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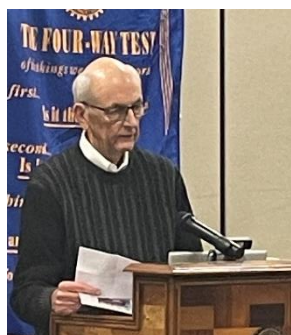
# Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



## ROTARIANS COME TOGETHER TO KNOCK OUT POLIO



**Polio survivors Dr. Bob Benson (Iowa Quad Cities Club) and Dr. Bud Phillis (Rock Island Club) tell their personal experiences with the deadly disease**

### Sept. – Nov. Calendar

- 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

**On October 20<sup>th</sup> Rock Island Rotarians hosted the first ever live joint meeting of all Quad City area Rotary Clubs.**

The occasion was the 2021 celebration of World Polio Day. Joining our club at the Botanical Center for an evening Gala were Rotarians from Bettendorf, Davenport, East Moline-Silvis, Geneseo, Quad Cities – Illinois, Iowa Quad Cities, Moline, North Scott, River Cites, and Twin Rivers RAH Clubs. The evening began with a 6pm cocktail party with assorted and delicious hors d’oeuvres. That was followed by a buffet dinner and a special World Polio Day Program. Presidents from each club took part in presenting the program. Alka Khanolkar, District Governor of District 6000 (including the Iowa Quad Cities) and our own Gary Rowe, Assistant District Governor of District 6420 each gave a warm welcome to the the large crowd. Governor Khanolkar, traveling from Keokuk to attend and starting her day at 6am with several meetings and club visits thought he day said, “this was an event I was not going to miss”. She then congratulation the Quad City Clubs on coming together for the Gala and also told of her own experience participating in two National Immunization Days, one in India and one in Ghana. Highlighting the evening were testimonials by two Rotarian polio survivors. Dr. Bob Benson, a member of the Iowa Quad Cities Club told of his childhood battle with brainstem (bulbar) polio. His symptoms were fever, sore throat, headache, vomiting, and fatigue. Fortunately he did not suffer paralysis, but did experience permanent damage to facial and throat muscles that also affected his voice. To this day he experiences feeling colder than others and fatigues quicker than others. Dr. Bud Phillis, a member of our club related his personal and tragic story including his own battle with polio and the loss of his 14 year old sister in a four-day battle with the disease. Bud experienced similar symptoms as did Dr. Benson, causing his parents to keep his home from school. The family doctor made a house call and diagnosed Bud as having polio.. His sister who went by the nickname, “Bootsie”, came home from school that day and complained of similar symptom. The doctor visited the home again and confirmed Bootsie too, had contracted polio. The following day Bootsie was having difficulty breathing and by the next day was hospitalized locally. The third day she was transported to Peoria’s St. Francis Hospital which was the treatment center for polio in central Illinois. She was placed in an “Iron Lung” to mechanically assist her breathing. The fourth day, Bootsie died. She was not only a sister, but also Bud’s closest friend. Bud recovered and just a few weeks later at the age of 13, advised his parents that he thought he would become a doctor. He said he never waived from that decision and found the funds to get the education and had a 40 year, distinguished medical career. The personal testimonials were followed by an informative video tracing the poliovirus from its earliest references in history through the explosion of cases in the 1940s and 50s, the discovery of effective vaccines in the 50s and 60s, to Rotary beginning the campaign to end polio in the 1970s, gaining the support of the World Health Organization, the US Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF in the 1980s and adding the support of the Gates Foundation in 2000. The video then recounted the progress of the campaign as the various regions of the world became “Polio Free” through the joint Polio Eradication effort and worldwide administration of vaccine.

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Cindi Gramenz Co-Sgt.-at-Arms

## 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** – On Wednesday our Club welcomed dozens of guests as we hosted the first ever Joint Quad City Area Rotary World Polio Day Celebration. We are not going to name all that attended (although we could!) but suffice it to say everyone had a good time, great food, and enjoyed wonderful Rotary fellowship. We love having guests at “The Number One Club”!
- ❑ **PUMPKIN PALOOZA** is this Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Corn Crib just south of the Quad City Airport on Route 150. Rotarians are welcome to attend to see nearly 60 first and second graders sporting Pumpkin Palooza orange tee shirts as they frolic through the pumpkin patch, visit the animals to feed, and try out the new outside play space featuring a bounce pad, train and hay rides, a zipline and pumpkin slingshots. New this year is a paintball target range and a hayrack paintball excursion. The fun starts at 10am so arrive about 9:45 and help guide the kids through the fun! .
- ❑ **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).
- ❑ **DON’T FORGET – BRING CRAYONS / MARKERS** next Tuesday. No, you are not getting to color at our meetings! The crayons and markers are needed for 300 “KEEP THEM ENGAGED” summer bags for the Earl Hanson Elementary students. Each month we will be adding something new to the bag. This coming Tuesday is the last day for Crayons and Markers.
- ❑ **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 is fun, gratifying, and a great service to our community!



