

Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

CHRISTAN SCHRADER Black Hawk Area Special Ed. Dist.



Christan Schrader received her BA and MA in Speech-Language Pathology from Northern Illinois University. She then earned her Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Educational Leadership and Administration from Western Illinois University. She served as Director of Special Education at Northwest Special Education in Ottawa for four years and then spent 2 years as Assistant Director of LaSalle Putnam Educational Alliance for Special Education in Ottawa. In 2015 she was named Director of the Black Hawk Area

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

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Special Education District centered in Moline. The Black Hawk Area Special Education District (BHASED) is a special education joint agreement established in 1977 between fourteen local school districts in the Illinois counties of Henry, Mercer and Rock Island. BHASED services cover approximately 1,200 square miles and serve parents and school staff that work with approximately 30,000 public, private and parochial school students from Alwood, Carbon Cliff, Colona, East Moline, Hampton, Mercer County, Moline, Orion, Riverdale, Rockridge, Rock Island, Sherrard, Silvis, and United Township. Students served range from Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade providing Occupational and Physical Therapy, Social-Emotional Learning, Speech Therapy, Animal Games, Virtual Field Trips, and Kids At Home Resources. They have 144 students which places them in the top 20% for size of special education schools; and a teacher to student ratio of 1 to 6, which places BHASED in the top 5% of special education students for best teacher to student ratio. Sixtyfive percent of the students are male, 35 percent are female. The student body is diverse with 1% Asian, 13% hispanic, 19% black, 64% white, and 3% mixed race. Forty-eight percent qualify for free lunch based on their family's income. Two Boards serve to guide the BHASED program. The Superintendent's Board is made up of the Superintendents from each of the 14 school districts that are part of the cooperative. The Governing Board is made up of one representative from each of the School Boards that participate in the cooperative. The Governing Board has the final authority with regard to establishing policy and controlling BHASED activities. In addition to having their own facilities, BHASED houses one class at United Township High School. Students that are at the level of intermixing with non-special ed students attend class at UTHS part of the day and at BHASED for the remainder of the day. This allows the students the important opportunty to socialize and intemingle with regular ed students in preparation for a more independent life after high school is completed. BHASED also has ties to area businesses who provide job opportunities for BHASED students under the direction of a teacher/job coach. Again, the goal is to prepare the students for an independent life after BHASED. Outlining some of the recent accomplishments and new programs offered by BHASED Ms. Schrader showed photos of the new "All Abilities Playground" built by BHASED after a two year campaign that raised over \$200,000 for the project. Children of varing physical and cognative skills can use and enjoy the playground. The Phoenix Program housed in Carbon Cliff is another special BHASED program. The Program serves students between the ages of 11 and 22 years old who have not been successful in their home school districts due to the severity of their behavioral and emotional problems. The mission of The Phoenix Program is to improve the learning and functioning of referred students; maintain these students in their homes and communities by avoiding residential placement; and improve individual students learning outcomes to help students get to high school graduation and productive post-secondary lives. Two new programs are the BHASED Deaf & Hard of Hearing Program, and the "Achieve" Program established for 18-22 year old students who have graduated from high school, but are not quite ready for fully independent living. It provides transition training and assistance. Thank you, Christan for an interesting and informative progra



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Club Notes & Announcements!

- WELCOME GUESTS Today we had just two guests. One visiting Rotarian, Duncan Cameron, from the Naples, FL Club and Annie Hewitt from Senator Anderson's office. 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 stricktly 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.
- PROTARY PARADE ENTOURAGE NEEDS YOU! Monday, September 6th at 9:30am the 2021 Rock Island Labor Day Parade will step off. Rock Island Rotary will be represented and we need more members to accompany our float to hand out candy to children along the parade route. We have many "younger" members who should view this as just a walk in the park! Plese sign up at the Sergreant's table so we know ou will be participating. We'll provide the candy!
- □ POWER FAILURE INTERRUPTS MEETING Just as our guest speaker began her presentation all power in the Boanical Center and surrounding area went down. We lost everything, including our ZOOM hookup and the internet. Which ws not restored during the meeting. We later learned that a nearby power line snapped causing small fires on both sides of 4th Avenue at 25th Street. We continued the meeting without ZOOM and will have it restored next week.
- ☐ **HAVE ITEMS FOR OUR NEWSLETTER?** Email items, including photos to Bob Swanson at bobdebswanson@att.net.

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FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Today's raffle featured a bottle of Nimble Hog wine, one of the outstanding offerings of the Nimble Vineyards of Sonoma Valley, California selling at \$30 retail. Our \$5 per chance raffle raised \$125 split between the Rotary Foundation and our Service Above Self Scholarship. Who had the lucky ticket? The winner was Mary Fislar who was delighted to take home some excellent wine to share with hubby Dick. Thanks to all who participated. Next week will be our normal raffle for cash and wine.

