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# Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



## The Rotary Foundation



### Sept. – Nov. Calendar

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

## Kathy Kwiat-Hess – District 6420 Foundation Chair



**Kathy Kwiat-Hess**, a member of the Rockford Downtown Rotary, served as our District Governor in 2018-19. Kathy received her Bachelor's degree in Psychology from the Calumet College of Saint Joseph and her Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Illinois. She is a Clinical Social Worker Specialist in Rockford, having more than 37 years of diverse experiences, especially in clinical social work. Today she spoke to our Club in her current capacity as District Rotary Foundation Chair. Full of information and an articulate speaker, Kathy spoke of the many ways the Rotary Foundation serves both the needs of the international and local communities. She began her comments by addressing the question, “Why Give?” She explained that Rotary International can be thought of as the “Brain”, and the Rotary Foundation as the “Heart”, of Rotary. The good philanthropic work done by Rotary can only happen if funds are made available through the Foundation. She then explained that when Rotarians donate to the The Foundation Annual Fund, 50% is returned to the donor's District three years later. This is what funds District Grants. Unfortunately the demand for grants both at the International and District Level is now far exceeding donations coming in. In the past few years requests for grants

grew 102% while donations grew by just 6%. As a result the District's share will be reduced to 48% in the 2025-26 Rotary year. The impact of more demand has already been felt at the District Level. Last year the District was able to offer \$1,500 in matching funds for District Grants. This year that match was reduced to \$1,000. It is anticipated that next year the maximum match from the District will be \$675. This will directly impact our club as we have applied for and received district grants every year for the past several years. At the international level, approved Global Grants have been matched 100% by the Rotary Foundation. In the future the match will be reduced to 80%. It's not as if Rotarians have stopped giving or are giving less, last year alone over \$408 million was donated to the Foundation. The shortage comes from there being so many unmet needs throughout the world. As Rotary has become more and more well known as a world leader in philanthropy, and Rotary clubs throughout the world have become more aware of District Grants, the demand has skyrocketed causing precious funds to be shared by an increasing number of great causes and projects. In the year 2021, there was a record number of 2,000 Global Grants given, Chairman Hess also noted that costs have risen. Each child vaccinated against polio costs \$3; providing safe water for a child costs \$50, and providing an anti-bullying campaign for a community costs \$500. All worthwhile needs and all reasonable costs, but as the Polio Plus effort gets closer to completion, Rotary's attention will turn to the other areas of focus; peace and conflict resolution, safe water and sanitation, maternal and child health, economic development, literacy and education, and the environment. These challenges will be as difficult as the campaign to eliminate polio, a goal that Rotary now believes will be achieved by 2023 allowing the World Health Organization to declare the World polio free in 2026 after 3 years of no new polio cases. The message from all of this is that to continue Rotary's work and commitment to Service Above Self, every one of us needs to support and donate to the Rotary Foundation, whether it is just \$5, \$10, a month, becoming a sustaining member at \$100 a year, a Paul Harris Fellow, a Paul Harris Society member, a Foundation Benefactor, or a larger lump sum donor, every dollar helps. For convenience, Bud Phillis can show you how to set up an automatic withdrawal plan at a dollar amount you are comfortable with. Thank you Kathy, for an important and informative presentation.



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## Program Chairs

### 2021-22

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

# Club Notes & Announcements!

- ❑ **WELCOME GUESTS** – Today our Club welcomed Alleman Jr. Rotarians Gabbie Coronado and Galilea Campos; Visiting Rotarian Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport Club; Erin Wagner, William Wagner, Benjamin Wagner, and Joyce Lambert, all guests of Frank Lambert. Joyce is Frank's wife; Erin is Frank and Joyce's daughter and "Wild Bill" and "Big Ben" are their grandsons.
- ❑ **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 on 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 offer to help.
- ❑ **DON'T FORGET – KEEP THEM ENGAGED** next Tuesday we begin our November collection of 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 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 – ALL SIGNED UP AND ALL SHIFTS COVERED – THANKS!



Rock Island Rotary is scheduled to ring the bell for the Salvation Army on **December 11<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto: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 &amp; 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>Molly Shattuck</u>	<u>Kai Swanson</u>
2:00	<u>Tom Hammar</u>	<u>Jenni Swanson</u>
3:00	<u>Linda Golden</u>	<u>Kim Calhoun</u>
3:00	<u>Kevin Koski</u>	<u>Rick Emery</u>



## SUCCESSFUL OCTOBER BIRTHDAY BOOKS CELEBRATION AT EARL HANSON

Last Thursday, Molly Shattuck, Ruth Lee, and Holly Sparkman represented our Club at the Birthday celebration for students with October birthdays. Each child got to look through the many books provided by Rotary and select one as their birthday present from us to them. Our Rotary representatives then autograph the book and present it to the child. Cookies are also provided for all who attend. Normally Birthday Books is a last Thursday of the month event, however because in November the last Thursday falls on Thanksgiving Day, we will be doing Birthday Books on



