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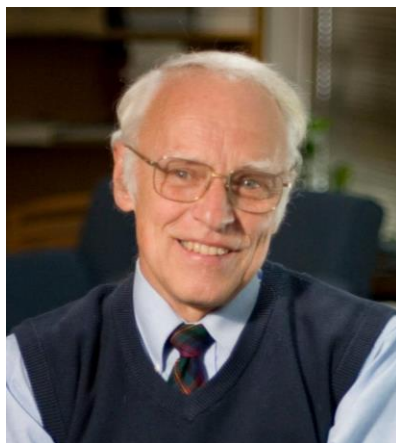
Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



Norm Moline Professor Emeritus of geography, Augustana College



Dr. Norm Moline, retired after 45 years of teaching at Augustana College. He founded the first U.S. college study-abroad program in China, and Augustana first went there in 1974, a connection that led to the Asian studies program at the college. He also co-founded the environmental studies program long before the interdisciplinary field became well known on college campuses. He is also a long time resident of Rock Island and a keen observer of people and cultures. His Ph.D. dissertation focused on the changes in personal mobility and the character of towns from 1900 to 1930 after the arrival of the automobile and good roads. He is a frequent tour guide and narrator for tours locally of the rivers, ravines, and historic landmarks in and around Rock Island. Today he gave one of his “lighter side” presentations on how cities use signage to welcome people. Sounds interesting and it was – and funny too! Professor Moline started by saying that small towns in particular have developed “Booster Spirit” which is a drive to survive as a desirable place on the map. He says striving to have an identity to set themselves apart from other communities is the motivation for slogans and claims appearing on signs greeting visitors to their communities. He then showed a small portion of the over 500 photos he has taken of welcoming signs during his travels around the United States and the world. He notes that the signs can fall in many categories, the first of which is those that simply offer a “Welcome”. Another category is those that promote the community as a “Good place to live” and raise a family. A closely related category are the signs promoting the community as a “Good Place to Grow” with emphasis on community pride and progress. Yet another group of signs place emphasis on the community’s “Friendliness and Nice People”. An example Moline showed was the welcome sign for Hungry Horse, Montana which is the location of the Hungry Horse Dam on the Flathead River. Their sign reads: Welcome to Hungry Horse – The Nicest Dam Town in the West”. Another category of signs claim the community is the “Heart” or “Center” of something which might be a region, as state, or even a continent. Placing an emphasis on the geographic location of the community is another category of signs that claim the town is at the “Crossroads” of something. Those that are not at the heart or crossroads may fall into another classification, those signs that claim the community to be the “Gateway” or “Entry” into an area or region. Communities have on occasion attempted to set themselves apart from others by claiming to be “One of a Kind”. Amadon, North Dakota’s welcome sign says, “The Smallest County Seat in the Nation”. Another frequently used category relies on a community’s natural features and make claims such as the “Geese, Duck, Walleye, or Hog Capital of the World”. Recreational assets are also often highlighted on welcome signs such as emphasizing things like skiing, hiking, boating, etc. Another often used welcome promotes the ethnicity of the community with claims such as “Little Holland”, boasting of their heritage. A tactic used by many communities is using the identity of a famous person such as LeClaire, Iowa whose sign says “Birthplace of Buffalo Bill”. Some towns just claim to be the largest or best at something.; Others capitalize on being little such as “Our Town Is Small, But our Welcome is Huge” or “Cleanest Little Town in the South”. Finally there are those that claim to have it all, “Best people, Best Climate, Best Jobs”, etc. All in all, it was a fun tour of the small towns throughout the world and the signs were often clever and fun. Dr. Moline invites us all to snap a photo if we see a unique or interesting welcome sign and send it to him. He said he’d love to add it to his collection. Thanks Dr. Moline for another fun and entertaining program.

