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MEETING TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



UNITED WAY CECELIA O'BRIEN



Cecilia O'Brien She previously served as a member of the Moline-Coal Valley Board of Education and was an elected member of the Rock Island County Board. She volunteered and served as the Marketing Chair for the VIVA Quad Cities Scholarship Program,. She holds a Associate's Degree from Black Hawk College and earned her Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from Western Illinois University. She served 19 years as Executive Assistant to the Regional Vice-President of Mediacom. In October 2018 she became the AFL-CIO Community Services Liaison at United Way of the Quad Cities. Her duties include planning, coordination development and overall leadership, vision and focus in the development and implementation of the AFL/CIO Community Services Program with a major emphasis on increasing labor support of the United Way campaign, cultivating an AFL/CIO - United Way partnerships..Cecilia is skilled in interviewing, researching, writing, editing, and illustrating. In her current role, Ms. O'Brien works throughout the Quad Cities Community raising support and donations for the United Way. She told of how the United Way funds multiple non-profit organizations in the area and that each is a critical link in making life better for our fellow citizens. According to her number, 1 in every 3 people in the Quad Cities struggle to pay basic expenses of living. That is a number in excess of 115,000 fellow residents. O'Brien says that 26% are not getting basic health care and a much larger percentage, particularly in the minority community are not at a 3rd Grade reading level. United Way programs work in education, health care, housing, food, and other critical basic services. She told the story of "Jeremy" a youngster whose father was shot and killed and his mother was never in his life. The responsibility fell on Jeremy to fend for himself and his younger siblings. He began missing school and eventually dropped out totally. Then he was lured into crime as a way to support "his family" and was ultimately arrested for car theft. Thanks to a United Way supported program he was helped, ultimately returned to school, and is now on his way to making an honest living and being a productive member of our community. O'Brien thought out a "Rotary Challenge" urging us to consider a \$1,000 annual commitment to Rotary and indicated that such a donation would provide a class of 30 youngsters the special tutoring and instruction needed to "catch up" after a year of very limited school because of the Covid pandemic. She also invited members to get involved in the "Days of Caring" program that allows volunteers to do chores of all types to help improve the lives of others. She concluded her remarks stating that United Way finds ways to meet challenges in the Quad Cities. Thanks you Cecilia for your informative and motivating program.

Sept. – Nov. Calendar

- 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 5 - Rotary Reindeer Ramble
- Dec 8 - Rotary Holiday Party at Circa 21
- Dec 7 - RIHS Chamber Singers 2021 Holiday Show
- Dec 14 - TBA
- Dec 21 - TBA
- Dec 28 - TBA

ROTARIAN Dr. BRUCE PETERSON – HONORS VETERANS

Dr. Bruce Peterson, a long-time member of our Club prior to retiring from his dentistry practice and moving to Port Byron, is a member of the River Cities Rotary Club. In honor of Veteran's Day, Dr. Peterson visited our club and gave an slideshow presentation regarding his recent participation in an Honor Flight. Bruce accompanied World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans on the flight from the Quad Cities to Washington, DC. Last Thursday Bruce made his 4th trip as a "Guardian" on an Honor Flight. He said the day begins at the Quad City Airport at 5am and ends back at the airport at 10pm. It is a whirlwind day taking the veterans, many in wheelchairs, to museums, national memorials, to memorials for the wars they were a part of, and to Arlington Cemetery to see the famed Changing of the Guards at the Tomb of the unknown soldier. Bruce stressed that the younger generations have no concept of the sacrifices that were made so that their lives could be safe, secure, and generally very good.





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Club Notes & Announcements!