### Polio Gala Continued –

It was noted that when Rotary began the campaign the world was experiencing 350,000 cases of polio each year. So far in 2021 there are just two diagnosed cases of wild poliovirus. The statistics are that 19.5 million children are walking that otherwise would have been paralyzed and 1.5 million are living that otherwise would be dead had the campaign not occurred. It was also noted that if we were to stop now, with just two current cases, because of the incredible speed the disease spreads, within ten years we would be back to 200,000 paralyzed children annually. In addition to an evening of great socialization, outstanding hors d'oeuvres, and a wonderful dinner including various cakes for dessert, fundraising for the Polio Plus effort also occurred. Each Rock Island Rotary ticket included a \$5 donation to the campaign and a 50/50 drawing added another \$350 to the effort (the winner, Sarah Balkovek of the RAH Club) donated back \$100 of her \$250 winnings. At the conclusion of the evening Rotarians from throughout the area expressed their appreciation and gratitude to our Club for hosting the event and gave numerous complimentary reviews of the program. Bettendorf and North Scott Clubs each express a desire to host the event for 2022. We will lend our assistance as needed and are thrilled to have been the “sparkplug,” that got the annual event started! Having a “Packed House” was also added to the fun!



## NEW CLUB DIRECTOR APPOINTED

Work commitments led to Director Dan McNeil submitting his resignation from the Board of Directors, which with regret was accepted by our Board of Directors. President Peterson recommended the appointment of Amber Brummit, the designated active member under the Quad City Bank & Trust Corporate membership. The president indicated he had spoken with Amber and that she was interested and willing to serve and had informed her employer and received their blessing for accepting the position. The Board unanimously approved Amber as a new Board member at the Board's October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Amber is a Financial Advisor with over 25 years of experience in the financial services industry. She has been with Quad City Bank & Trust since 2005. She is a graduate of Augustana College with a degree in Accounting. Amber will serve out the remaining time of Dan's term. Welcome to the Board, Amber, and thanks for offering to serve!



Amber Brummit

## CAN YOU SAY "WOW!"

Foundation chair, Bud Phillis gave a short, but amazing Foundation Report at our recent Board of Directors meeting. Bud reported that since July 1<sup>st</sup> our club has had **fourteen** new Paul Harris Fellows and **two** new Paul Harris Society members! What an incredible outpouring of support for our club and the Rotary International Foundation. Paul Harris Fellow honors are bestowed on members or designees of members who contribute \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation. The contributions can be made in one large donation or in dozens of smaller donations accumulated over time. In addition, as an incentive to assist members in earning their Paul Harris award, once a member has contributed \$600 our club contributes the final \$400 to get you over the goal. The designation Paul Harris Society Member recognizes Rotary members and friends of The Rotary Foundation who elect to contribute \$1,000 or more each year to the Foundation's Annual Fund. Congratulations to all the new Paul Harris Fellow and Paul Harris Society designees; and congratulations to chairman Bud Phillis whose dedicated work keeps us all "on task" in our support of the Rotary International Foundation

## World Polio Gala 50/50 Drawing Supports Polio Plus

Rotarian Sue Rector sold the tickets at \$5 each or an arms-length for \$20 for a giant 50/50 drawing at our World Polio Day Gala. Rotarians from all clubs chipped in to build a pot of \$500. President Willie Ellis of the Illinois Quad City Rotary Club reached into the bowl and drew the lucky winning ticket. The winner was Sarah Balkovek, immediate past president of the Twin Rivers RAH Club. Sarah generously announced that \$100 of her winnings were coming back to the Polio Plus campaign. Congratulations and thank you Sarah!

## Rotary – District Rotary Foundation Dinner Registration



Dear Rotarians,

Just a reminder that our District Rotary Foundation Dinner is being held on Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM at the Brandywine Banquet Center in Dixon. We will be recognizing and celebrating accomplishments of our clubs related to The Rotary Foundation over the past year or so.

Please register on the district website at [Rotary6420.org](http://Rotary6420.org) if you plan on attending. Hope to see you there.

In Rotary service,  
Kathy Kwiat-Hess, District Foundation Chair





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 563-343-7985 or at [srector3614@gmail.com](mailto:srector3614@gmail.com) 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 three hundred tote bags for packing our Summer Packs

Requests for Items to be included in Summer Packs:

### **THIS MONTH – CRAYONS AND MARKERS – BRING THEM NEXT TUESDAY!!**

**November: We are looking for Educational Activities (flash cards, puzzles, Math/science oriented activities – word games – mind stretching activities etc.)**

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 12<sup>th</sup> 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!

NEW THIS YEAR – AN ONLINE ONLY SILENT AUCTION – STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS!

### 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!

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