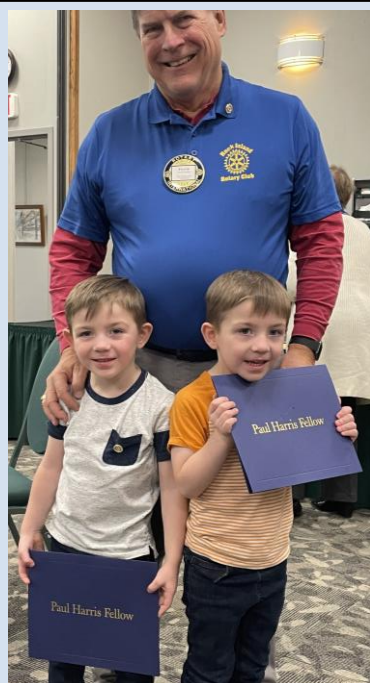
**Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.** Why not volunteer to help. Just let Molly know that you will be there. Arrival time is 2:20 pm. You will be done and on your way by 3pm. *Above, kids look over the many books to pick from as Ruth and Molly look on. Holly is handling the camera and the cookie station.*

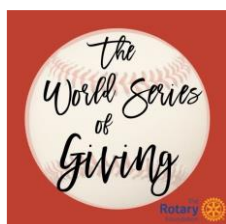
## MONTH ONE OF “KEEP THEM ENGAGED” A SUCCESS!

Our Literacy Committee created the “Keep Them Engaged” program to provide every student at Earl Hanson Elementary School with a summer bag full of fun and educational items and activities. The plan is to collect donations each month during the school year that will be used to fill the bags in May. October was our first collection month, and the goal was to get 300 sets of crayons, markers, or colored pencils. At the end of the month 156 sets had been donated. We put the word out that we needed 146 more sets and said we’ll do the shopping if Club members would donate the funds. Within hours emails flowed in promising that every child would get a full 24 piece set of crayons. We set out a donation box at today’s meeting and Rotarians were true to their work and “Service Above Self” motto. \$145 was donated. Enough to buy all the crayons needed and some extra to get us started on November! Every child will have a new box of crayons in their summer bag!

## TWO NEW PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS!

It was another good day for Foundation Chairman, Bud Phillis, who had the honor of presenting two Paul Harris Fellow Awards to William and Benjamin Wagner, twin grandsons of Rock Island Rotarian, Frank Lambert. Bud noted that Bill and Ben are the youngest to receive the award “in person” at one of our meetings. Present with the award winners were Franks wife and proud grandmother, Joyce Lambert, the boys’ mom, Erin Lambert Wagner, daughter of Joyce and Frank. Frank noted that in 1985 when he joined Rotary, Polio was crippling and killing thousands of youngsters and at the suggestion of Bud Phillis he began a “Rotary Direct” monthly contribution to the Rotary Foundation. With Rotary Direct the donation is automatically deducted from his checking account. He said this was a convenient and easy way to be committed and eliminates worrying about forgetting to donate. Over the past 35 years Franks monthly donations have added up to today, earning his 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Paul Harris Awards. He has bestowed the Awards on himself, his wife, his son and daughter, his parents, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, and grandkids. He said he has 3 more grandkids to go! Thanks to Frank and Joyce for your sustained generosity!





**This month's Trivia Question is:**

***This good Milwaukee boy, a talented center fielder, ended his career hitting .293 for the White Sox. Unfortunately, his death from a liver ailment may foreshadowed the afflictions later bedeviling the actor who eventually played him on the silver screen. Who was he?***

The First to reply with the correct answer to Justin Peterson at [jpeterson@tbkbank.com](mailto:jpeterson@tbkbank.com) wins 100 Paul Harris points!

Two innings are in the books so far and more of our clubs have achieved Foundation giving successes. Scoring is ranked by aggregate Per Capita Giving to the Annual Fund and PolioPlus during the Regular Season.

The standings by division follow.

**Northeast Division** – The Kishwaukee Sunrise club has grown its lead slightly during inning #2, with another Single on top of the Home Run it scored in the first. Pecatonica, Rockford Cherry-Valley East, and Sycamore clubs are right behind with a Triple for Pecatonica and a Double for each RCVE and Sycamore. Loves Park and DeKalb are on the board with a Single each. Milder weather doesn't seem to have cooled off any of the clubs in this division, they're still red hot!

