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Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



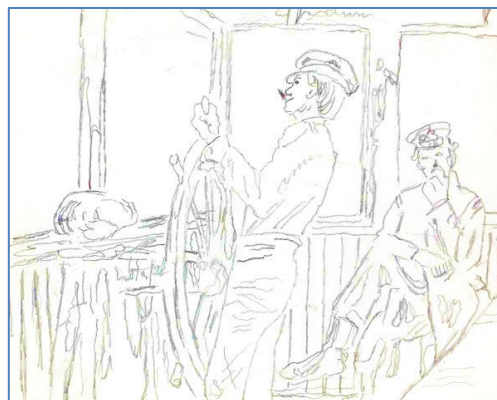
MARGIE KANE Karpeles Museum

A little known treasure of the Quad Cities is the Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum located at 700 22nd Street, Rock Island, Illinois. It was formerly a Christian Science church, designed by architect William C. Jones of Chicago in the Palladian style, it was built between 1914-1915. Its exterior walls are of brick covered by Bedford

limestone. Its superimposed front portico is supported by six 2 story columns with egg-and-dart capitals. Its dome actually consists of 3 domes: an outer protective dome, an skylight dome which allows light to enter, and an interior dome separated by a space for lighting fixtures and maintenance. The inner dome consists of some 8,000 colored fish scale glass panes on a wooden support structure. The building was added to the National Register of Historic Places on August 14, 1998. Margie Kane was named Co-Director and Weekday Hostess of Rock Island's Karpeles Manuscript Museum in March of 2013. The Karpeles Library is the world's largest private holding of important original manuscript documents. The archives include Literature, Science, Religion, Political History, and Art. Among the treasures are: The original draft of the Bill of Rights of the United States, The original manuscript of the sheet music for the "The Wedding March," Einstein's famous formula " $E=Mc^2$ ", The "Thanksgiving Proclamation" signed by George Hanson (first President under the Articles of Confederation), Roget's "Thesaurus," Webster's "Dictionary," and over one million more. The collection rotates between 17 Karpeles Libraries located all over the United States. Among the many documents on display currently in Rock Island is a trial sketch for Mark Twain's "Life on the Mississippi" Drawn by Norman Rockwell. Rock Island was the 12th Karpeles Library to open, all are located in small to medium sized urban communities. The Karpeles Museums house a private collection of more than a million manuscripts and documents in the United States, the largest such collection in the world. It was founded in 1983 by California real estate magnates David and Marsha Karpeles, with the goal of stimulating interest in learning, especially in children, and to make the collection more accessible, is distributed among many Karpeles museums across the US, each located in a historic building, plus "mini-museums" in schools and office buildings. Items are rotated between museums quarterly, and each of the museums presents a daily general exhibit and one or more special scheduled exhibits throughout the year. All of the Karpeles Manuscript Library services are free. Admission to the library is also free. The Library provides special educational programs and lectures for schools at all levels. These too are all free programs. The Rock Island Karpeles Library has a 700 seat auditorium, numerous classrooms, coat rooms and meeting areas. The building sat empty for 20 years, suffered water damage and deteriorated. Karpeles has been renovating the building first to make it weather tight and then room by room. Schools schedule field trips to the library at no charge and kids enjoy seeing documents written by people they are studying in school. Karpeles offers their facility for indoor and outdoor activities, including weddings, dramatic presentations, and meetings all at a reasonable donation amount. Ms. Kane noted that they expect a switch of collection documents at the end of this month so hurry in to see the current collection. It's free and it is an super Rock Island resource for learning and enjoyment. Thank you Margie for bringing it to our attention!

July – Sept. Calendar

- Aug 24 - Christan Schrader, Black Hawk Area Special Ed. Dist.
- Aug 31 - Liz & David Nino – Update Brazil Project AND Nita Ludwig, Rock Island County Health Department
- Sept 6 - Labor Day Parade
- 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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Club Notes & Announcements!

