



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

# Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



Dennis  
Ritter  
&  
Curtis  
Lundy



## 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
- Dec 7 - RIHS Chamber Singers 2021  
Holiday Show

Curtis Lundy is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Nahant Marsh. Prior to retirement Lundy served as Chief Financial Officer of The National Bank in Bettendorf. In addition to his work with stream cleanup, roadside vegetation and Nahant, Lundy founded a nonprofit group called Partners of Scott County Watersheds that promotes awareness, understanding of, and care for, watersheds throughout the county. He was the recipient of the first Oberholtzer Award for present-day conservation leadership at an event at Modern Woodmen Park, Davenport. Brian Ritter is the Executive Director of Nahant Marsh and the Program Director for Conservation Technology through the Eastern Iowa Community Colleges (EICC) and the Advanced Technology Environmental and Energy Center (ATEEC). He teaches EICC courses on site and uses Nahant preserve as an outdoor classroom. He also teaches a course at Saint Ambrose University. Brian has overseen operations at Nahant Marsh since 2007 and has begun and sustained many environmental education programs, biological research projects, and natural resource management practices. Nahant Marsh is a 305-acre preserve nestled in southwest Davenport. It is part of a 513-acre wetland complex that is bordered by the Mississippi River, Interstate 280, and Highway 22. The Nahant Marsh Education Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon (extended to 3 p.m. from April through October). Trails are open daily from sunrise to sunset. If the main gate is locked, trails are accessible from the front parking lot - just look for the opening in the fence near the kiosk. A trail map is available on line. Nahant Marsh Education Center, through the Eastern Iowa Community Colleges, offers a wide variety of environmental education programming for people of all ages. Educational programs are conducted both on and off-site and provide programming that focuses on midwest ecosystems, conservation, and stewardship. Research projects are conducted year round and guide our management practices. Ongoing projects include water quality testing, turtle population monitoring, and avian population studies. Wetlands are a vital part of our ecosystems. They filter pollutants, reduce sedimentation, reduce flow, and provide habitat. Nahant Marsh is a protected natural area and their management practices strive to maintain the health and diversity of the preserve. Mr. Ritter stated that in 2019 Nahant had 22,000 visitors take part in educational programs and thousands more visited for recreational hiking and wildlife viewing. So far in 2021, 70,000 people have visited the Marsh. Nahant serves 4 principal functions: Education, Research, Conservation, and Recreation. In research the Marsh has identified a pair of Blandings Turtles, an almost extinct species, and managed to induce the female to lay eggs which were incubated and hatched. Two babies were tagged with GPS radio transmitters and are being tracked along with the parent turtles. The Marsh also discovered Rusty Patch Bumble Bees, a species on the federal endangered list, and managed to trace them to several local areas where the species is thriving. The Sandhill Crane has been gone from our area for over 130 years but a pair was seen nesting in the Marsh and producing hatchlings. In the winter over 800 bald eagles were counted in the area. Thanks to Curtis and Dennis for making us more aware of one of the Quad Cities most important ecological treasures! We are all invited to visit Nahant Marsh.



Curtis Lundy



Brian Ritter



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Bob Swanson Co-Sgt.-at-Arms  
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** – Today our Club welcomed two visiting Rotarians, Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport Club and Duncan Cameron joining us via ZOOM from the Naples, Florida Club. Other guests were Alleman Jr. Rotarians Tyler Zeman and John Assaf; and Annie Hewitt from Senator Neil Anderson's office. We love having guests at "The Number One Club"!

- ❑ **ONE R. I. ROTARY MENS SHIRT LEFT!** –

If you missed ordering a club shirt, we have one Size L men's polo shirt available. It's brand new and ready for you! Sport-Tek Competitor Performance Polo. FEATURES 3.8 oz. 100% polyester interlock. Flat knit collar, Removable tag for comfort, PosiCharge technology, 3-button placket with dyed-to-match buttons. Open hem sleeves. Just one available! \$22.00 First to reply gets it.