DO WE HAVE A HANDYMAN/WOMAN IN THE CLUB?

Our Little Library at Earl Hanson Elementary Schools is in need of major repairs. The library is off the post and is now sitting in the front entrance of the school. The knobs are gone, and the plexiglass is broken on one door. Do we have a volunteer who would take a look at it and perhaps renovate and get it back on the post? If parts or materials are needed the Club will reimburse the cost. Just for reference, the photo shows how it looked prior being damaged. If any member is willing to run down to the school to assess the project, please contact our Literacy Chair Sue Rector. The Little Libraries get a great amount of use and provide a super service to the children that attend the school and live in the neighborhood. Sue's contact information is (cell) 563-343-7985 or email, suerector@augustana.edu.



STARTING EARLY NEXT WEEK

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.

CALLING ON ALL MEMBERS WHO ARE ON FACEBOOK!

One of our new members, Erin Williams from Augustana College has created an Event Page on FACEBOOK for our Wine Auction. Please check it out, "Like It" and share it with anyone you know that will enjoy a glass of high-quality wine! To check it out, just open Facebook and Search "Rock Island Rotary". When the list appears click on "Rock Island Rotary" and Then click on "LIKE. Next click on "EVENTS". You will see our "On Cloud WINE" auction listed. You can click on "Interested" to see details. We also hope you will click on "Invite" which will pull up your Facebook contacts and let you select friends to share our event with. Thanks for checking it out! And thanks Erin for creating it!

GARY ROWE HONORS WIFE WITH PAUL HARRIS FELLOW AWARD

A highlight of today's meeting was Foundation chair Bud Phillis calling Gary Rowe to the rostrum and presenting a Paul Harris Fellow Award to Gary's wife Linda Rowe. Linda could not be present to Gary graciously accepted on her behalf. Gary previously earned his own Paul Harris Fellow award and having contributed another \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation bestowed his second award on Linda. Congratulations Linda and Gary! Your generosity benefits the children of the world.



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?



Bill Stengel Jim Nordquist **Kathy Trone**



John Phillips Frank Lambert



Anne McGlvnn

Bob Swanson Jim Moran **Gary Rowe Justin Peterson Molly Shattuck Bud Phillis**



Duncan Cameron



Doug Hultquist





James Benson John Oliger



WINE AUCTION BIDS ARE FLOWING IN! ARE YOU PART OF THE ACTION?



AUCTION LINK

You can go online <u>now</u> 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

NEW SHIRTS WILL BE HERE FOR AUGUST 31st MEETING

Word has been received that our new Club shirts will arrive on August 27th and will be available for pickup at our meeting on August 31st. In total, 38 members ordered shirts. Some ordered both a polo and a tee-shirt, so the order ended up being 48 shirts. Along with the shirt, those that ordered will receive an invoice. Please plan to make a check payable to **Rock Island Rotary** and note on the memo line "SHIRT". Carrie has a list and can confirm what





each of us ordered and the amount owed. Thanks to all who ordered shirts. If you plan to participate in the Labor Day Parade, please wear your new shirt! If you missed out, let Bob Swanson know, we may be ordering again!

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!"



Just as the graveside service finished, there was a distant lightning bolt accompanied by a tremendous burst of rumbling thunder. The little old man looked at the pastor and calmly said, "Well, she's there and it's His problem now."

VICE-PRESIDENT ERIC WESTPHALL ACCEPTS DOLLARS AND LEVIES FINES!

Vice President Eric Westphall was again greeted an appropriate chorus of "Boos" and then went about his work. Sue Rector and Tom Hammar each paid a \$1 fine for leaving early. Eric levied a \$1 fine on Jennifer Hirsch for a newspaper article lauding MetroLink for waiving bus fees for students as they return to school. Thanks, MetroLink!! He also fined Angela Campbell for a news story about the library's celebration of National Dog Day and a photo of Angela's dog (one of them) in the article. Kathy Trone had a very happy dollar announcing that fellow member Pete Wessels who has been battling cancer we just pronounced "cancer free"! Great news for Pete and our club. Doug Hultquist put in a dollar for enjoining a recent Chamber video showing our president getting slapped. (Ask Justin, "WHY"?) Jeff Dismer gave \$5 in celebration of his sone Colin's engagement to Lauren VanSpeybroeck. Bud Phillis had a happy dollar for the Cubs winning a game! All fines are donated to the Rotary Foundation. 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 a 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 Dismer, Mark Zimmerman, Justin Peterson, Bob Swanson, and non-Rotarian Jim Braet for volunteering their convertibles.

The New 2021-22 QUAD CITY DINING TOUR BOOKS ARE HERE!!

