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MEETING TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



John Phillips Sings Tribute to John Prine

Rock Island Rotarian John Phillips has entertained us numerous times and today turned his attention to the late John Prine. John Edward Prine who died April 7, 2020. Prine was a two time Grammy-winner, as an American country folk singer-songwriter. He was active as a composer, recording artist, live performer, and occasional actor from the early 1970s until his death, and was known for an often humorous style of original music that has elements of protest and social commentary. Born and raised in Maywood, Illinois, Prine learned to play the guitar at the age of 14. He attended classes at Chicago's Old Town School of Folk Music. After serving in West Germany with the U.S. Army, he returned to Chicago in the late 1960s, where he worked as a mailman, writing and singing songs first as a hobby, and then becoming a club performer. A member of Chicago's folk revival, Prine credited film critic Roger Ebert and singer-songwriter Kris Kristofferson with discovering him, resulting in the production of Prine's debut album with Atlantic Records in 1971. The acclaim earned by this LP led Prine to focus on his musical career, and he recorded three more albums for Atlantic. He then signed with Asylum Records, where he recorded an additional three albums. In 1981, he co-founded Oh Boy Records, an independent record label with which he would release most of his subsequent albums. Widely cited as one of the most influential songwriters of his generation, Prine was known for humorous lyrics about love, life, and current events, as well as serious songs with social commentary and songs that recollect melancholy tales from his life. In 2020, he received the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award. John began his tribute concert with "Grandpa Was a Carpenter" with a chorus line of *Grandpa was a carpenter. He built houses stores and banks. Chain smoked camel cigarettes. And hammered nails in planks. He was level on the level. And shaved even every door. And voted for Eisenhower 'Cause Lincoln won the war.* John seemed to have the perfect voice for Prine's songs and they came alive as he performed. The next song was "Please Don't Bury Me" with hilarious words possibly advocating organ donation. That chorus was, *Please don't bury me Down in the cold cold ground. No, I'd druther have 'em cut me up And pass me all around. Throw my brain in a hurricane And the blind can have my eyes. And the deaf can take both of my ears If they don't mind the size.* John then performed "That's the Way the World Goes Round" in which Prine talks about all that can go wrong in life. His chorus laments, *That's the way that the world goes 'round. You're up one day, the next you're down. It's half an inch of water and you think you're gonna drown. That's the way that the world goes 'round.* John's next song was "Egg & Daughter Night, Lincoln Nebraska 1967" which John said is often called "Crazy Bone". Lyrics in that song give a sense of Prine's witty humor. He says, *On a Thursday when it's Egg & Daughter Nite, When the farmers come to town And they spread them eggs around And they drop their daughters down at the roller rink. Well you're prob'ly standin' there With your slicked-back, Brylcreem hair, Your Lucky's and your daddy's fine-tooth comb. If they knew what you were thinkin' They'd run you out of Lincoln Just blame it on that ole' crazy bone.* John closed his planned concert with "I Remember Everything", a much more serious and emotional Prine composition and the last song he ever recorded. One stanza of lyrics is, *I remember everything. Things I can't forget. The way you turned and smiled on me On the night that we first met. And I remember every night Your ocean eyes of blue. How I miss you in the morning light, Like roses miss the dew.* The talented Phillips got a huge ovation that turned into a standing ovation and demands for an encore. John complied with Prine's "Spanish Pipedream" in which a topless dancer gives a young soldier the following advice: *"Blow up your TV, Throw away your paper. Go to the country. Build you a home, Plant a little garden, Eat a lot of peaches, Try an' find Jesus on your own"* It worked out well for the soldier and his lady; and John Phillips presented a fantastic and fun program. We won't soon forget John Prine! See Photos – page 6.



July – Sept. Calendar

- 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 - Christian 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

Aug-Sept	- Gary Rowe
Oct - Nov	- Frank Lambert
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 we were pleased to welcome numerous guests to our Club. Visiting Rotarians were Duncan Cameron from Naples, FL and Mark Zimmerman from Davenport, IA. Guests of Anne McGlynn were Sarah McGlynn, Dawn VandeMoortel (Steve Morenz' wife), Mary Chessier, Donna Kelly, and Kate Finn. Megan Christensen from Augustana was a guest of Kai Swanson. 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 raffle featured a 50/50 cash drawing and fine wine donated by Pete Wessels! The first winner drawn was Howard Beck, who took the cash and donated it to our Club Foundation. The next ticket drawn was held by Jeff Dismar who went home with a bottle of wine! Thanks to all who participated. Proceeds go to the Rotary International Foundation and are used to continue Rotary's humanitarian work throughout the world.



RECTOR & MAYESKI JOIN PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY



Congratulations to Sue Rector & Mark Mayeski, our Club's sixth and seventh members of the Paul Harris Society.



Membership in the Society is earned by committing to donate \$1,000 annually to the Rotary Foundation. Ready to join the Society? Contact Bud Phillis.

