Carrie Crossen, Treasurer  
Mark Mayeski, Past President

## Board Members

Howard Beck  
Kim Calhoun  
Molly Shattuck  
Eric Westphall  
John Daly  
Chris Lemon  
Sue Rector  
Gary Rowe  
Bob Swanson Co-Sgt.-at-Arms  
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

# Club Notes & Announcements!

- ❑ **WELCOME GUESTS** – Today we hosted many visiting Rotarian guests. Duncan Cameron from Naples, FL; Kathy Kwiat-Hess from Rickford, IL; Tom Brooks from Loves Park; and David Bills from the River Cities Club all joined us. Also visiting were Dick Fislar husband of Mary Fislar; and Virginia Houlton wife of Fred Houlton. 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 Rotary?
- ❑ **INDUCTION NEXT WEEK** - Officer and Directors for the coming Rotary year will be inducted during next week’s meeting. **All incoming officers and directors are urged to attend!** In addition to the induction ceremony, incoming President, Justin Peterson will be presenting his innugural address laying out his goals and hopes for the coming year. We hope and encourage every member to mark your calendar and attend this annual and important 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).
- ❑ **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 raffle featured a coiled fabric bowl made by President Angela, a bottle of fine wine donated by Pete Wessels and a 50/50 cash drawing! The first ticket drawn was held by Cindi Gramenz who snatched the bowl! Jeff Dismer had the second ticket drawn and took the money and donated it to the Rotary International Foundation. The final ticket was held by Bud Phillis who took 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.



## INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT SHEKHAR MEHTA URGES GROWTH

That is precisely why the **Each One, Bring One** initiative is so important. During this year, President Mehta urges each of us to dream of new ways in which Rotary can expand its reach into our community and therefore the world. He says “If each member introduces one person to Rotary, our membership can increase to 2.6 million by July 2022. So, let’s just do it! Invite a friend, colleague, family member, or business acquaintance to be your guest at an upcoming meeting. Prospective members eat free and will have a chance to meet other Rotarians, learn what Rotary is all about, see how they can become a community service leader, and experience the fellowship and fun of attending our Rotary meeting. So, let’s answer President Mehta’s call and **EACH One - Bring One!**



# FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to the last week of June, the Fellowship Month of Rotary International.

News from Italy reports that sixteen Rotary Clubs from Romagna (Northern Italy) have responded to the needs of the Romagna healthcare system. Joining forces, they participated in a Global Grant funded by The Rotary Foundation. The 78,000 Euro grant (\$93,092 USD) made it possible for the clubs to launch a telemedicine project for the assistance and home monitoring of patients that have had cardiac devices (pacemakers, defibrillators, and resynchronizers) implanted. "Remoteheart" is a project based on the remote control of the latest generation of implantable cardiac devices, which allows communication with a transmitter in the patient's home that then sends technical data, parameters, and clinical information to the patient's doctor. Thanks to the Romagna Rotary Clubs, this project will now be extended to the whole of USL Romagna.

"We see Rotary as a community of people who live their values by putting them into action. In these extraordinary times, there is no doubt that we must place increased emphasis on service. This is our opportunity to show the world what Service Above Self means for Rotarians." *Holger Knaack, Rotary magazine, June-July-2021, digital edition*

## A VERY SAD GOODBYE

Our Board had the sad task of approving "with regret" the resignation from our club of Tricia Barron. Dr. Barron has been one of our most loyal and best loved members. She will be moving to Colorado and will be missed!

## 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 is 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 join the Challenge, we need to know your name, 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. Who is willing to face the Challenge and add your name?



John Phillips  
Bill Stengel  
Jim Nordquist



Frank Lambert



Anne McGlynn  
Bob Swanson  
Jim Moran  
Gary Rowe  
Justin Peterson  
Molly Shattuck



Duncan Cameron



Doug Hultquist



John Oliger

We're sure there are many more baseball fans out there  
Join the fun – With a win go bragging rights!  
A loss puts a little money in a worthy cause of your choice!

**ADD YOUR TEAM**





# The Many Faces of President Angela Campbell



For 10 of her 12 months, Angela led the club exclusively through ZOOM meetings



A constant with Angela is her warm smile. She even tried her hand with a joke or two!



Thank you, President Angela!



We appreciate your hard work!

## FRED & VIRGINIA HOULTON HONORED

The “stars” came out today to honor long time Rock Island Rotarian and Past District Governor, Fred Houlton and his wife, Virginia. Fred and Virginia made a very substantial donation to the Rotary Foundation and were recognized as Rotary International Major Donors – Level III (signifying a contribution of \$50,000 to \$99,999.00). On hand for the presentation were Rotary District Governor Tom Brooks, District Governor Elect David Bills, and District Foundation Chair and Past District Governor Kathy Kwiat-Hess. In recognition of the honor, Ms. Hess presented Fred with his Major Donor Level III pin, Virginia received the Major Donor Level III Lavalier, and the couple was given a beautiful cut glass crystal with their names etched in the glass. Their donation created the “Share Foundation” with grants available to all clubs in our District. Congratulations Fred & Virginia and Thank you!



## ROCK ISLAND ROTARY RECEIVES LITERACY AWARDS

President Angela Campbell attended a recent District Club President’s meeting and brought home an armful of awards for District 6420. We received the 2021 Literacy Achievement Award and the 2021 Sustained Literacy Excellent Award both in connection with our Little Library Project which placed free “Little Libraries” at or near the entrance to all elementary schools in our community and at the County Justice Center. We keep the units stocked with books which are free to youngsters for the taking. Then, Tom Brooks our current District Governor called our Literacy Committee Chair Kathy Lelonek forward and presented her with the 2019 Literacy Achievement Award which because of Covid was not previously presented.



