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# Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



## Dr. Louis Katz

### Infectious Disease Medical

### Director

### Scott County Health Department



Dr. Katz is a board-certified internist and infectious diseases specialist who trained and interned at the University of Iowa and has over 45 years of experience in the medical field. He is an Adjunct Clinical Professor of Internal Medicine at the Roy and Lucille Carver College of Medicine, former Chief Medical Officer at America's Blood Centers in Washington, DC, an ABC past president, former board member and a past chair of its Scientific, Medical and Technical committee. He has authored more than sixty peer reviewed publications and book chapters. As a clinician Dr. Katz founded and directed a Ryan White funded comprehensive HIV/AIDS clinic in the Iowa/Illinois Quad Cities, and was an infectious diseases consultant and hospital epidemiologist at Genesis Medical Center until assuming his ABC responsibilities in 2012. He is the medical director of the Scott County Health Department and The Project of the Quad Cities, an organization providing both HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infections services in a bistate area. Today Dr. Katz began his speech with words we didn't want to hear, "Everyone, whether vaccinated or not, should be wearing a mask and practicing social distancing at all indoor gatherings." He later qualified the statement a bit saying mask wearing is recommended when indoors in a group where it is possible that not all present are vaccinated. A second statement was just as hard to hear when he declared that fully 25% of the hundreds of thousands of Covid deaths did not have to die. That he blamed on the politicians and the politicization of the pandemic and vaccines. He then turned to an informative and detailed powerpoint presentation. He referenced a 6 fold spike in the number of Covid diagnosis and hospitalization over the past two weeks. He also said that 90-95% of the new cases were occurring in non-vaccinated people, and he stressed that it is going to get worse, noting that the Delta variant is two times easier to transmit than the original Covid virus. The remainder of his presentation centered on the reason for the spike, which he attributed to vaccine hesitancy. He stated that in the United States more than 81% of citizens over the age of 64 have been vaccinated, however in the age groups of 12 -15 and 16-17 less than 30% are vaccinated. There also seems to be a political division with 80% of those identifying as Democrats having been vaccinated compared to just 60% of those identifying as Republicans. [Strange since President Trump was the driving force to get the vaccine and was one of the first to take the shots.] Dr. Katz argued that all of the scientific evidence verifies that the vaccines are safe and effective. He also stressed that none of the customary steps taken to develop, test, and certify the safety of the vaccines were skipped or short cutted, saying that the reason the vaccine became available so quickly was that rather than going through the various steps one after another, the steps were done in parallel development. Pharmaceutical companies started the process of preparing their factories and obtaining the necessary materials to produce the vaccine at the same time the testing was going on. So as each phase of the process was completed, it was passed to an already underway next phase. The time saving was amazing! But the full and normal study of the drugs was done as thoroughly and independently as in the past. Dr. Katz then told us the steps required for a vaccine to receive Emergency Use Authorization (EUA). It first must be shown that the virus posed a serious threat to life. Second there must be proof that the benefit of the vaccine outweighs any risk it might pose. Finally it must be shown that there is no adequate alternative available. Having established proof of those steps, the current vaccines were given EUA approval. Dr. Katz believes that full approval, removing the emergency label, will be given by the CDC next month. He said again that the available Covid vaccines work and work incredibly well. He also said that demonstrating that a vaccine works is a 6 step process: 1) It must prevent the infection; 2) It must prevent illness; 3) It must prevent hospitalization; 4) It must prevent needing critical care (ICU); 5) It must prevent death; and 6) It must stop transmission of the disease. The currently approved vaccines passed each of those tests. Thank you Dr. Katz!

### July – Sept. Calendar

- 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- Alfred Ramirez, Diversity in the Workplace
- Sept 28- Monta Ponsetto, Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation



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## Program Chairs

### 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 Visiting Rotarians were Duncan Cameron from Naples, FL and Mark Zimmerman from Davenport, IA. Fred McGlynn was a guests of wife Anne McGlynn. Erin Williams visited as a prospective member from Augustana's corporate membership and 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?
- ☐ **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?
- ☐ **ROTARY BLOOD DRIVE** – The Rotary Blood Drive will be held next Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10am to 3pm at the Botanical Center. Members and friends can sign up to donate before, during or after our meeting. There is still time to schedule an appointment. Please call Chris Lemon at 309-787-9516. 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](mailto:bobdebswanson@att.net).



## FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Today's Foundation raffle featured a 50/50 cash drawing, Fabric bowl made by Angela Campbell, and fine wine donated by Pete Wessels! Jeremy Richards, one of our newest members was super lucky and held all three winning tickets! (Yes, there were many more in the bowl!) Donated the cash to the Rotary Foundation and took the wine and bowl home. Good day to go to the casino Jeremy! Thanks to all who participated.



## WINE AUCTION SUPPLIES BEING PREPARED!

Next month our Club will be hosting a two-week on-line Auction of fine wine. Recently our sixteen cases of wine from the Nimble Vineyards of Sonoma Valley California arrived in the Quad Cities and were delivered and generously stored at the American Bank & Trust Building in Bettendorf. Last week a very short-notice plea for volunteers was sent to all members seeing help and a truck to move all the wine to Ruth Lee's home in Rock Island so it could be grouped, staged, and photographed in preparation for the auction. Rotarians once again answered the call and last Thursday Frank Lambert came with his truck as did Mary and Dick Fislar with their SUV, Bob Swanson, Amanda De La Cruz, Ruth Lee, and Rick Emery. Sixteen cases of wine were loaded and moved to Rock Island. Thanks so much to those dedicated members who volunteered. And we even had additional volunteers that were held as a back-up plan, so additional thanks to Howard Beck and John Oliger for offering their help!





# FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to Week 4 of Rotary International's Month of Transition.

Women older than 40 are used to hearing the advice from doctors to undergo an annual mammogram to screen for possible breast cancer. It's a potentially lifesaving test, but also one that involves a sometime painful compression of the breast – a fact that deters some women from getting the procedure. Now, new technology is trying to make the test less painful and more comfortable. Some Southwest Pennsylvania Rotary Clubs have helped to bring this technology to local patients. Rotary Clubs from Belle Vernon, Charleroi, Monessen/Rostraver, Monongahela, Pleasant Hills and West Newton pooled their resources and received a matching grant money from The Rotary Foundation for a donation to the Monongahela Valley Hospital HealthPlex. The \$10,000 TRF grant contributed to the overall cost of a new breast imaging technology. The HOLOGIC R SmartCurve™ Breast Stabilization System will provide women with a more comfortable mammogram without compromising the accuracy of their imaging.

"I have a simple request this month. Please take 10 minutes during your next club meeting to discuss ways to get more involved in the Foundation this year. It could be planning an online fundraiser to benefit the Foundation or partnering with other clubs for a global grant project." (John F. Germ, Foundation Trustee Chair, Rotary, August 2021:55).

**SET UP AN AUTOMATIC ROTARY FOUNDATION WITHDRAWAL PLAN. IT CAN BE ANY AMOUNT YOU WISH FROM YOUR PERSONAL BANK ACCOUNT. SEE BUD PHILLIS FOR EASY DETAILS!**

## 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 Oliger

**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. TIME IS SHORT – PLEASE EMAIL TODAY!

**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](mailto:jrose@ambankqc.com) or Ruth Lee [rotarianruth@gmail.com](mailto:rotarianruth@gmail.com) to get your business or organization in the auction promos+ Thanks to those that have signed up!!



## BLOOD DRIVE – NEXT WEEK

### **ImpactLife** **AUGUST 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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!"





## PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

Today Assistant District Governor and fellow Rock Island Rotary member, Gary Rowe, honored his wife, Linda, by naming her the recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow designation. Gary also received his own jeweled Paul Harris Plus 1 pin in return for his passing \$1,000 in donations to the Rotary International Foundation. Gary noted that "slow & steady" was the way his donations added up over the past several years. Gary served as our Club president 1995-96 and is a current member of our Board of Directors. He was named Assistant District 6420 Governor in 2020 and in that capacity supervises and is a liaison to the District for all the clubs in the western part of our district. Congratulations Gary and Linda too, who have served as Rotary Exchange host parents for five visiting students.

