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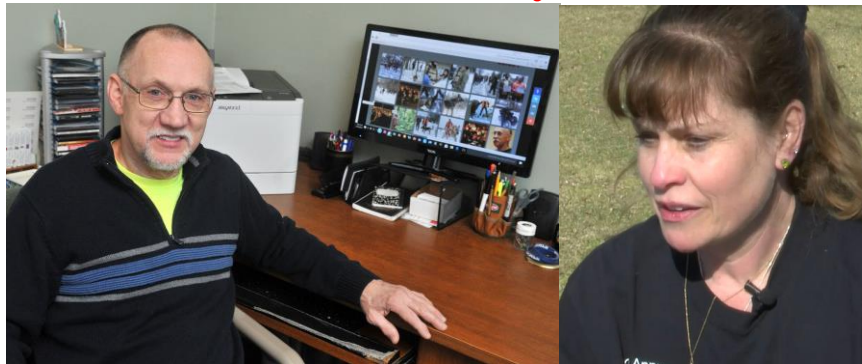
# Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

October 12, 2021: Volume XXIX, Issue 15

MEETING TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



## Dennis Harker & Marilyn McCallister



### Sept. – Nov. Calendar

- 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 12 - Rotary Trivia Night
- Nov 16 - Cecilia O’Brien – United Way
- Nov 23 - Norm Moline – China
- Nov 30 - Chad Pregracke – the Bison Bridge

## Quad Cities Missing Persons Network

The Quad Cities Missing Persons Network is a community-wide network of volunteers [and members] who can act quickly through the dissemination of information using social media to rally support to search for the missing person, communicate with law enforcement, media, and each other in a coordinated and focused manner. Dennis founded the Network (QCMNP) in honor of his son, the late David Harker, and other missing persons from the Quad Cities and surrounding areas. When David went missing, a massive search effort was done using Facebook, with a reach of over 650,000 people following his case from around the world through the “Help Find David Harker” Facebook page. If David was the reason for QCMNP, Carrie Olson was the catalyst. After Carrie Olson went missing, Dennis Harker, Director & the Founder with Co-Founder and former Co-Director, John Boeh, decided to form the network into a 501(c)3 nonprofit. The organization was created to address the needs of missing persons, their families, and their friends within the Quad Cities region in response to the ongoing missing person cases that continue to occur in the area, year-after-year, unresolved. The QCMNP Facebook page was created and the network’s reliance upon the use of social media/networking to broadcast missing person cases increased. Typically, when a person goes missing, within the first twenty-four hours of a posting by the network on its Facebook page, it is viewed by anywhere between 50,000 to 150,000 people within the area. Within three days of a Facebook posting, this number doubles or even triples depending on the media exposure, severity, and immediacy of the case. The largest exposure of any one case was over 2 million views. On average, QCMNP sees a call volume of approximately 4 or 5 a week, 20 a month, and on average, 250 missing persons cases a year. These cases are all within 300 miles of the Quad Cities area. Most of these cases involve teenage runaways, adult, and elderly individuals suffering mental health issues or physical disability. QCMNP is a volunteer and membership-based organization based out of Rock Island, IL. Including volunteers and members within the entire organization and its subsidiaries, QCMNP has approximately 150 volunteers and over 4,000 members. The Search and Rescue (SAR) Program is comprised of 50 volunteers, between administrative and field staff. Joining David at the rostrum was Marilyn McCallister who’s 22 year old son, David went missing in 2017 and has yet to be found. Marilyn’s very personal and emotion message was to not wait when a person goes missing. The police may not take action until the person has been missing 24 hours or more and in the case of adults going missing, may not take much action at all. Marilyn stressed that the first few hours can be critical and said “call (the missing person’s network) immediately and get on social media. She still searches for her son and says in her gut she knows he is probably no longer on this earth, but she needs to find proof and to know what happened. Dennis’ son was found within a week of going missing, a victim of drowning in the Mississippi. Marilyn’s search continues. The Quad City Missing Person Network trains and certifies searchers, posts information and details of missing persons on social media, provides “after-care” for families of missing persons, operates a command center for searches, holds fundraising events to defray search expenses, maintains direct contact with local media outlets, and provides chaplain services for family who request such assistance. Goals for the future include increasing the number of trained and certified searchers, adding a search dog program, and establishing a befrienders program to assist families of missing persons. Mrs. McCallister added that there are currently 600,000 missing persons in the United States. 510,000 are considered “cold cases”. The remaining 90,000 are “active” cases. Of that number 50,000 are adults, the majority are males. Locally the Quad Cities has on average 50 missing persons each year. 44 are missing currently. Statewide Illinois has 400 currently missing and Iowa have over 300. Mr. Harker made to thank the Quad Cities and in particular the Moline police for the outpouring of support he received when David went missing and the quick decision by the Moline police that this was a serious missing person matter without waiting to take action. Thank you Dennis and Marilyn for the great informaton and for sharing your very sad and unfortunate stories.