July – Sept. Calendar

- July 20 - John Phillips does a tribute concert to John Prine
- July 27 - Dr. Louis Katz Infectious Disease Medical Dir., Scott County Health Department
- Aug 3 - Amy Jones, Royal Neighbors of America Director of Philanthropy
- Aug 10 - Jack Cullen, Downtown Rock Island partnership
- Aug 17 - Margie Kane, Karples Museum
- Aug 24 - Christan Schrader, Black Hawk Area Special Ed. Dist.
- Aug 31 - Nita Ludwig, Rock Island County Health Department
- Sept 7 - Dr. Reginald Lawrence II, “State of the Schools”-Joint meeting with Kiwanis
- Sept 14 - Dave Bills, Rotary District 6420 Governor
- Sept 21 - TBA
- Sept 28 - Monta Ponsetto, Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation



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2021-22

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| Aug-Sept | - Gary Rowe |
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| Dec-Jan | - John Wetzel |
| Feb-Mar | - Kai Swanson/ Dave Hodge |
| Apr-May | - Kathy Trone/ Jeff Rose |
| Jun-Jul | - Tom Hammar |

Club Notes & Announcements!

- ☐ **WELCOME GUESTS** – Today was a rare one with no guests or visiting Rotarians. However, there were three new members joining us in person for the first time. Vice-President Gramenz introduced Miranda Johnson (Illinois Casualty Company) and Mark Poulos and Randy Hurt (both with the City of Rock Island). Please make them feel welcome! 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?
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **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?
- ☐ **ROTARY BLOOD DRIVE** – The Rotary Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, August 3rd from 10am to 3pm at the Botanical Center. Members and friends can sign up to donate before, during or after our meeting. To schedule a time please call Chris Lemon at 409-787-9516. Kiwanis will be joining us this year so reserving a time is required. A face mask is also required while in the donation room.
- ☐ **HAVE ITEMS FOR OUR NEWSLETTER?** Email items, including photos to Bob Swanson at bobdebswanson@att.net.



FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Today’s Foundation featured a 50/50 cash drawing and fine wine donated by Pete Wessels! The winner of both was Bill Stengel, who first won the cash and donated it to the Rotary Foundation. Then he won the wine and took that part of his lucky day winnings home! Thanks to all who participated. Proceeds go to the Rotary International Foundation and are used to continue Rotary’s humanitarian work throughout the world.



CAREER CHANGE = CLUB LOSS

A career change has again caused us to lose one of our most loyal and dedicated members. Sue Cassatt, who led us as our president just 3 years ago has accepted a position with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. Although we congratulate and wish Sue great success in her new position, it will force her to resign her membership in Rock Island Rotary. The IRS allows just a 30-minute lunch forcing Sue to move her Rotary membership to an area evening or breakfast club. A great gain for the Club she joins, a huge loss for us! Be sure to visit us when you can!



ROTARY BLOOD DRIVE

Last year the pandemic forced us to cancel our annual Blood Drive. Virtually all organizations did the same and as a result there is a desperate shortage and need for donations. We will host a “make-up” drive on Tuesday August 3rd at the Botanical Center. A sign-up sheet will be circulated at upcoming meetings or those on ZOOM and others who may not see the sheet may call Drive Chair, Chris Lemon at 309-787-9516 to sign up. Times are from 10am to 3pm. A reservation and face mask are required to donate. Please join in!





FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to Week 2 of RI's Month of Transition

Three and a half years ago, thousands of people across Swindon, United Kingdom, and surrounding villages came together for a special fundraising appeal. They jumped out of planes, cycled across the UK, drove to Cyprus and Mongolia, climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, took on the UK Great North and South Runs and the London Marathon. At the end of the three-year long effort, Rotarians in Swindon have raised a third of their 2.9-million-pound goal. The news this week from Great Britain is that the new radiotherapy center at the Great Western Hospital, Swindon, is operational. Rotarians contributed over \$166,000 USD which was matched by The Rotary Foundation with an additional \$243,295. This is the largest ever Rotary Foundation Grant to be awarded to a project based in the United Kingdom and Ireland. The center will improve access to radiotherapy and cancer treatment in the south of England.