- ❑ **WELCOME GUESTS** – Today our Club welcomed visiting Rotarians Dr. Bruce Peterson who gave us a short presentation for Veteran's Day on the Quad City Honor Flights program. Bruce is a member of the River Cities Club in Port Byron, Illinois. When was he last time you invited a friend or colleague to be your guest at Rotary? The only way we gain new members is if someone asks a friend or associate to join. We love having guests at "The Number One Club"!
- ❑ **WINTER NIGHTS WINTER LIGHTS** – Help is needed for a crew of Rotarians (with family and friends welcome) to help lay and hang lights for the Botanical Center's annual holiday light display. The display featuring over 160,000 lights has become one of the Quad Cities' most popular holiday destinations. We have agreed to staff a 2 hour shift placing lights from 6-8pm tomorrow, Wednesday, November 10th. There will be staff assistance to direct us. Those who helped last year can attest to it being a fun and easy project! No heavy carrying or climbing ladders required! It's a great family outing for children of all ages. All they need is the ability to help! Rumor has it there will be some refreshments at the end of the shift! Contact co-chair Rebecca Arnold or Sue Rector to help.
- ❑ **DON'T FORGET – KEEP THEM ENGAGED** for November our collection is educationally motivating items such 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 fully supplied summer bag..
- ❑ **HOLIDAY PARTY SIGN UP NOW!** – Reserve your seats now for our Rotary/Kiwanis joint Holiday Party at Circa 21 on Wednesday, December 8th. 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

BELL RINGING – ALL SIGNED UP AND ALL SHIFTS COVERED – THANKS!



Rock Island Rotary is scheduled to ring the bell for the Salvation Army on **December 11th** at the Rock Island HyVee from 10am until 3pm. We will be covering both doors, so we need four people for each shift. Club members have all shifts covered! Thanks.

Email mark.mayeski@edwardjones.com if an emergency will force you to cancel. Backups, in case needed, can sign up!

Time	East Door	West Door
10:00	<u>Gary Rowe</u>	<u>Ruth Lee</u>
10:00	<u>Bill Stengel</u>	<u>Cindi Gramenz</u>
11:00	<u>Bud Phillis</u>	<u>Jim & Judy Nordquist</u>
11:00	<u>Sue Rector</u>	<u>Anne McGlynn</u>
12:00	<u>Rick Devinney</u>	<u>Steve Morenz</u>
12:00	<u>Howard Beck</u>	<u>Judie Gelaude</u>
1:00	<u>Holly Sparkman</u>	<u>Ametra Carrol</u>
1:00	<u>Tom Sparkman</u>	<u>Jo9hn Phillips</u>
2:00	<u>Kai Swanson</u>	<u>Molly Shattuck</u>
2:00	<u>Jenni Swanson</u>	<u>Tom Hammar</u>
3:00	<u>Linda Golden</u>	<u>Kim Calhoun</u>
3:00	<u>Kevin Koski</u>	<u>Rick Emery</u>

ROTARIANS - WITH ROTARACT HELP - LIGHT UP THE CENTER

Last Wednesday, a crew of talented Rock Island Rotarians staffed a 2-hour shift at the Botanical Center to hang and place lights for the 2021 Winter Nights Winter Lights display. Led by project co-chairs, Rebecca Arnold and Sue Rector, Ruth Lee, Kathy Ruggeberg, Liam Bayly (guest of Rebecca), John Phillips, Karen Phillips, Marcy Bell, Mariah Johnson, Stephanie from IL Casualty, Amber Brummit, and Mike Brummit, were joined by Hailey Turner from the Augustana Rotaract Club. Thanks to Kai Swanson for getting Hailey "on board" and thanks to Rebecca for giving her a ride from Augie and back. The report is that the team did a fantastic job, had loads of fun, and Sue Rector provided the best snacks and beverages ever! Thanks to all members and their guests who helped!



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.

October Goal – 300 packs of crayons, colored pencils, or markers. ✓ Goal Made!

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

Bring your donations to our meetings each week in November

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!



FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Today the Raffle featured wine and cash. The first ticket drawn was held by Bud Phillis. To no one's surprise, Bud took the cash and donated it to the Rotary Foundation. The second winning ticket was purchased by Jeff Whitaker who went home with a bottle of fine wine! Thanks to all who participated in today's raffle.

IMPORTANT MEETING NOTICES!