**Mid-Central Division** – Rochelle and Twin Cities continue to duke it out, with Rochelle maintaining its lead with a Homer over TC's Triple. Byron, Dixon, Rock Falls, Sterling, and Walnut are well on their way to their first Singles. Keep an eye on this division, folks; it looks to be an exciting year for each of their clubs.

**South-Central Division** – The Ottawa Sunrise and Peru clubs are leading this division with a Single each. Closing the gap are Putnam County, Illinois Valley, LaSalle, Marseilles, Ottawa, and Sandwich. As fundraising efforts start to kick in for all 9 clubs in this division, who knows where each will end up by the first of year. Stay tuned!

**West-Central Division** – The River Cities club is growing its lead at the end of two, closing in on a Triple. Henry's not far behind with a Single, with Geneseo and Morrison closing in on their first Singles. If past fundraising history is any indicator, all 7 clubs in this division will be in the thick of it by the middle innings.

**Western Division** – In the second inning, the Western division has really turned up the burning with Quad Cities having scored a Single on top of the Home Run it scored in the first. Hot on their heels is the Savanna club also with a Homer. **Rock Island is very close behind with a Triple, and East Moline and Freeport with a Single each.** But watch out, Twin Rivers is close to being on the board, so it's still just about anybody's game at this point. The next seven innings look to be exciting in the Western Division!

As Fall weather brings the Foundation teams indoors, watch for even more exciting fundraising projects. Stay tuned; don't miss a minute of the action!

### **FOUNDATION RAFFLE – FINES – HAPPY/SAD DOLLARS**

Today's raffle featured Wine, Cash, and a Fabric Bowl made by Angela Campbell. Kathy Ruggeberg had the first lucky ticket, took the cash, and donated her winnings back to the Rotary Foundation. Alleman Jr. Rotarian Gabbie Coronado had the second winner, and she took the bowl. Tammy Weikert was the final winner, taking home the wine.

President Justin filled in for V.P. Eric and gathered the following fines and dollars. Kai Swanson was fined for a color photo in the newspaper promoting the new Chamber of Commerce motto. Sarah Gorham paid for leaving early. Gary Rowe gave a happy dollar for a recent trip to Croatia in which he visited a past Rotary Exchange student who was with us 25 years ago! He also had a happy dollar for Illini Football being nearly over and basketball starting. Erin Williams had a happy dollar for her daughter earning All State honors in music. Mark Zimmerman gave a happy dollar for Springfield's football win over Rocky. (Mark has family on the Springfield team). Justin Peterson gave a sad dollar for the same game. (Justin played for the Rocks a "few" years ago.) John Wetzell and Rick Devinney gave a dollar for Moline's football playoff win. Our guest speaker Kathy Kwiat-Hess gave a Happy in honor of Fred and Virginia Houlton. Virginia had sent the dollar to Kathy to cover postage for photos Kathy sent when the Houltons were honored for establishing a charitable foundation for District 6420 Rotary Clubs. Kathy was happy to cover the postage and donated the dollar!

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!



## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY NOVEMBER ROTARIANS**

A Small, but exclusive group of members for November!

Carlos Jimenez	November	4
Stan Coin	November	9
Howard Beck	November	16



## **FOUNDATION MINUTE**

Welcome to the first week of November, Rotary International's Foundation Month! This is the month when we feature the charity arm of Rotary International. Our foundation was initially an endowment fund created in 1917 by RI's 6th president, Arch C. Klumph, "to do good in the world." It has grown from an initial contribution of US\$26.50 to more than US 1 billion. Our 104-year-old Rotary Foundation helps Rotarians advance world understanding, goodwill and peace by improving the environment and alleviating poverty. Rotary Clubs all over the world engage local foundations to contribute to TRF from which incredible projects have been completed. The Norman Rotary Club of Oklahoma recently celebrated becoming a two-comma club by donating \$1,008,751 cumulatively to The Rotary Foundation.

"This is an amazing achievement by our club members," said Teresa Collado, Norman Rotary Club president. "The foundation has been pivotal in the eradication of polio, as well as many other projects that have made a positive difference in our community and the world."

Just over 80% of Norman Rotary Club members are Paul Harris Fellows, which recognizes Rotarians for each \$1,000 donated to TRF. According to Collado, "...11 of our members are major donors who have donated \$10,000. The generosity of our Rotarians is astounding."



**TIME IS SHORT – ENTER YOUR TEAM NOW!**



## **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:**

<u>Gold Sponsor</u>	<u>\$500</u>
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- 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

<u>Corporate Sponsor</u>	<u>\$250</u>
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- Complimentary Table for up to 10 players
- Day of event recognition as a Corporate Sponsor

<u>Friend of Rotary</u>	<u>\$100</u>
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- 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! 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