District Rotary Foundation chair and member of the Global Grant team, Peter Wells said: "This is a local effort by local Rotarians from Swindon, Royal Wootton Bassett and Marlborough, backed by Rotary International. This is what Rotary is all about: delivering practical projects that provide potentially life-changing solutions to local problems."

As we transit to the new year, let us continue to further the goals of The Rotary Foundation: advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health...among others.

Your continued support is needed and greatly appreciated!

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
Kathy Trone



Frank Lambert



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



Duncan Cameron



Doug Hultquist



John Oliger

**STILL TIME TO JOIN THE
FUN**

We would have guessed there are more than one Cardinal fans in the Club, but if you are reluctant to admit it, Cub fans can understand why!



WINE AUCTION SPONSORS NEEDED

Rock Island Rotary will hold a 2 week long "ON-LINE" Silent Auction of High Quality Wine Starting in Mid-August Nearly \$7,000 worth of wine will be auctioned and the event will be widely publicized far beyond our Club members. We anticipate reaching thousands of people in the Quad Cities and surrounding region. The wine was a very generous donation, but we have the cost of shipping, taxes and miscellaneous expense for preparing the wine for auction.

Here are the Sponsor 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

Email Jeff jrose@ambankqc.com or Ruth Lee rotarianruth@gmail.com to get your business or organization in the auction promos+ Thanks to those that have signed up!!



YOU'RE A ROTARIAN? – YOU'RE IN GOOD COMPANY!

We often hear it said that Rotarians are leaders, so we decided to do some research to see how true that is. Here are just a few of those who were/are dedicated Rotarians attending Rotary meetings just like you!

Asgeir Asgeirsson Rotary Club of Reykjavík, Iceland President, Iceland; **Eduard Benes** Rotary Club of Prague, Czechoslovakia, President, Czechoslovakia; **Sir Winston Churchill** Rotary Club of London Prime Minister, England; **Diane Feinstein** Rotary Club of San Francisco, CA U.S. Senator; **Gerald R. Ford** Rotary Club of Grand Rapids, MI President, USA; **J. William Fulbright** Rotary Club of Fayetteville, AR U.S. Senator from Arkansas; **Dr. Lorenzo Guerrero Gutierrez** Rotary Club of Granada President, Nicaragua; **Warren G. Harding** Rotary Club of Washington, DC President, USA; **John F. Kennedy** Rotary Club of Hyannis, MA President, USA; **Nereu Ramos** Rotary Club of Florianópolis President, Brazil; **Franklin D. Roosevelt** Rotary Club of Albany, NY President, USA; **General Carlos Romulo** Rotary Club of Manila President, Philippines; **Walter Scheel** Rotary Club of Bonn am Rhein President, Germany; **Adlai E. Stevenson** Rotary Club of Springfield, IL U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations and Governor of Illinois; **Woodrow Wilson** Rotary Club of Birmingham, AL President, USA; **Harry A. Blackmun** Rotary Club of Rochester, MN U.S. Supreme Court Justice; **Earl Warren** Rotary Club of Sacramento, CA Chief Justice, U.S. Supreme Court; **Byron R. White** Rotary Club of Denver, CO U.S. Supreme Court Justice; **Cecil B. De Mille** Rotary Club of Hollywood, CA motion picture director; **Walt Disney** Rotary Club of Palm Springs, CA Animation filmmaker; **Norman Vincent Peale** Rotary Club of New York, NY American author and minister; **Pope Francis** Rotary Club of Buenos Aires Pope; **Connie Mack** Rotary Club of Fort Myers, FL Baseball Hall of Fame manager and team owner; **Luciano Pavarotti** Rotary Club of Modena Italian opera singer; **Thomas A. Edison** Rotary Club of Orange, NJ Inventor; **Guglielmo Marconi** Rotary Club of Bologna, Italy Inventor of the radio; **Orville Wright** Rotary Club of Dayton, OH Co-inventor of the first successful airplane; **Dr. Charles H. Mayo** Rotary Club of Rochester, MN Co-founder of Mayo Clinic; **J.C. Penney** Rotary Club of New York, NY Founder of J.C. Penney stores; **'Colonel' Harland Sanders** Rotary Club of Jeffersonville, ID Founder, Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC); **Charles R. Walgreen, Jr.** Rotary Club of Chicago, IL Chairman of the board of the Walgreen Drug Company; **Sam Walton** Rotary Club of Bentonville, AK Founder of Wal-Mart; **Neil Armstrong** Rotary Club of Wapakoneta, OH Astronaut & first man to walk on the moon; **Charles Lindberg** Rotary Club of Edinburgh American aviator. **Frank Borman** Rotary Club of Space Center, Houston, TX U.S. astronaut; **Gordon Cooper** Rotary Club of Space Center, Houston, TX U.S. astronaut; **Raymond F. Firestone** Rotary Club of Akron, OH Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Firestone Tire and Rubber Co.; **Joyce C. Hall** Rotary Club of Kansas City, MO Founder of Hallmark Cards; **HRH Prince Charles** Rotary Club of Banchory-Ternan Prince of England; and the list goes on and on and on