- WELCOME GUESTS** – Today we had numerous guests. Karen Phillips was a guest of husband John Phillips. Adam Trone and Tegan Neblung were guests of Kathy Trone. Mindy Mahon was a guest of Kai Swanson. We had one visiting Rotarian, Duncan Cameron, from the Naples, FL Club. Guests are always welcome at the “Number One Club”. Have you invited a guest to Rotary lately?
- 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.
- EDITOR’S APOLOGY** – Last week I egregiously misspelled the surname of good friend and fellow member Rick Emery. Chalk it up to rushing, failing to carefully proofread, or just stupidity, but it happened and I deeply regret it. Rick is a dedicated and hardworking Rotarian and the contribution he and wife Connie have made to Rotary deserved better! So sorry Rick. I know it is EMERY not Emory like the University. It won’t happen again!
- THANKS TO ERIN WILLIAMS** – Although she just joined Rotary, after seeing our Wine Auction information, Erin Williams asked if we had considered creating a Facebook Event page to promote the auction. After confessing that none of us knew how to create such a page, Erin volunteered and it is up and running. thanks to Erin Williams from Augustana who was inducted last week!
- 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 Anne McGlynn! The first ticket drawn was held by guest Rotarian, Duncan Cameron. He opted for the cash and donated it to the Rotary Foundation. The second ticket was held by John Olinger who went home with a bottle of wine! Thanks to all who participated. Proceeds go to the Rotary Foundation.



ROSTER OF PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS CONTINUES TO GROW!



John Phillips

Foundation chairman, Dr. Bud Phillis, had the honor of presenting two Paul Harris Fellow awards at today’s meeting. Our first recipient was Karen Phillips, wife of past president John Phillips. John commented on the great work Rotary does both locally and internationally and thanked the club for its support and assistance in helping members earn Paul Harris honors. The second recipient was Tegan Neblung, granddaughter of Kathy Trone. This was the second Paul Harris Award earned by Kathy and she designated it to Tegan noting that young Tegan had on her own earned funds and contributed them to women’s philanthropic causes. Kathy said she was extremely proud of Tegan and wanted her to have the honor of being a Paul Harris Fellow! Presenting a loved one with a Paul Harris Fellow Award is a great way to honor and let that special person know how much they are loved. Congratulations to Karen and Tegan!



Kathy Trone

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Our meeting on August 31st will start earlier than normal. Please try to arrive by 11:45 as we will begin our business portion of the meeting at about 12:10. This is to accommodate an opportunity to hear two great presentations. Our scheduled speaker is Nita Ludwig, Rock Island County Health Department, but we also have the opportunity to hear a presentation by Liz & David Nino on the Teen Center in Itabuna, Brazil. Liz was a member of our club, and her brother David is a member of Rotary in Itabuna. We donated funds to help renovate the Itabuna Teen Center. David is home for a visit and he and Liz will give us an update on the project.



FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to Week 2 of RI's Month of Membership & Extension.

On Tuesday January 12, 2010, a magnitude 7.0 earthquake devastated the island nation of Haiti, killing over 230,000 people, rendering millions homeless and opened the island nation to humanitarian help from all corners of the globe.

Rotary International was among several organizations that brought much needed relief in cash and kind. Then this. In the early morning hours of Saturday, August 14, 2021, a new catastrophe has befallen Haiti once more. As at the time of this Foundation Minute, more than three hundred people have died and several thousand others homeless in the wake of the 7.2 magnitude earthquake.

Following the 2010 disaster, TRF established the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund for donation toward recovery efforts. Rotarians donated millions of dollars and so much progress was made even while many Haitians have yet to fully recover from the devastation. TRF led the effort in 2010, and hopefully will do the same in the weeks to come. "It's déjà vu all over again" when one recalls that then RI Past Director Barry Rassin stated that "Rotarians are working hard and fast to get help to those in Haiti...We're at the same time working on long-term efforts."

Well, it's that time again, Rotarians! Your donations to the Rotary Foundation make this help possible!

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



James Benson



WINE AUCTION OPENS FOR BIDDING TOMORROW!



AUCTION LINK

You can go online now and preview all the items that will be up for bid when our auction officially opens for bids at 9am on August 18th. The link is:

<http://bidpal.net/oncloudwinewithrirotary>

CHANGES COMING TO OUR MEETINGS!

