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Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



DAVID BILLS DISTRICT GOVERNOR



David Bills has spent his 42 year career in education. He served as a teacher, coach, athletic director, principal, and was Superintendent of the Riverdale School District from 2000 until he retired in 2007. He returned to the District as Business Manager in 2009 a position he has held ever since. A resident of Port Byron, David has been active in the River Cities Rotary Club and served as the club president before moving into District leadership first as Assistant Governor and now as District 6420 Governor. Our District encompasses 47 clubs throughout northwestern Illinois. District governors provide leadership, motivation, and guidance to Rotary clubs under the general supervision of the Rotary International Board of Directors. Governors act as officers of Rotary International, fostering achievement in their district at the club level. District governors prepare for and execute their duties over a three-year period. Districts nominate governors 24-36 months before the governors take office. Governors-nominee are elected at the Rotary International Convention and serve as governors-elect for 12 months prior to taking office. During the 12-24 months prior to taking office, governors-nominee analyze the district's strengths and weaknesses, review the district's organization and club administrative framework, attend district meetings, and participate in district committees. They also select a site for the district conference. During the 12 months prior to taking office, governors-elect set annual district goals, conduct district meetings, including the district team training seminar, presidents-elect training seminar, and district assembly. They also plan the district conference. During their term of service, governors work to strengthen existing Rotary clubs, organize new clubs, and promote membership growth. They issue a monthly letter to each club president and secretary in the district. They support the Rotary Foundation and serve as a district and Rotary International spokesperson, when appropriate. They will host a district conference and other district meetings and ensure that district nominations and elections are conducted in accordance with the RI Constitution and Bylaws and established policies of Rotary International. The governor will visit every Rotary club in the district to draw attention to important Rotary issues and provide special attention to weak or struggling clubs. The purpose of these visits is also to motivate Rotarians to participate in service activities and to personally recognize the outstanding contributions of Rotarians in the district. Governor Bills began his comments reviewing the five basic goals of our International President, Shekhar Mehta. 1) Membership with a goal of 100,000 new members; 2) Do More to Grow More – Rotary needs to be visible and make people aware of all we do; 3) Improve Education for Girls – just 36% of the females in the world have more than a 3rd grade education. Global grants are needed to build schools; 4) End Polio – Just 1 case this year in Pakistan, Afghanistan remains a challenge; 5) Embrace and protect the environment. The Governor then spoke specifically about District 6420. He said financially we are in great shape, primarily because the pandemic shut everything down for the past 18 months and little was spent. We have money in the bank! He did then concentrate on his concerns for our district saying we need to restart our Youth Exchange program; We need to have an in person RYLA this year; We need to get our literacy programs back in the schools; and We need to regain full access to our district Rotaract and Interact Clubs. Finally, he turned to membership noting that for years Rotary's membership has been 1.2 million members. However he stated that North American and European membership is steadily declining while South American, Asian, and African membership has grown. Our District had 2,000 members for many years. In July of this year it was 1,483. A decrease of 512 over the past 10 years with 211 of that coming in the past 18 months. He then stressed the importance of "Each One – Bring One". He said the district is offering a \$500 donation to any club that has 100% participation, \$400 for 90%, and \$200 for 75% participation. He urged us to contact those who dropped during the pandemic and invite them to come back. He reminded us to be welcoming to prospective members and to get them involved and engaged. Fewer members means high dues and less funding for service. Over all it was a very fine presentation and we thank the Governor for his time and motivating message.

Sept. – Nov. Calendar

- Sept 21- Alfred Ramirez, Diversity in the Workplace
- Sept 21- 1pm-2pm Trivia Night Committee meeting following Club meeting
- Sept 28- Monta Ponsetto, Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation
- Sept 30 - Birthday Books – 2pm at Earl Hanson School
- Oct 5 - Mark Werning - Bank Fraud/ Scams
- Oct 12 - Dennis Harker – Missing Persons Network
- Oct 19 - Jessica Gordon – German American Heritage
- Oct 24 - World Polio Day
- Oct 26 - Dennis Ritter & Curtis Lundy Nehant Marsh
- Nov 2 - Kathy Kwiat-Hess – District 6420 Foundation Chair
- Nov 9 - Deb Bowen – "Books By Me"
- Nov 16 - Cecilia O'Brien – United Way
- Nov 23 - Norm Moline – China
- Nov 30 - Chad Pregracke – the Bison Bridge



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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

Club Notes & Announcements!