- ❑ **DON'T FORGET – KEEP THEM ENGAGED** next Tuesday we begin our November collection of educationally motivating items such as flash cards, puzzles, Math/science oriented activities – word games – mind stretching activities, etc. We need 300 to make sure every Earl Hanson student gets a summer bag fully supplied for the vacation months.

- ❑ **HOLIDAY PARTY SIGN UP NOW!** – Reserve your seats now for our Rotary/Kiwanis joint holiday party at Circa 21 on Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. We started with 75 reserved seats for our two Clubs and they are going fast! You can use your Quad City Dining Tour Book coupon from Circa 21 for great savings. Plus in addition to a great show, beautiful meal and pre-show entertainment, we'll have a before-show private party in the salon with delicious hors d'oeuvres. Reserve your tickets now, pay later, by signing up at the Sergeants Table. Don't get left out!

- ❑ **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!



## 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

## PUMPKIN PALOOZA AGAIN A HUGE HIT WITH THE KIDS!

Rock Island Rotary resumed our annual “Pumpkin Palooza” field trip for Earl Hanson Elementary first and second grade students on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. This year a group of 60 students and teachers were bussed to the Corn Crib Nursery south of the Quad City Airport. There the kids experienced feeding animals, playing on the huge bounce platform, climbing the hay mountains, riding the tractor tire swing, sliding down the slides, rolling the giant barrels, and then had a hayride into the pumpkin patch to select a pumpkin to take home. They also each received an orange Pumpkin Palooza shirt and a bag full of Halloween goodies and fun.





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    Rebecca Arnold  
Erin Williams    Holly Sparkman  
                         Molly Shattuck

Amanda DeLaCruz    Anne McGlynn  
Angela Campbell    Kathy Lelonek

Mariah Johnson  
Mark Poulos



## Meet Our Newest Member



Justin Peterson had one of a president's most enjoyable duties today, inducting a new member into our Club. Bryant Beal, Assistant Development Director at Alleman Catholic High School was introduced and formally inducted. His mentor is Sue Rector who stood with him as President Peterson performed the induction and presented Bryant with his Rotary pin and new member packet. Bryant is a native of Rockford who came to the Quad Cities to attend St. Ambrose University where he earned a BA in Sports Management and played football. He worked as a paraprofessional for six years at United Township High School and then moved to Kansas Wesleyan University where he coached football and earned a Master's Degree in Business Administration. After graduating he moved to Omaha and served as recruiting coordinator for Midland University's football program. Earlier this year he accepted the position of Administrative Assistant of Development and says he is excited to be back in the Quad Cities and looks forward to becoming more involved in our community.

## HELP – OCTOBER BIRTHDAY BOOKS

This Thursday is the date for our October Birthday Books Celebration at Earl Hanson Elementary School. Volunteers are needed to help sign and hand out books to the children celebrating their birthdays in October. Club members also help the kids select a book appropriate to the age group and enjoy cookies and juice as part of the celebration. Several volunteers are needed. Please meet Molly Shattuck at the school at 2pm. The entire celebration will take about 30 minutes and you're guaranteed to have a fun time with the excited kids!



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Eric Westphall Announces Grant



In 2019 prior to the pandemic Rock Island Rotary volunteered to help the Botanical Center in hanging lights for their annual Winter Nights Winter Lights display. This year our club will again put a group together to cover one or two shifts of light hanging. Not only will we be providing people-power, but 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Eric Westphall took the occasion to announce that his employer, MidAmerica Energy has agreed to sponsor the entire event this year. Their sponsorship includes a \$15,000 commitment to the project. The outdoor gardens will be in winter bloom with over 160,000 glowing lights, showcasing the Center's largest light display yet. Explore the Sun Garden, Children's Garden, lawns, pond and pocket gardens of our outdoor light exhibit.

The exhibit will open on Sunday, Nov 17 and run 5 PM – 9 PM Wednesday through Sunday until Jan 2. It will be open Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve and the night of New Year's Day. Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas.

## 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-



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!

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!

**SIGN UP AT NEXT WEEKS MEETING!**

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