Chair Bud Phillis had the new Dining Books at our meeting today and they are going fast! The cost remains just \$35 for over 300 Buy-One, Get-One Free coupons at 150 Quad Cities area restaurants! Better yet, for each book sold Rock Island Rotary receives a \$10 donation! In addition to numerous restaurants from fast food to luxury dining, the Book contains a Circa 21 Coupon you can use for our Rotary Holiday Party. That savings alone more than pays for the book! See Bud next week to get your 2021-22 Book!



CONGRATULATIONS TO FELLOW ROTARIAN JOHN PHILLIPS



Periodically fellow member and former Club president, John Phillips agrees to bring his guitar and singing talents to our meetings and provides us with some of the best entertainment seen at our meetings. Most recently, John performed an entire program at a Rotary meeting, doing a tribute concert to singer/songwriter John Prine. This past Friday Aug. 20, The Bucktown Revue held a special concert at Trinity Church Rock Island. The pre-show billing stated, "Featuring QC/Nashville songwriter David G. Smith, the QuarterMoon Tinsnips Bluegrass Band, songwriter Richard Roberts, and folksinger John Phillips. One of our members was present and snapped this photo of John's performance. Sometimes we don't realize how fortune we are to have high quality programs presented by our own members. Congratulations John for another outstanding performance! Amazing that this much talent was hiding within one of the finest City Managers in the Midwest! If you'd like a sample of the music from Bucktown Revue, this link will make you a part of a recent rehearsal. https://youtu.be/XAd0gUegBD4.

ROTARY TRIVIA NIGHT APPROACHING – SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DETAILS

Chair Kathy Trone is now accepting reservations for teams. You may have up to 10 people on your team. We don't need names right now, just confirmation that you will have a team. Or for those that don't want to put together a team, Kathy is also accepting names of those who want to participate and would like to join a team of fellow Rotarians. There will be a signup sheet at the Sergeants Table next week where you can 1) Reserve a spot for your team, or 2) Sign up to participate and Kathy will get you on a team. It's lots of fun and the proceeds go to support Earl Hanson Elementary School and other Club projects.

GREETERS NEEDED

Everyone enjoys being welcome and greeted when they enter our meetings, whether your current preference is a handshake or an elbow bump, either is a fine welcome to Rock Island Rotary. Club members take turns and volunteer to serve as greeters. The only requirement is to arrive by about 11:45am and have a smile on your face! We particularly urge newer members to serve as greeters. There is no better way to meet our members than to be the face that welcomes them to our meetings. To volunteer stop by the Sergeant's table and signup!

CONGRATULATIONS TO LOCAL AUTHOR – DICK FISLAR

Two of our favorite people are past Club president Mary Fislar and her husband Dick Fislar. Dick is a frequent guest at our meetings and seems to have a knack at winning our raffle drawings. He and Mary volunteer their expertise each year with our Rotary Reindeer Ramble 5K race held in December. Dick is a lifelong runner and has literally a room full of trophies, ribbons, and awards won through his illustrious track career dating back to high school and college. Earlier this year Dick authored and published his first book entitled, **So You Wanna be a Race Director.** The book is a step-by-step tutorial on how to establish, organize, and run a race. It is available on Amazon and through Barnes & Noble. An online version is available for just \$5. Dick just completed his second book titled "Where in the World are Dick & Mary". In his life other than writing books, Dick and Mary are owners of Picture Perfect Travel in Rock Island and Dick also serves as CEO for a conglomerate of Travel Agencies around the country. The new book (not yet available for sale) chronicles about two dozen of the trips organized and led by the couple all over the world. Dick added selected photos for some of the more exotic and interesting places they have visited. From riding camels at the Giza pyramids to an air balloon ride over lions, elephants, giraffes and other wildlife in Africa, the interesting stories, photos, and strange and exciting events make for a great read! Watch for "Where in the World are Dick & Mary" on Amazon and Barnes & Noble in the coming months. Fellow club member Mary Fislar is a big part of many of the stories and a few of the photos!



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 cruisemaster 18@yahoo.com

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

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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 of the cleats, take a few practice swings and get in there!









Dear Rotarians,

Thank you for giving to The Rotary Foundation! Because of your dedication to Doing Good in the World and your support of our Foundation, we achieved more in the last Rotary year than ever before.

Together, we funded more than 2,000 global grants that empowered Rotary members around the world to take on projects they care about and make a difference in their communities. Your generosity helped us raise more than \$440 million!

Raising more than ever before is an incredible achievement and enables our members to make a big impact by helping those who need us most during a time that is as uncertain as any. And we want to be able to keep doing that. We want to keep building strong communities by improving people's health, providing quality education, protecting the environment, and alleviating poverty.

Your donations make it possible for Rotary members around the world to continue this lifechanging work. Thank you, Robert, for taking action by giving to The Rotary Foundation.

Sincerely, The Rotary Foundation



THANK YOU