NEW MEMBERS PROPOSED

Two new members have been proposed by Quad City Bank & Trust. Susan Shaffer is a Vice-President and Security officer for the Bank. She lives in Port Byron. Beth Kauzlarich is an Associate-Wealth Management Officer for the Bank. She lives in Davenport. They will be replacing Andrea Ryckeghem and Eric Spriet. Direct comments to Justin Peterson or Cindi Gramenz



Beth Kauzlarich

Susan Shaffer





FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to Week 3 of RI's Month of Transition.

An average of \$7.5 million in scholarships are given out by The Rotary Foundation each year.

The Rotary Global Grant Scholarship funds graduate-level study outside the United States, as well as community service projects related to one or more of Rotary's seven areas of focus: peacebuilding and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; community economic development; and the environment.

Anna Cerf, a 2020 graduate of civil and environmental engineering from the University of Virginia, is a 2021 Rotary Global Grant recipient. Anna is from Edina, MN and is sponsored by the Arlington Rotary Club. She is headed to Germany where for the next two years, with full tuition and living expense funded by TRF, she will study for a Master's degree in water resource engineering and management at the U of Stuttgart.

Through this \$30,000 annual scholarship by TRF, Cerf will be able to "...anticipate, understand, and evaluate water management-related issues...As climate change exacerbates existing water scarcity issues and environmental degradation damages water quality, these skills become increasingly important."

Foundation Minute wishes Anna Cerf Viel Gluck! and a successful global experience in Stuttgart!

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
Bud Phillis



Duncan Cameron



Doug Hultquist



John Olinger

**The list is growing! STILL
TIME TO JOIN THE FUN**

*Where are our Cardinal fans? Can you say, "Fair Weather"?
Is Frank the only true fan?*



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!!



ROCK ISLAND ROTARY BLOOD DRIVE

 **ImpactLife** **AUGUST 3rd**

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. This year the Kiwanis Club will be joining us, so a reservation is needed to avoid waiting in line. Face masks are required to enter the donation area. Please join the drive and "Impact Life!"



ANOTHER PAUL HARRIS FELLOW CONFERRED



Foundation chair, Bud Phillis had the pleasure of presenting yet another Paul Harris Fellow as he called to the rostrum Sarah McGlynn. Sarah's mother, our club secretary Anne McGlynn, presented Sarah with the honor. Paul Harris Fellow honors are bestowed when a Rotarian has contributed \$1,000 to the Rotary International Foundation. In Anne's case she had already contributed to make herself a Paul Harris Fellow, and then another \$2,000 to give her husband Fred and daughter Ellen Paul Harris honors, and now daughter Sarah. Anne's dedication and support of the Rotary Foundation has meant real help and care to those less fortunate in 3rd world countries. Anne joined our Club in 2007 and is a great example of what can be done with steady, dedicated support to

the Foundation. If you haven't yet started down the path toward being a Paul Harris Fellow or if you are a Paul Harris Fellow and wish to honor loved ones, contact Bud, and become a "Sustaining Member" which simply means you pledge \$100 a year to the Foundation. That can be as little as \$8.34 a month. You can even set up an automatic account withdrawal donation and you'll be amazed at how quickly it adds up.

BOARD MEETS AND MAKES IMPORTANT DECISIONS

Our Club Board of Directors met yesterday, and important matters were discussed, and decisions were made. Among the many topics was our Little Libraries. We are finding that they are very popular with youngsters in our community who frequent them often and obtain books for reading at home. Unfortunately, time and the weather have taken a toll on several of the Little Libraries which were build out wood by club members several years ago. We now need one or two volunteers who are handy with a hammer and screwdriver who are willing to periodically perform maintenance chores. The Club will pay for any materials needed, but the essential missing element is a member or two with some handyman skills. If you can help, please let Sue Rector or Justin Peterson know. A second item discussed was the upcoming Rock Island Labor Day Parade. We do plan to have several cars in the parade along with a small float and all the walkers and bike riders we can get from Club members and their families. I you will help design and put together or float, or would be willing to ride on the float, please volunteer at the Sergeant's table. Right now, we have a blank flat trailer and need some creative minds to bring it to life! A third item discussed was our corporate dues. As you know last month it was determined that regular club dues needed to be increased to cover our actual costs of operation. Those dues were move to \$200 per quarter. Corporate memberships involve a significant amount of work for our treasurer, secretary, and Sergeant at Arms and provides the benefit of allowing a corporate member to name up to four people from their organization as club members. Those multi members then share the responsibility of meeting attendance. After discussion it was determined that starting October 1, our corporate dues will be increased to \$300 per quarter. Another important item came up as a result of the Board's commitment to provide continuing Zoom coverage of our meetings. The Board discussed obtaining the necessary equipment to provide a quality picture and good sound for those joining via Zoom. Since resuming live meetings, we have been using a laptop computer borrowed from Cindi Gramenz and a camera borrowed from Molly Shattuck. Their willingness to lend their equipment is greatly appreciated, but not a proper long-term arrangement for the club. To provide Zoom coverage requires us to have two computers and two good cameras. The Botanical Center provides one computer for us, and Cindi has provided the other. The board authorized the purchase of a new laptop computer with high quality picture and sound and two quality wide angle web cameras at a budget not to exceed \$1,500. It is believed we can obtain the necessary equipment and needed software for under \$1,000. We hope to have the new equipment up and running withing then next few weeks. Finally, President Peterson advised the Board that he has received a survey from the district, asking us to evaluate our meetings and various procedures. To get an honest evaluation He asked that the survey be sent to every member with a request that each fill out and return the survey. Justin will then tabulate our responses and report our results to the district. It was stressed that we must have our response to the district within two weeks. Therefore, we need to get our completed surveys to Justin within a week. The survey was sent to all after the meeting, and we do ask that you answer the questions (they are all simple "Yes" "No" questions) quickly and get them back to Justin at jpeterson@tbkbank.com. As you can see there was much done at the meeting, and these are just a few of the many items of business covered. .