COMMUNITY GRANTS Committee will meet at 11:15am next Tuesday, November 23rd prior to our club meeting. All Committee members should try to attend!

REINDEER RAMBLE Committee will meet at 11:30am a week from Tuesday, November 30th for a final "pre-race" details meeting. All committee members are urged to attend!

TIME FOR YEAR END DONATION?

As we move toward December it is time to consider whether a charitable donation might be of benefit to you. The Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019 (SECURE Act) became law on December 20, 2019. The Secure Act made major changes to the Required Minimum Distribution rules. If you reached the age of 70½ in 2019 the prior rule applies, and you must have taken your first RMD by April 1, 2020. If you reach age 70½ in 2020 or later, you must take your first RMD by April 1 of the year after you reach 72.

Your required minimum distribution is the minimum amount you must withdraw from your account each year. You generally have to start taking withdrawals from your IRA, SEP IRA, SIMPLE IRA, or retirement plan account when you reach age 72 (70½ if you reach 70½ before January 1, 2020). Roth IRAs do not require withdrawals until after the death of the owner. You can withdraw more than the minimum required amount, but you must at least withdraw your minimum distribution amount. Your withdrawals will be included in your taxable income except for any part that was taxed before (your basis) or that can be received tax-free (such as qualified distributions from designated Roth accounts). Several additional rules were enacted as a result of the Covid pandemic, so we suggest you consult your financial advisor or tax expert for complete up to date details. They can also compute the amount of your minimum required distribution.

The law does provide a significant exception to help avoid increasing your personal income tax. Any amount of your Required Minimum Distribution that you direct to be paid to a 501(c)3 charity may be exempted from your taxable income. So, using round numbers, assume your minimum required distribution amount is \$2,500. Let's also assume you normally would contribute \$1000 to the Rotary Foundation in a given year. Assuming your tax bracket is 25%, if you just take the \$2,500 distribution you pay \$625 in taxes. Leaving you with \$1,875 from the distribution. If you donate \$1,000 of that, you have \$875 remaining and have the satisfaction of having donated \$1,000 for charitable works. If, however you designate \$1,000 of your required distribution be paid directly to Rotary (or other charity of your choice) you receive \$1,500 from the distribution, pay \$375 in taxes on the distribution and have \$1,125 remaining and like in the first example, have made your \$1,000 contribution to charity. As you can see, you end up with a \$250 more in your pocket by using the tax benefit allowed under the required minimum distribution rules for your charity contribution. Your donation could be to the Rotary International Foundation, our Rock Island Rotary Club Foundation, , our Rock Island Rotary Kenya Water Project, or to Rock Island Rotary in general. Although those are our preferred recipients, you can have the same benefit making the contribution to your church or to any 501(c)3 charity.

For our younger members who aren't yet in the required minimum distribution situation you may just want to make a charitable donation prior to the end of 2021. There may or may not be tax benefits for doing so. Again, we urge you to consult your tax preparation expert or your financial advisor.

One other tax saving tip is consider donating highly appreciated stock to charity. The market has been sailing along so many of us have this situation. It is much more tax efficient to donate the stock than to pay capital gains tax and donate what is left over after taxes.