After discussion at our last Board of Directors meeting it was determined that with over a year of meeting solely on ZOOM and a number of new members joining both during and since that time, there are many new faces and some familiar ones that we need to meet, greet, and make feel welcome. To that end, we will be re-instituting a former practice of the Club starting next week. Starting next Tuesday, on the fourth Tuesday of each month rather than each of us selecting our seats, the Sergeant at Arms table will hand out seating and will try to ensure that at least once each month we will have the opportunity to sit with and meet new faces and to reacquaint ourselves with members we may not have spoken with for many months. Don't be shy, give a big Rotary welcome to whoever might be at your table!

SECONDLY starting next week and for the next six weeks (excluding the State of the Schools meeting on September 7th) our Raffle will be different. There will be no 50/50 and no tickets for \$1, \$2, & \$5. Instead, we will have \$5 raffle tickets with the prize each week being one of our exclusive Sonoma Valley Nimble Vineyard wines being offered in our on-line wine auction. The bottles raffled each week retail from \$30 up to \$50 per bottle. Members will have an opportunity to win a bottle for a \$5 ticket. Proceeds will be evenly divided between the Rotary Foundation and our Fred Houlton Service Above Self Scholarship fund. Good luck to all!

PUMPKIN PALOOZA 2021!



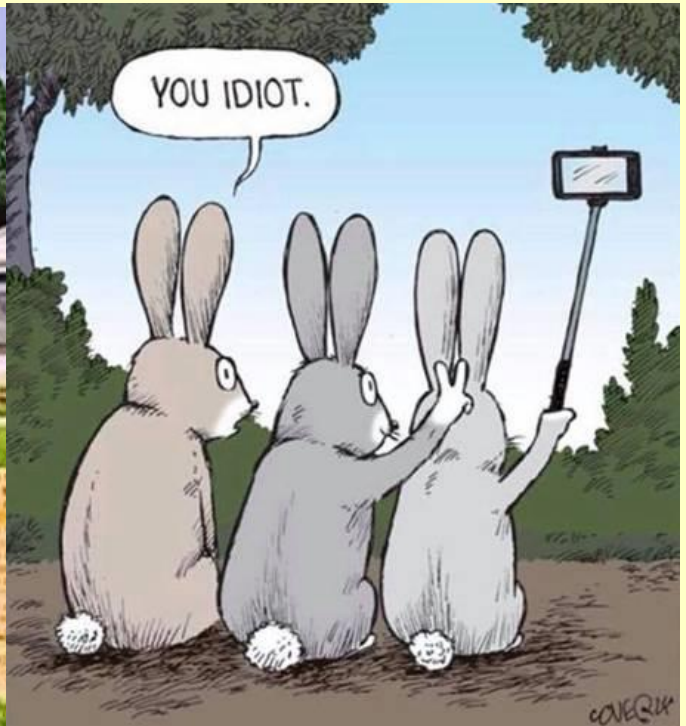
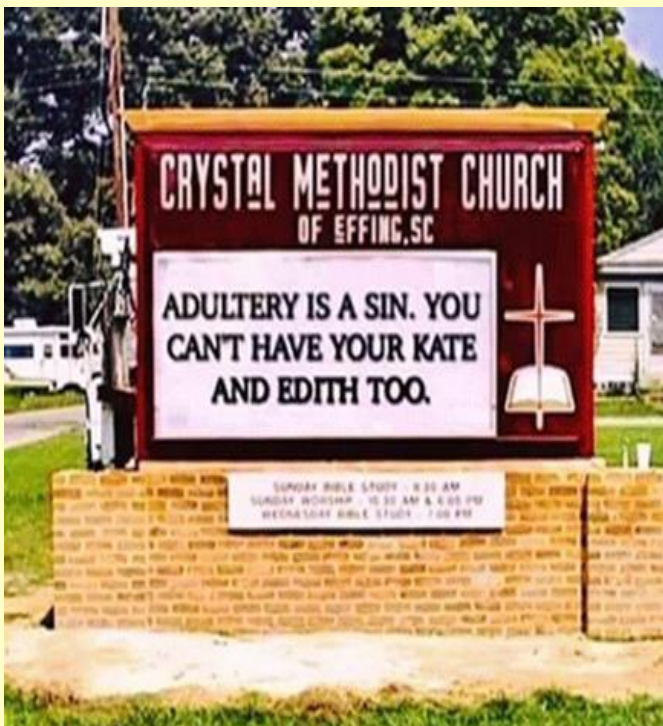
Pumpkins Palooza 2021 plans are in the works.