Tribute Concert Photos:



John Prine at various stages of his long career.



A very talented Rock Island Rotarian, John Phillips has entertained our Club on numerous occasions always amazing everyone with his talent both as a vocalist and guitarist. John is listed as a **"Bucktown Revue favorite"** on their Facebook page and frequently performs professionally throughout the region. He not only entertains thousands but is doing his part to keep the music alive, even though John Prine is gone. Shown above and left are four photos of performances at Rock Island Rotary and below, two at Bucktown Review.



THE “BOOS” SEEM TO INSPIRE HIM!

Undaunted by, and seemingly enjoying the traditional chorus of “Boos” that greets the introduction of our 2nd Vice President, Eric Westphall is doing a masterful job of levying fines on Club members, all in good fun and every cent raised going to our various charitable projects. Today Eric started the fines with his own dollar for nearly pulling the tablecloth off the head table as he prepared to take the rostrum. He then prodded happy dollars out of Monta Ponsetto and Dan McNeil for the recent announcement that the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation and Spring Forward Learning Center had each received a \$25,000 grant from the Ascentra Foundation. Cindi Gramenz paid a dollar for losing an argument with Duncan Cameron regarding whether or not the frequent Florida visitor has a badge in our member box (he does). Frank Lambert gave a happy dollar for the Cardinals win over the Cubs last night and Bud Phillis and Eric each offered a sad dollar on behalf of Cub fans. John Phillips had a very happy dollar for the White Sox who are leading their division and look to be headed for great things this year. Dan McNeil was dinged again for a recent newspaper article about Spring Forward and returning to near normal. We thought we were down to the final fine when Kevin Koski was hit for a frontpage Argus photo with his sister as they visited the Figge Museum in Davenport. But alas, Eric had one more surprise in store, he noticed that some in the audience were not wearing their Rotary pin and levied a \$1 fine on all who failed to have their pins. Looks like Eric is enjoying the job, charities are benefiting, and he is well on his way to achieving his budget goal! I guess a “Yea!” might be deserved, but “Booing” is more fun!

SUE RECTOR GETS HER PAUL HARRIS CERTIFICATE AND PIN

Last week Sue Rector accepted a Paul Harris certificate and pin she had earned designated to honor her husband, Rick. She then mentioned that although she had earned her own Paul Harris Fellow award many months ago, it was during the pandemic when we were meeting strictly via Zoom. As a result, she had never received her own pin and certificate. Today Foundation Chair Bud Phillis corrected that situation by calling Sue forward and handing her, her very own Paul Harris Fellow Certificate and pin. Thanks for your generous support of the Rotary Foundation and for your patience, Sue! Congratulations.

Did you know that once you have achieved \$600 in Foundation donations members of our club will contribute their excess donation credits to get you to \$1,000 and your Paul Harris Fellow membership? Get started by contacting Bud Phillis.



GREET OUR NEWEST MEMBER



Today President Justin Peterson had the honor of inducting Jeremy Richard as our most recent member of Rock Island Rotary. He was sponsored by Rotarian Howard Beck. Jeremy is the new owner of Ben Farrar Insurance in Rock Island. After his induction Jeremy stepped to the rostrum and thanked the Club for welcoming him and said that he and his wife Nicole were both raised on the Iowa side of the Quad Cities and how pleased he has been meeting many great people in Rock Island. We are confident that through his membership in Rotary and business in Rock Island he will meet many caring and welcoming folks. Jeremy and Nicole have 4 children and reside in Bettendorf. We look forward to working with him in Rotary's many philanthropic activities. Please make it a point to welcome and say “Hello” to Jeremy!

HELP WITH OUR FLOAT!

Calling creative Rotarians!! We need some ideas for our Labor Day Parade Float. This year's theme is “Joy & Peace to the World”, and that's right up our alley. Let Bob Swanson or Justin Peterson know if you would like to help with ideas, talent, or as a participant in the parade. We need to show all we do in our community and the world!



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!