## Past President Mark Mayeski Joins Paul Harris Society

District Foundation Chair Kathy Kwiat Hess took the opportunity during her visit to Rock Island Rotary today to present Mark Mayeski with his Paul Harris Society Pin. Joining the Paul Harris Society indicates that Mark has pledged to donate a minimum of \$1,000 annually to the Rotary Foundation as long as he is able to do so. Mark has in the past two years honored his mother, father and three nephews with Paul Harris Fellow recognition and previously had earned the honor for himself, his wife Kim, and his daughters Madelyn and Maya. Mark says he intends to continue honoring family members with Paul Harris Fellow membership.



## John Wetzel Returns with a Smile and a Check!

Loyal member John Wetzel has been joining us via ZOOM for the past several weeks as he was recovering from a recent medical procedure. Today was his first day back to join us in a live meeting. He was greeted with applause just for being present! Then he took stage, front and center, and presented a check to the Rotary Foundation in honor of he and wife Marcia’s 52<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary. (He obviously robbed the cradle!) He mentioned that he and Bud Phillis share the same anniversary date (month & day) and that Bud usually also adds his check. Bud noted that in John’s absence he already gave a \$1,000 donation! We wish both of you many more!





# WINE AUCTION COMING IN AUGUST!

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.

Email Jeff [jrose@ambankqc.com](mailto:jrose@ambankqc.com) or Ruth Lee [rotarianruth@gmail.com](mailto:rotarianruth@gmail.com) to sign up!

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.  
Variable Cost - \$100, \$150, \$200

## SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT GRAMENZ GETS A ROUND OF SPIRITED BOOS! (All in Fun)

Being extremely perceptive President Angela pointed out that since we were on ZOOM for the last 10 months and then seemed out of practice, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Cindi has not had the pleasure of being heartily booed as she takes the rostrum and levies fines on Club Members for being in the news. With Angela’s encouragement, Cindi’s final stint at the microphone was greeted with one of the best choruses of boos and catcalls we have had! Good hearted Cindi simply retorted, “All who booed owed a \$1 fine!” She then went about her work fining herself for leaving early last week. She fined Kathy Lelonek for a huge photo and front pages story on the pending Library Foundation/YMCA Fundraising project for the new 30<sup>th</sup> Street Rock Island branch library/YMCA building. Our Florida guest Duncan Cameron was fined just for being Duncan! Mark Mayeski paid a fine for his and wife Kim’s appearance in a recently aired TV commercial. Justin Peterson was fined for not introducing Fred Houlton as an “Honorary” club member. Kai Swanson paid a happy dollar for Sweden’s appearance in the European Soccer Championship vs. Ukraine. Gary Rowe had a happy dollar for the return of the Genesius Guild live performances, and finally, Molly Shattuck was back looking great and reported that newborn son, Trevor Thomas Shattuck was home and both mom and son are doing well.

GET IT ON YOUR CALENDAR



# ROTARY REINDEER RAMBLE



**SUNDAY**

**December 5, 2021**

**9:00AM**

START & FINISH – CIRCA 21, 1828 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Rock Island, IL 61201

COURSE - Flat & Fast, scenic, accurate, wheeled distance.

SHIRTS - Size guaranteed to pre-registered runners and walkers

RUNNER'S AWARDS-- Overall male and female 3 awards per ages 0-9, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80+

WALKER'S AWARDS-- Overall male and female, 3 awards per age groups 0-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+ ALL THIS PLUS GREAT FOOD & DRINK!

REGISTER ONLINE - **GETMEREREGISTERED.COM/ROTARYREINDEERRAMBLE**

REGISTRATION FEES – Pre-registered, postmarked not later than 11-20-20 **\$25.00**

Rotary members **\$23.00**

After Nov 20, **\$30.00** for all!

PACKET PICKUP & REGISTRATION 7:30AM to 8:45AM RACE DAY

GRAND PRIZE! GIFT CERTIFICATE for two for CIRCA 21. for pre-registered runners only!  
MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN! NO EXCEPTIONS!

If you have questions call Dick or Mary Fislar at 309 -788-0500 or e-mail  
cruisemaster18@yahoo.com

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## OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM (MAY BE DUPLICATED) PLEASE PRINT!!!

First name \_\_\_\_\_ Mid \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age race day \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Run \_\_\_\_\_ Walk \_\_\_\_\_

Circle shirt size S M L XL XXL (ADD \$2.00 for XXL) Phone \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

No shirt option \_\_\_\_\_ deduct \$5.00 if you choose no shirt!

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**WAIVER (MUST BE SIGNED)** In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I for myself, my executors, administrators, and assignees, do hereby release and discharge Rock Island Rotary, the City of Rock Island, any sponsors, supporters, or volunteers, for all claims of damages, demands, actions whatsoever in any manner arising or growing out of my participation in the ROTARY REINDEER RAMBLE 5K Run or Walk. I attest and verify that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in this event, am physically fit, and sufficiently trained to participate in this event.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Participant, or Parent or Guardian if under 18 years of age.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ROCK ISLAND ROTARY Mail entry and payment to ROTARY, P.O. Box 4271. Rock Island, IL 61201. NO REFUNDS RACE WILL BE HELD REGARDLESS!