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## Program Chairs

### 2021-22

|           |                              |
|-----------|------------------------------|
| Aug-Sept  | - Gary Rowe                  |
| Oct - Nov | - Frank Lambert              |
| Dec-Jan   | - John Wetzel                |
| Feb-Mar   | - Kai Swanson/<br>Dave Hodge |
| Apr-May   | - Kathy Trone/<br>Jeff Rose  |

# Club Notes & Announcements!

- ❑ **WELCOME GUESTS** – Today our club welcomed three visiting Rotarians, Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport Club, Duncan Cameron from the Naples, Florida Club, and George Finley from the St. Andrews, Scotland Club! We also greeted Bob DeVrieze, a guest of Bob Swanson; and Alleman Jr. Rotarians Tyler Zeman and John Assaf. We love having guests at “The Number One Club”!
- ❑ **NEXT WEEK'S OCTOBER 19<sup>th</sup> MEETING CANCELLED** – Our October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting has been cancelled after a poll of members indicated strong support to substitute our October 20<sup>th</sup> evening Joint World Polio Day meeting as our “official meeting for the week. **Your pre-paid Tuesday lunch will be applied against the cost of the Wednesday night dinner. Members can purchase 1 ticket for \$10, additional tickets are \$20.** Zoom will be provided for those unable to participate in person.
- ❑ **PUMPKIN PALOOZA** is October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Corn Crib just south of the Quad City Airport on Route 150. Eight Rotarians have volunteered to be there to help guide the children. All other members interested are welcome. Arrive - 9:45am.
- ❑ **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).
- ❑ **ROTARY SHIRTS!** – Have been ordered. Sorry if you missed getting your request in. It is possible that we may place another order near the end of this Rotary year. That will entirely depend on the number of requests received.
- ❑ **NEWSLETTER** – Send items for our newsletter to [bobdebswanson@att.net](mailto:bobdebswanson@att.net).

## BELL RINGING – HAVE YOU SIGNED UP?



Rock Island Rotary is scheduled to ring the bell for the Salvation Army on December 11 at the Rock Island HyVee from 10am until 3pm. We will be covering both doors, so ideally, we need 4 people for each shift. Teams of two work great and you can set up your own team of family members, friends, or fellow club members; or let chairman Mark Mayeski place you with a fellow Rotarian. Please email Mark at [mark.mayeski@edwardjones.com](mailto:mark.mayeski@edwardjones.com) to sign up. Shifts will be for 1 hour. You may sign up for more than one shift if you wish, but Mark can only guarantee you one shift, and can only do that until all shifts are full. It's fun, gratifying, and a great service to our community!

# Joint Quad City Area WORLD POLIO DAY



## Rotary Celebration

A gathering of Rotarians from the Quad City area to Celebrate the strides made by Rotary in the fight to eliminate Polio from this earth. Featuring an exciting and informative program and updates on the End Polio Now campaign.



**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20<sup>th</sup>**

**QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER, ROCK ISLAND**

**6pm Cocktail Social – 7pm Buffet Dinner & Program**

Bettendorf, Davenport, East Moline-Silvis, Geneseo, Illinois Quad Cities, Iowa Quad Cities, Moline, North Scott, River Cities, Rock Island, and Twin Rivers RAH Rotary Clubs

Tickets: \$20 (Members with lunch included in dues have \$10 credit toward a ticket)