- ❑ **WELCOME GUESTS** – Today we welcomed many guests! Bryant Beal a prospective member from Alleman High Schools was a guest and brought with him two Alleman Jr. Rotarians, Joshua Arbdeba and Imari Alcaraz. Great to see student guest again after 18-month pandemic layoff. Dick Fislar was a guest of wife Mary Fislar. We had three Visiting Rotarians: Duncan Cameron from the Naples Florida Club; Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport Club; and Dougal Nelson past president of the Moline 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.
 - ❑ **IMPORTANT MEETING SCHEDULED** –The **Trivia Night Committee** will meet next Tuesday, **September 21st** following our regular Club meeting roughly **1pm - 2pm**. If you’re not sure if your on the committee, check page 13 of the your new Club Directory. All interested Rotarians are welcome.
 - ❑ **ANOTHER ROTARY SHIRT ORDER?** – We have heard from members who missed out on ordering a new Club shirt asking if we would be placing another order. **If you missed out and have decided you would like a shirt, please let Bob Swanson know asap.** We will put together another order soon. Cost is somewhat determined by the number ordered. Specify size and Polo or Tee.
- NEXT WEEK’S NEWSLETTER** – Will be edited by Angela Campbell. If you have something to go in the newsletter, please send it to campbell.angela@rigov.org. Bob will be back from Minnesota fishing to resume newsletter duties for the 28th.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SEPTEMBER ROTARIANS!

Tammy Weikert	September	2
Molly Shattuck	September	4
Steve Bahls	September	4
Sara Cross	September	13
Kai Swanson	September	13



Rebecca Arnold	September	20
Arron Southerland	September	21
Father Dan Mirabelli	September	24
Bill Groh	September	26
John Slover	September	28

FRANK LAMBERT RECEIVES PAUL HARRIS +7 AWARD!

Foundation Chairman Bud Phillis had the great pleasure of presenting past-president, Frank Lambert with a Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow **Plus 7** Pin. That signifies that Frank is not only personally a Paul Harris Fellow, but he has also contributed \$7,000 additional dollars to the Foundation recognizing other family members with Paul Harris Fellow honors. Frank is one of our most dedicated Foundation supporters and has taken advantage of our automatic withdrawal program which authorizes a set amount determined by Frank to be withdrawn each month from his bank account and passed on to the Rotary Foundation. No muss and no fuss, Frank says, “I don’t miss it”. He encouraged any fellow Rotarians who are able, to see Bud and set up your own auto withdrawal program. Congratulations Frank and thanks for your generosity!



BIRTHDAY BOOKS RESUME! – HELP NEEDED

After a long pandemic layoff Rock Island is resuming our monthly Birthday Books celebrations at Earl Hanson Elementary School. Each month members of our Club will meet at the school to present new books to all the children having birthdays during that month. Kids get to pick the book they want from a large selection. Rotary members “autograph” the books and join the kids for after school refreshments. Molly Shattuck chairs the project, but additional Rotarians are needed to help with the celebration and to sign the books. If you can help, we will do Birthday Books on the last Thursday of each month. Mark your calendar. We will do reminders each month.

ROTARY BASEBALL CHALLENGE

Diehard White Sox fan John Phillips issued the challenge two months ago! “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).” Many accepted the challenge and here’s how they stand today -



John Phillips
Bill Stengel
Jim Nordquist
Kathy Trone

81-60



Frank Lambert

72-69



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

65-78



Duncan Cameron

88-55



Doug Hultquist

78-63



John Oliger

64-78



James Benson

80-63

RECORDS AS OF 9/12/2021



PUMPKIN PALOOZA 2021!



Pumpkins Palooza 2021 Approaching Fast!

October 22nd is the date and the Corn Crib on Route 150 just south of the Quad City Airport is the place. The time is 10 am -2:15 pm. Rotary volunteers are needed to be on hand to help the kids have fun!

We also hope to put together a goodie bag for each kiddo - any donations of fun kid friendly SWAG would be appreciated. Also, the bags! 54 kids and 5 teachers (if you have any teacher appropriate SWAG-that would be a fun surprise). Please let Sue Rector know at srector3614@gmail.com if you can help or have goodie items.

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!



Rock Island Rotary TRIVIA NIGHT

Proceeds benefit Rock Island Rotary Youth Programs

Sponsorship Opportunities:

Gold Sponsor \$500

- Listed on all advertising material
- Complimentary Table for up to 10 players, including mulligans and double score sticker
- Day of event recognition as a Gold Sponsor

Corporate Sponsor \$250

- Complimentary Table for up to 10 players
- Day of event recognition as a Corporate Sponsor

Friend of Rotary \$100



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!



Welcome to the first inning of this year's District 6420 World Series of Giving. Our club president and our newsletter have been updating you on our club's preparations for this year's historic first annual competition. Points are earned via donations made by our member to the Rotary Foundation.

We will be scheduling foundation-related events to lead our club to the top of our division by the end of next May. Each month, beginning in October, we will be publishing in the newsletter the standings for all five divisions. In addition, we will be publishing the "Box Score" division standings charts so we can see how we stack up against other clubs in the District.