# ROCK ISLAND WINE AUCTION

Nimble  
Vineyards

ROTARY



**Your chance to try Award-winning California Sonoma Valley wine  
from the Nimble Vineyards!**

**Exclusively in the Midwest through Rock Island Rotary!**

**Bid to own a bottle or a case in your favorite variety or mix and match Syrah,  
Cabernet Sauvignon, Nimble Hog Blend, and Sauvignon Blanc.**

**This is an exclusive on-line only auction opening August 18th and ending on  
Thursday, September 2nd. Numerous groupings of wine with bonus liquors  
and commemorative theme items included.**

**Watch for the link coming some which will allow you to go online to check it  
out – No obligation for visiting the site and pre-viewing the many items up  
for bid!**

**All proceeds will go to fund the Rock Island Rotary "Houlton Service Above  
Self Scholarship" providing \$1,000 college scholarships to Rock Island High  
School students!**

# PUMPKIN PALOOZA 2021!



**Pumpkins Palooza 2021 plans are in the works.**

**Each year generous Rotarians have supported a bright orange t-shirt for each of the kids and teachers in 1st and 2nd grade at Earl Hanson. These are pretty prized gifts for the kiddos, and we want to continue the tradition this year.**

**Might you consider joining a small, but mighty, group of Rotarians who have consistently sponsored these treasures? The investment is \$100, and we do have the opportunity to include your logo or name on the shirts. Believe me you get good mileage from your sponsorship - the smiles are awesome, and these shirts truly are worn throughout the year.**

**If you are interested, let Sue Rector know at [srector3614@gmail.com](mailto:srector3614@gmail.com). We will need to know by August 31 so that we can get the shirts ordered and ready to go for our October fun with the kiddos.**

## NO FINER – BUT DUNCAN COMES THROUGH!



*Duncan Cameron*

With 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Eric Westphall, a bit under the weather and absent from our meeting it looked like a day when no fines would be collected. Fortunately for our coffers, Visiting Rotarian Duncan Cameron rose and offered a happy dollar in honor of Holly Sparkman who was seated at Duncan's table. Duncan noted that Holly successfully ran the Brady Street Hill and completed the 2021 Bix 7. Perhaps just a warm-up for her upcoming appearance on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> in the New York Marathon! Holly will be running with the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC) Teal Charity Team.

Being a part of a charity team means that Holly is raising



*Holly Sparkman*

donations and awareness for Ovarian Cancer research and the NOCC's national programs and local initiatives to heighten awareness of the subtle signs and symptoms of ovarian cancer, assist newly diagnosed patients throughout the country and provide ongoing support to caregivers. Holly is also running in honor of her mom (Barb Schroeder) who is a 12-year Ovarian Cancer survivor, and her cousin Heather who passed from Ovarian Cancer in 2018. Two incredibly strong women that Holly admires and holds dear in her heart. If you would like to help sponsor Holly, use this link. <https://give.ovarian.org/participant/HollySparkman> Any donation amount is appreciated! Thanks, Duncan, for the "heads up!" Also, congratulations to Holly on your Bix run and your willingness to help in the fight against Ovarian Cancer. Good luck in New York!

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 12<sup>th</sup> , 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](mailto: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 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 - [GETMEREGISTERED.COM/ROTARYREINDEERRAMBLE](http://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](mailto: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!



## The World Series of Giving PLAY BALL!



Rotary District 6420 first annual 2021-2022 'World Series of Giving' campaign is under way!

Welcome to July and August Spring Training! This is the time to get your Foundation leadership team together, create goals and develop a team strategy.

The regular season starts in September!

Monthly standings will be posted on the district's website and Facebook site, beginning in October.

Clubs compete based on per capita giving to the Annual Fund and PolioPlus. The top club in each division receives a commemorative Louisville Slugger baseball bat and the division winners will be announced June 1, 2022.



In June (2022), the five division winners compete for the World Series of Giving title and the ultimate winner will be announced on July 1, 2022.

Is your team ready! If not, it's time to dust off the cleats, take a few practice swings and get in there!

**The World Series of Giving**

### Play Ball!

Scoring is based by aggregate per capita giving to the Annual Fund and PolioPlus throughout the year.

**Season Schedule:**  
July & August 2022: Spring Training  
September 2022: Regular Season

**Northwest Division:**  
Areas I & II  
Clubs: [List of clubs]

**Mid-Central Division:**  
Areas III & IV  
Clubs: [List of clubs]

**South-Central Division:**  
Areas V & VI  
Clubs: [List of clubs]

**West-Central Division:**  
Areas VII & VIII  
Clubs: [List of clubs]

**Western Division:**  
Areas IX & X  
Clubs: [List of clubs]

Monthly standings will be posted here on the District website.

**Rotary Foundation**