**IF YOU DIDN'T GET TICKETS AT OUR MEETINGS, CALL BOB SWANSON 309-738-3476**





Mayor Mike Thoms

## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Rotary is a global network of neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who unite and take action to create lasting change in communities across the globe; and
- WHEREAS,** the Rotary motto, Service Above Self, inspires members to provide humanitarian service, follow high ethical standards, and promote goodwill and peace in the world; and
- WHEREAS,** Rotary in 1985 launched PolioPlus and in 1988 helped establish the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which today includes the World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, to immunize the children of the world against polio; and
- WHEREAS,** polio cases have dropped by 99.9 percent since 1988 and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease; and
- WHEREAS,** to date, Rock Island Rotary has raised and contributed in excess of \$50,000 and Rotary International has contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protecting more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries; and
- WHEREAS,** Rotary is working to raise an additional \$50 million per year, which would be leveraged for maximum impact by an additional \$100 million annually from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; and
- WHEREAS,** these efforts are providing much-needed operational support, medical staff, laboratory equipment, and educational materials for health workers and parents; and
- WHEREAS,** in addition, Rotary has played a major role in decisions by donor governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort; and
- WHEREAS,** there are over 1.2 million Rotary members in more than 35,000 clubs throughout the world that sponsor service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, disease, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment in their local communities and abroad;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Mike Thoms, Mayor and the City Council of the City of Rock Island, do hereby proclaim October 24, 2021

## WORLD POLIO DAY

In Rock Island and encourage all citizens to join me and Rotary International in the fight for a polio-free world.

Dated this 11th day of October, 2021.

  
Mike Thoms, Mayor

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## THREE RECEIVE PAUL HARRIS HONORS



Bill Stengel



Howard Beck



Bob Swanson

Foundation chair, Bud Phillis presented Paul Harris honors to three Rock Island Rotarians today. Bill Stengel received a Paul Harris plus 1 pin, Howard Beck a Paul Harris plus 2 pin, and Bob Swanson a Paul Harris plus 5 pin. Each "plus" beyond the original Paul Harris Award indicates an additional \$1,000 in Rotary Foundation contributions. Congratulations to Bill, Howard, and Bob.

## A VERY SPECIAL AND UNEXPECTED GUEST TODAY!



George Finley

Rock Island Rotary is always happy to have guests visit our club, particularly visiting Rotarians who might be visiting in the Quad Cities. However last night newsletter editor Bob Swanson received quite a surprise. "Out of the blue I received an email from St. Andrews, Scotland." The email was from George Finley who identified himself as a Rotarian in the St. Andrews Club. The message read, **"I am George Finley and a member of the Rotary Club of St Andrews, Scotland. I would like to attend your meeting today by zoom. Our president designated this week to be "scatter week" so I elected to join your meeting if that is possible. I am American and my German wife Doris and I live in St Andrews. No, I don't play golf, but I spend my time creating pictures as I am an artist. I remember Rock Island fondly when I lived with my family on the RI Arsenal from 1950-53 since my father was the District Engineer. My time as a student at Central Junior High School was a joy. Rotary Regards, George."**

He is now a free-lance artist, retired from the U. S. military. I confess, my first thought was, Is this some sort of scam? But the more I looked, the more completely legitimate the email appeared, so I answered and provided our zoom link information. Today I was delighted to look at our zoom screen and see George from Scotland in attendance at our meeting. President Justin had an opportunity to chat with George and he had some words of welcome for our entire club. What a great idea, a "Scatter Week" for Rotarians. What incredible stories the St. Andrews members will have to report back to their club! Thanks George, for picking Rock Island as your scatter "target."

## FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Today our raffle featured a 50/50 cash drawing and a bottle of fine wine donated from the McGlynn wine closet. The first lucky ticket was held by Alleman Jr. Rotarian John Assaf who smartly took the cash. The second ticket was held by Bud Phillis who simply said, "I'll take the wine home." Congratulations to our winners and thanks to all who participated. Proceeds go to the Rotary Foundation.

## FINES – HAPPY/SAD DOLLARS

Being absent from the meeting doesn't deter chief "finer", 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Eric Westphall. He just signed on through Zoom and "levied away." Our guest from Scotland volunteered a \$5 happy dollar for joining us. Rebecca Arnold was fined for the headlines her son, Darius Tongo has received as an outstanding running back for Rocky's varsity football team. Three touchdowns last week! Duncan Cameron was fined a \$1 for his poor handwriting making Cindi stumble in introducing him. Eric threw in his own \$5 for missing the meeting. Jeff Dismar added happy dollars for his 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with his lovely wife, Martha. Jim Moran, John Olinger, Sue Rector, and John Phillips all had happy dollars for Iowa's win over Penn State. Kathy Trone had a dollar for the Dallas Cowboys. Tom Hammar had a dollar for taking his grandsons to their first Chicago Bears game. Rick Devinney had a happy dollar for another Moline Maroons football shutout. Cindi Gramenz paid a happy dollar for the nice pens Mark brought for our Sergeant's table. And Ruth Lee paid a \$100 for telling a joke that drew a chorus of groans! Thanks for the fun Ruth, and thanks to all who shared the fines!