BIRDIES FOR CHARITY REPORT

Rotary Birdies Chairman Kevin Koski was all smiles today as he gave a “almost” final report on this year’s fund drive. Early on our Club Goals were set seeking \$4,600 in total pledges and 35 donors. Kevin reported that we received pledges from **42 donors** totaling **\$6,888.00**. Once the Deere Charitable Foundation adds their matching funds Kevin will be able to give a final wrap-up report, but it is anticipated the final total will go beyond \$7,000!

Kevin also announced the results of our in-Club Birdies estimate contest with a \$50 prize to the winner. According to the most recent news reports there were a total of 1904 birdies this year. This was the lowest number of birdies in over a decade, perhaps brought about by the rain and wet conditions. Nevertheless, one of our members missed hitting the total on the nose by just 6 birdies. With a prediction of 1910, Rotarian. **Reginald Lawrence takes home the prize!** Congratulations Dr. Lawrence.



OUR NEWEST PAUL HARRIS FELLOW



Foundation chairman Bud Phillis had the pleasure today of introducing our Club’s newest Paul Harris Fellow. Kathy Lelonek received her certificate and pin signifying her achievement of \$1,000 in donations to the Rotary International Foundation. Kathy joined our Club in 2016 and through steady donations reached this milestone. Thanks, Kathy, for your commitment and dedication in service to others!



SAVE THE DATE



Rock Island Rotary TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, November 12th at 6:30pm

SAVE the DATE and get your team together for Rock Island Rotary’s annual fundraiser! Cash prizes, cash bar, 50/50, silent auction and **TONS of FUN with MR. TRIVIA!!!**

This fundraiser supports Earl Hanson Elementary School and RI Rotary Community Grants. Corporate Sponsorships are available!

When: Friday, November 12th, 2021

Where: Milan Community Center, 2701 1st Street East, Milan

Time: 6:30pm START time, doors open at 5:45pm

Cost: \$100 a table, up to 10 players

RSVP: Kathy Trone 309-794-9400 or Kathy@wesselspc.com

The Rock Island Rotary Club is challenging all other Rotary Clubs in the QC Area to participate and TRY to win the “Traveling Trophy” for the SMARTEST ROTARY CLUB!



SAVE THE DATE

ROTARY REINDEER RAMBLE



SUNDAY

December 5, 2021

9:00AM

START & FINISH – CIRCA 21, 1828 3rd 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 - GETMEREGISTERED.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!