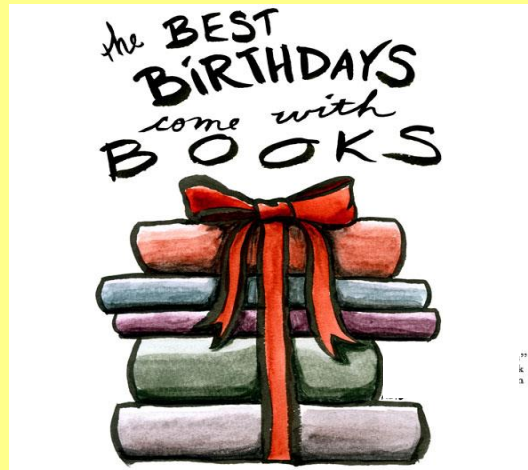
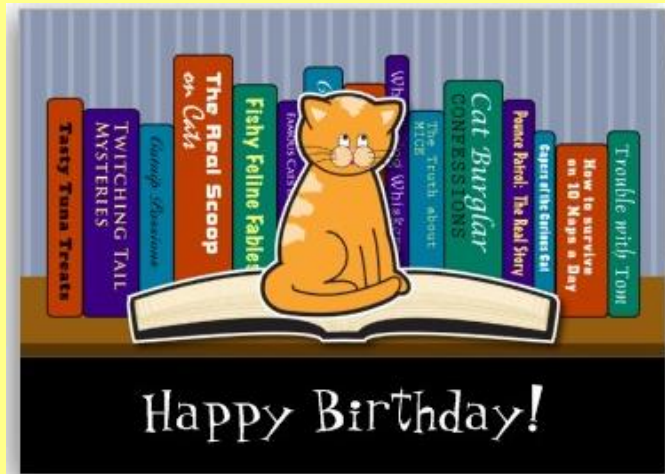
GIANT ROTARY TRIVIA NIGHT & SILENT AUCTION RAISES CRITICAL DOLLARS!

Thanks to chair Kathy Trone and a great committee of Rotarians, the 2021 version of Rock Island Rotary was a huge success. More than 20 tables of 10 filled Milan's Camden Community Center last Friday. Proceeds go to our support of Earl Hanson Elementary School and grants for community projects and programs. The week began with 20 items featured on an "on-line only" silent auction put together by Rotary committee member Sue Rector. Then on Friday evening guests arriving for Trivia Night found several three tables full of new items for a live silent auction. Bidding was fast and furious for the many treasures donated by Rotarians and area businesses. At 6:30 the crowd settled into their seats and the Trivia Games began. "Mr. Trivia" took over the mic and led everyone through ten rounds of fun and challenging trivia questions. The silent auction spearheaded by Sue Reactor brought in \$2,475. The Trivia games were fun and challenging and the winning team was Kai Swanson's "Augustana" team, bringing the traveling trophy for "Smartest Rotary Club" back to Rock Island! Past president Steve Morenz won the 50/50 drawing and donated his more than \$400 winnings back to the Club! Thank you, Steve and for all your work in selling the 50/50 tickets!

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Your HELP Needed – Birthday Books this Thursday!

The last Thursday of each month is our usual day for Birthday Books at Earl Hanson Elementary School, however this month the last Thursday is Thanksgiving so Birthday Books will be held a week early. That means that this Thursday is the day. Last month just two Rotarians showed up to help Molly. Fortunately, there were not many birthdays in October, but many more are expected this week. We really need help! The celebration is held in the school library and begins at 2:30pm. Helpers should arrive between 2:15 and 2:20. Molly Shattuck will be there to make sure everything is ready (books, cookies, etc.). Rotarians assist the kids in selecting a book appropriate to their age, autograph the book for the child, perhaps with a "Happy Birthday!" Then you can enjoy a cookie or two with the kids, and your job is done. You'll be on the way home by 3pm.



Next Tuesday – Pick an Angel from Our Tree

Next Tuesday we will each have the opportunity to be an Angel for a little boy or girls who needs Angelic help to have a Merry Christmas! They truly are "Little Angels." They may not always act like angels, but they each have the spirit and innocent enthusiasm to do wonderful things in their life, if they just get a little help and encouragement. You can be that help by showing them that someone cares, someone knows they out there, and knows they are important and worth something, even to an unknown friend who is willing to spend some time and a few dollars to ensure their Angel's young face can light up at the sight of brightly wrapped packages with their name on the tag! You can select buying for a boy or girl, and you can even zero in on a particular age group if you wish. Sizes and a "wish list" from the child will be provided. The budget target is approximately \$40. If you can't do the shopping, our Rotary elves will handle that for you. Just take a name and donate the funds for their presents.

Please come prepared to pick your "Angel" at next Tuesday's meeting.