Rock Island Rotary Literacy Committee Introduces

## **“Keep them Engaged”**

Summer Packs for Earl Hanson School



The Goal: Collect and assemble items in engaging Summer packs for every student at Earl Hanson. There are 300 kids, and we hope to provide options for kids at each grade levels.

We invite all Rock Island Rotarians to assist in this project by donating items throughout the coming 7 months. Each month we will focus on a different item/theme. We invite you to contribute any number of these items to assist in reaching one for each pack. And if you happen to have items you want to get out of your house before the “assigned” month, please feel free to drop them off anytime.

Should you have additional thoughts or alternate items that would be good for this undertaking, please feel free to share ideas with any member of the Literacy Committee.

Items can be dropped off at Rotary meetings. Contact Sue Rector at [srector3614@gmail.com](mailto:srector3614@gmail.com) or at 563.343.7985 with questions or to make arrangements for pick-up of items.

Thanks so much for your consideration and partnership in this exciting opportunity to bridge the summer months with some engaging fun for Earl Hanson kiddos.

Totes: MidAmerican (Eric Westphall) has generously provided 300 tote bags for packing our Summer Packs

Requests for Items to be included in Summer Packs:

**October: Crayons/markers/colored pencils**

November: Math/science oriented activities – word games – mind stretching activities

December: construction paper/drawing paper

January: Coloring Books/Puzzle Books/word searches/ crossword puzzles

February: Simple Craft supplies: stickers/beads/yarn/ pipe cleaners/felt, etc.

March: New or gently used books – all ages

April: Sidewalk chalk/bubbles/ other simple games/summer fun – indoors or outdoors

We will assemble and deliver Summer packs in May 2022.

Thanks, from the Rock Island Rotary Literacy Committee:

Sue Rector  
Erin Williams  
Rebecca Arnold  
Holly Sparkman  
Molly Shattuck

Amanda DeLaCruz  
Angela Campbell  
Anne McGlynn  
Kathy Lelonek

Mariah Johnson  
Mark Poulos



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 1<sup>st</sup> 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!

### 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

- Day of event recognition as a Friend of Rotary



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!



# PUMPKIN PALOOZA 2021!



## Pumpkins Palooza 2021 Approaching Fast!

October 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:srector3614@gmail.com) if you can help or have goodie items.

**END  
POLIO  
NOW**

*We're 'This' Close*



*Let's do this!*

**World Polio Day October 24**



Attend our Joint Quad City area Rotary World Polio Day Gala

Quad City Botanical Center

Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

6pm Social Hour, 7pm Dinner, Program Follows

ROCK ISLAND ROTARY

# HOLIDAY PARTY 2021

The Magic of an Old-Fashioned Holiday at CIRCA 21



Rated: PG  
Area Premiere!

Wednesday  
December 8th

In this heartwarming new musical, a dad's wish to celebrate an old-fashioned Christmas leads him and his family on a magical journey to another time where he learns that while remembering the past is important, the best way to hold on to tradition is to enjoy the Christmas present! This one-of-a-kind show, written for Circa '21 by longtime Bootlegger Brad Hauskins, is a nostalgic celebration of family that will leave you filled with the peace and joy of the holidays.

**\*\*Rotary and Kiwanis have 75 seats which will be sold on a first come basis to Club members and their guests. No money needed until November, But you must sign up now to reserve your seats! Make your reservation at the Sergeant at Arms table this week!**

Tickets include a private pre-show Salon Party

Pre-Show Salon Party with Complimentary Hoers Devours and Cash Bar (5:00-6pm)

Buffet Dinner (5:45-7:00pm)

Bootleggers Warm-up Show (7:15pm)

Winter Wonderland (7:30pm)

TWO WITH DINING BOOK COUPON \$67.21\*

ONE ADMISSION (NO COUPON) \$52.75

TWO ADMISSIONS (NO COUPON) \$105.50

\*Tip included (not including deserts & bar)

Circa Subscriber? Pay Just \$3.50 per person for gratuity