We will also be printing each month a baseball-theme trivia question, which the District will provide at the beginning of the month – again starting in October. The first club member to respond with the correct answer to the trivia question will receive 100 Paul Harris points toward his/her Paul Harris Fellow award (or next PHF+ Award). The winners of each club's monthly baseball trivia competition will be entitled for a final year-end trivia competition to be held during our World Series in June 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 our 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 going to the Annual Fund and PolioPlus throughout the year

Season Schedule:
Oct 8 - August 2022, Spring Training: September - April 2022, Final Regular Season: May 2022

Winning standings will be posted here on the District website

Rotary World Fund





September 13, 2021

Dear Rotary Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, and All District 6420 Rotarians,

It is time for our clubs to consider nominating a Rotarian to serve as Governor for Rotary District 6420 for the 2024-25 Rotary year.

The qualifications to become Governor include being a member in good standing of a club in good standing, serving at least one full term as a club president, and being available in person to meet with the Nominating Committee on the date set by that committee. That interview date is tentatively set for Saturday, December 4, 2021.

The successful candidate will join the Governor Line, serving as the District Governor Nominee Designate in the second half of the 2021-22 Rotary year, District Governor Nominee in 2022-23, District Governor Elect in 2023-24, and District Governor in 2024-25.

There is an expectation that a Past District Governor will continue to serve the District in some leadership position for at least two years following the Governor year. A high-quality Governor training program is provided by Zone, Region, and Rotary International personnel.

A prospective candidate should contact me or any past Governor with any questions.

Each club is eligible to nominate one candidate, and the club must sign off on their full support for their candidate. Official nomination forms are available by contacting me. Also, the nomination forms need to be returned to me by the deadline for nominations which is Monday, November 15, 2021. Candidates will be contacted to set up interviews following the deadline.

PLEASE MAKE THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ALL YOUR MEMBERS.

Feel free to contact me with any questions, or for more information.

Sincerely,

David Bills, Governor

Rotary District 6420

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ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR

FOUNDATION MINUTE

This week's info is culled from Cary Silver's "Ground Zero: Rotarians Unite in Response to an Unspeakable Tragedy." *The Rotarian*, December 2001

Twenty Years ago, on September 11, the Rotary Clubs of New York and Staten Island both were scheduled to hold their regular luncheon meetings on that Tuesday. Walter Parks, president of the Rotary Club of Staten Island, watched the Twin Towers burn and then collapse from across the bay. "I refused to cancel the meeting," he said. "I was in disbelief, hurt, angry... As Rotarians, we could express our feelings and grief. It was a time to share and vent." The crisis has inspired Rotarians to come together and rise to the occasion, despite their own personal tragedies or limited resources. The Staten Island Rotarians decided to take action immediately. The club authorized \$5,000 for emergency relief. "We acted as a first response team," said Parks. "All five Rotary clubs on Staten Island worked together. A member from the Gateway club donated one of his vacant buildings to use as a drop-off point for donated supplies." Each day, a different Staten Island club manned the drop-off site, collecting and sorting clothes, blankets, axes, masks, and other supplies. One Rotarian, upon hearing there was a severe shortage of beds, arranged for 350 beds to be donated from another organization. Another Rotarian arranged for the donation of 10,000 bottles of water, which had to be picked up in New Jersey.

"I received beautiful messages and letters of condolence from all over the world," said Helen Reisler, a member of RC of Staten Island. "It was truly heartwarming to see the solidarity and support of Rotarians, whether they were from England, Colombia or Poland." **Rotarians in Germany, New Zealand and South Africa offered to pay the airfare and host the children of victims in their Rotary homes. In Michigan City, Indiana, USA, Rotarians donated a van to help New York firefighters. RI President Richard D. King wrote on 12 September: "These events demonstrate all the more the importance of Rotary's Global Quest to keep our organization growing and thriving. Where Rotary exists in the world, there is a greater chance for peace. By swelling the ranks of Rotarians dedicated to peace, we can further strengthen Rotary's mission to foster international understanding and goodwill."**

"It will be hard to forget the tragedy of September 11. But I will not forget the camaraderie and compassion shown by Rotarians," said Parks. "That was Rotary at its purest. I will remember that for the rest of my life."

FOUNDATION RAFFLE – FINES – HAPPY /SAD DOLLARS

Today's raffle featured a Angela Campbell fabric bowl, cash, and wine. The first lucky ticket was held by Sue Rector who shrieked with joy and snatched the bowl. Guest Dick Fislar won the cash and noting that he has personally seen our club's good work with water filters in Kenya, took the cash and donated it back to the Foundation. The final winner was Frank Lambert who took home the wine. An appropriate celebration for receiving his Paul Harris Plus 7 award today!

President Peterson handled fining today in the absence of VP Westphall. Bud Phillis and Rick Devinney were fined for) appearing in a Friendship Manor Facebook photo. Kai Swanson was also fined (paid by Sue Rector) for a Facebook photo. Happy Dollars were offered by Justin Peterson for Rocky's 56-0 football win over Alleman; Mark Zimmerman and Sue Rector each had a dollar for Iowa's win over Iowa State. Kathy Trone had a happy dollar for the anticipated birth tomorrow of her 1st grandson; and Ruth Lee had a dollar celebrating her daughter's completed purchase of a home in Los Angeles.