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. 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.

Humor from Dr. Bud Phillis - With the note "Laughter is the best medicine!"



VICE-PRESIDENT ERIC WESTPHALL ACCEPTS DOLLARS AND LEVIES FINES!

Vice President Eric Westphall was again greeted with an outstanding chorus of “Boos” and then went about his work. Asking for Happy/Sad Dollars, Duncan Cameron rose and spoke about his Brewers and the Cubs current 12 game losing streak. We weren’t sure if it was a happy or a sad dollar, to which Duncan said, “It’s a Dollar”. We are happy for him and his delight in the Brewer’s current success – but just wait until next year! Eric told a golf joke (you had to be there) and then paid a \$5 fine for the effort. [It was funny!] Marcy Bell and Eric each paid a \$1 fine for leaving early. Finally, Eric reported that to date 12 members have shared our Wine Auction Link with non-Rotarians. In response to an offer to pay \$1 for each person that shares the Link, Eric levied a \$1 fine on every member that has not shared the link! Great to see the fine coffers grow! All fines are donated to our Foundation and go to help Rotary continue our great charitable work! Thanks to all.



NEW LOOK LABOR DAY PARADE PRESENCE FOR ROTARY

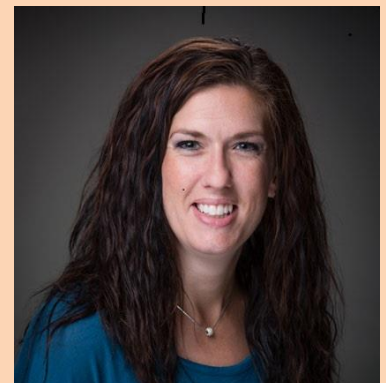


For many years Rock Island Rotary was represented in the Rock Island Labor Day Parade by our President being chauffeured in Bud Phillis’ “Prowler” sports car followed by our Exchange student in a second convertible. On occasion the cars were joined by a few Rotarians walking or on bicycles. In 2019 at the urging of then President Sue Cassatt Rotary added a float to our entry featuring a huge “blow-up” Rotary wheel. After a pandemic year with no parade Rock Island Rotary is taking it a step further for the September 6th, 2021, event. This year we will again have our float and walkers and bicyclists, with the addition of handing out candy to children, new this year. Rather than two cars, our entry will have five cars. President Peterson and his family will be in one, our executive officers in another, our 2021 Outstanding Community Service Award winner John Phillips in yet another, our 2021 Profession Excellence Award winner Tom Sigel in a fourth convertible, and most specially our 50-plus year

members will be honored (Sam Doak, Larry Tadlock, Ardo Holmgrain, Fred Houlton, and Stan Coin) with their own convertible. We want to show that even coming out of a pandemic, Rock Island Rotary is growing and as strong as ever! Many of us, including our five honored long-term members will be sporting our new Club shirts. More volunteers are needed to man the candy bags and walk the parade with our float and cars. Watch for us in the Parade – better yet, **JOIN US!** [Preparations for the 2019 parade are pictured above.] Thanks again to Molly and Scott Shattuck for volunteering their truck and trailer, and to Jeff Dismar, Mark Zimmerman, Justin Peterson, Bob Swanson, and non-Rotarian Jim Braet for volunteering their convertibles.

New Member Inducted

President Peterson had the pleasure of inducting Mariah Johnson as our newest Rock Island Rotarian. Mariah is an underwriter at Illinois Casualty Company and joins as an associate member under the ICC Corporate membership. Mariah lives in Rock Island and has two daughters, 18 and 15. She is “pretty much” a life-time resident of Rock Island. She has quickly become an involved member volunteering to serve on our Night at the Ball Park and Literacy/Little Libraries Committees. Be sure to introduce yourself and say “hello” when you see her and let her know how happy we are to welcome her into our Club. We’re sure Mariah will make many lasting friends and enjoy her Rotary membership.



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!

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 2021: Spring Training
September 2021: Regular Season
June 2022: World Series

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