BOARD CONSIDERING BRING BACK ROTARY "CPR" MEETINGS

A few years ago, our Club periodically held what we called "CPR" (Continually Promoting Rotary) meetings. All Rotarians were invited. It's less formal than a regular meeting or committee meeting and was typically held after work hours at a local pub or food establishment. CPR Meetings provided an outlet for addressing issues and ideas at a membership level, rather than at the Board level. Ideas and recommendations arising at CPR meetings were brought to the Board and were often approved and enacted. In addition to great conversations and some super ideas for the Club, it was a fantastic way to get to know your peers and hash out issues or projects. If the idea interest you, please let one of our officers know. It is something we could start in January.

TRIVIA NIGHT 2021



View of part of the crowd attending Rotary Trivia Night 2021



Some of the Trivia Night Silent Auction items



Our Trivia Judges with Chair, Kathy Trone

PRELIMINARY FIGURES*

Gross Income:

Silent Auction	.....	\$2,475.00
Table Entries	.....	\$1,900.00
50/50 Raffle	.....	\$ 430.00
50/50 Winner Donation	.....	\$ 430.00
Sponsors	.....	\$ 950.00

Expenses:

Community Center Rental	.....	\$ 500.00
Mr. Trivia Services	.....	\$ 200.00
Miscellaneous	.....	TBD

*Some money is still coming in, some expenses are not finalized, and some donations not yet collected
A final report will be available next week.

BOARD VOTES HONORARY MEMBER STATUS FOR FATHER MIRABELLI

Father Daniel "Dan" Mirabelli is one of our clubs most beloved members. Fr. Dan joined Rock Island Rotary in 1990 and has been one of our most devoted, regular attending members for the past three decades. During that time, he has served as Development Director for Alleman Catholic High School and throughout the years has taken great joy in bringing and introducing Alleman "Jr. Rotarians" each month through the past 30 school years. This school year Alleman hired Bryant Beal as Assistant Development Director to work with Fr. Mirabelli. Bryant took over representing Alleman at Rock Island Rotary and we have enjoyed meeting and welcoming him into our Club. Last month Father Dan celebrated his 90th birthday and in addition to sending him a congratulatory card, our Board of Directors also announced that Father Dan was voted Honorary Member status with Rock Island Rotary. As an honorary member Fr. Mirabelli is invited to attend our meetings, participate in all Club activities, and will continue to be listed as part of our club with Rotary International, and will continue to receive the Rotarian magazine, and our weekly newsletter. We wish Father many more "happy birthdays" and look forward to seeing him at upcoming meetings!



Rotarian, Fr. Dan Mirabelli

FOUNDATION MINUTE

\$440 million was raised last year by the Rotary Foundation. Those funds supported 2000 global grants which were applied to the Seven Areas of Focus, to work toward a "problem free world." These grants, focusing on the Seven Areas of Focus furthers our Foundation's commitment to improving sound environmental behavior. John Germ, the chair of the Rotary Foundation has called for a summit next week in the Philippines to chart the Foundation's role in bringing to fruition the goals of the just concluded climate change conference in Glasgow, Scotland, also known as COP26. A major goal of the conference was to create an agreement to keep the world's temperature at 1.5dg.

Rotarians should not find this forthcoming climate summit in the Philippines surprising, as the Rotary Foundation has for the past five years spent more than 20 million dollars (US) on environmental causes such as clean water, hygiene, and sanitation. Indeed, much focus has been placed on the regrowth of mangrove forests all over the world to improve air and water quality.



WE DID IT LAST YEAR – WE'RE GOING TO DO IT AGAIN!!

Scarfs for Kids

Sue Rector will provide the materials and will even have done all the cutting! All we need is "ALL HANDS ON DECK" to tie knots! That's right, all you need to do it tie knots. No tools, no experience, no skill needed! We will do the project immediately after our club meeting on Tuesday, December 14. If you can give us 15 minutes, we can knock out 100 scarves and send them with our Angel Tree gifts to the kids at Earl Hanson School. Please mark your calendar and plan to stay a few minutes after the meeting on the 14th.



FELLOW MEMBER HOLLY SPARKMAN RUNS THE NEW YORK MARATHON!

On Sunday, November 7th Rock Island Rotarian Holly Sparkman competed in the New York City Marathon! Holly was running with the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC) Teal Charity Team. Holly said, "The cause is very important to me for two reasons: my mom and my late cousin, Heather. My mom is a 12-year Ovarian Cancer survivor - she was diagnosed Stage 3 in 2009 and was given a timeframe of three years. Five rounds of chemo later, mom is still with us, and I am thankful every day. My younger cousin Heather was not as fortunate. She was diagnosed in 2013 and lost her life to Ovarian Cancer in 2018 after a tough battle. A number of our members sponsored Holly with a donation to the Ovarian Cancer Coalition. You can still help! Donate at <https://give.ovarian.org/participant/HollySparkman>. Congratulations, Holly! We hope you raised lots of money for a great and worthy cause!

SAVE THE DATE



ROTARY REINDEER RAMBLE



Register On-Line: https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get_information.php?event_id=135535

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 - **GETMEREGERED.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!

CHAIRMAN KOSKI GIVES FINAL BIRDIES REPORT! -- IT'S A GOOD ONE!

Kevin Koski gave his final report on our 2021 Birdies for Charity campaign. Club members donated a whopping \$6,788.00 and the John Deere Foundation matching grant was 8% making our grand total a record-breaking **\$7,331.00**. Our Birdies donations are designated for our Club Foundation account. The old record was established just last year and was knocked aside by the generosity of Club members this year! Thanks to all who pledged and to Kevin for his tireless effort to make us a record setting Club!



MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBER



Today President Justin Peterson had one of the great pleasures of serving at Rotary president. He inducted our most recent member, Mindy Mahon. Mindy is an assistant professor at Augustana College and is an associate member of the Augustana corporate membership. Mindy also is planning to assist as a faculty sponsor of the Augustana Rotaract Club. She is member of the Business Administration Department. She received her B.S. from Western Illinois University, M.B.A. from the University of Iowa, and Doctor of Business Administration from St. Ambrose University. Mindy Mahon's areas of scholarly interest include organizational behavior and gender and diversity in organizations. The HNI Corporation operating companies, where she held a variety of product and marketing positions, were instrumental in shaping her understanding of business. After receiving her MBA, Mindy continued her career at HNI where she led the marketing department at Maxon Furniture, Inc., until her return to academia in 2012 when she earned her doctorate in business administration and began teaching. We are excited to welcome her into Rock Island Rotary.

Global Partnership for Education Teams Up with Rotary to Advocate for Education

Rotary's relationship with the Global Partnership for Education is already having an impact, as incoming district governors learned at the International Assembly in January. "Together we are changing the lives of girls and other vulnerable children in the poorest corners of the world," said Alice P. Albright, the organization's chief executive officer, in her remarks about the relationship, formed in April 2020. "Rotary has a unique voice and standing on the global stage and in virtually every country. You can use that voice to advocate for more resources and then work with government leaders to ensure that they are distributed equitably."



GPE is a multi-stakeholder partnership and global fund that facilitates improved outcomes and gender equity in education and supports large-scale changes to education systems around the world. In Rwanda, for example, GPE helped increase access to early childhood education by funding training for more than 5,500 teachers, developing teaching kits and play-based instructional materials, and building 400 schools. In Kenya, the organization helped implement a plan that included making primary education free, which increased enrollment from 72 percent in 2003 to 88 percent in 2012 and closed the gender gap, achieving nearly equal numbers of boys and girls in school. And in Pakistan, GPE provided funding for a distance-learning program that uses social media platforms, as well as radio, TV, and mobile phones, to keep students learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. The program may even help reach the 19 million children who were not attending school before the pandemic.

SIGN UP AT NEXT WEEKS MEETING! SEATS ARE GOING FAST ...

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