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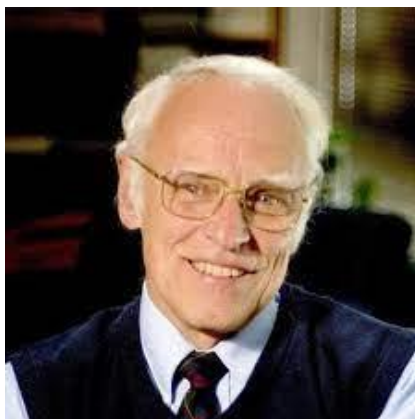
MEETING TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



Dr. Norm Moline

Why Taiwan Matters: Small Island, Important Place

Dr. Norm Moline, Professor Emeritus of Geography, Augustana College, directed foreign study programs in East Asia for forty years and has been to Taiwan 25



times between 1974 and 2018. Even though he and the programs have not “taken any side” in the Taiwan-China controversies, he has been invited by that government to attend several October 10 national day celebrations in Taipei, meeting the President at the 100th anniversary event in 2011, and received a special recognition certificate in 2014 from the Taiwan office in Chicago for promoting “cultural and educational exchanges” with Taiwan. He has given lectures at National Taiwan University and Chinese Culture University in Taipei.

Taiwan is only one-fourth the size of Illinois but has twice as many people, fascinating landscapes, and the world's 20th largest economy with important exports such as in information-technology. Considered a part of China for several centuries, it has been independent with special connections with the U.S. for the last 71 years and now has a key role in East Asia's economic geography and complicated international relations. Dr. Moline noted that Taiwan has a population twice the size of Illinois on an island One-fourth the size of our state and because of the incredibly mountainous terrain that population is packed into an area roughly 1/16th the size of Illinois. He is proud that Augustana and he were the first U.S. College ever to establish a study-abroad program in China, and Augustana first went there in 1974. When Taiwan, previously known as Nationalist China, and the Republic of China until recognition of the independent nation status was taken away by the United Nations in 1979. At that time most colleges and Universities ceased educational relationships with Taiwan and dealt solely with the People's Republic of China (Communist China). Augustana continued its relationship with Taiwan and also built a relationship with the People's Republic. They have maintained a “neutral” and close relationship with both entities. When Taiwan celebrated their 100th anniversary of “independence” on October 10, 2011, Dr. Moline was invited to attend ceremonies at the presidential palace where he met and shook hands with the president, the first lady, and the vice-president of Taiwan. Continuing with his description of Taiwan, Moline stated that 70% of the island is mountainous. Most agricultural land and land suitable for settlements and cities is located on the Western side of the mountains. The island does experience earthquakes, typhoons, and volcanic hot springs. The East coast is mostly high cliffs dropping down into the ocean. Dr. Moline pointed out that the average farm size in Taiwan is 2.75 acres and much of the farm fields are covered to protect crops from the beating sun. The entire island is located similarly to southern Florida. The population density is 1,742 per square mile, compared to the US at 94 per square mile. Urban areas are massive, streets are packed, and motor scooters are everywhere. Turning to the importance to Taiwan, Moline state that annually they export \$346 billion in goods, \$55.5 billion to the US, however the Peoples Republic receives \$138 billion in Taiwan exports. He noted that the two China's are co-dependent on one another, and their economies are tied together. For that reason, he believes war between the two is very unlikely. Thanks Dr. Moline for another fascinating and informative program!

Sept. – Nov. Calendar

- 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
- Jan 4 - TBA
- Jan 11 - TBA
- Jan 18 - TBA





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Club Notes & Announcements!

- ❑ **WELCOME GUESTS** – Today our Club welcomed two visiting Rotarians. Mark Zimmerman, a member of the Davenport Club joined us via ZOOM and Duncan Cameron, a member of the Naples Florida Club was back and attended in person. He will be staying in town to attend our holiday party at Circa 21., Illinois. When was the last time you invited a friend or colleague to be your guest at Rotary? We love having guests at “The Number One Club”!
- ❑ **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 and next week is our final meeting in November.
- ❑ **HOLIDAY PARTY SIGN UP DEADLINE!** – Today is the final day to sign up for our Rotary/Kiwanis joint Holiday Party at Circa 21 on Wednesday, December 8th. If you were not able to sign up at today's meeting you can call or email Bob at bobdebswanson@att.net (309)738-3476 until 10am tomorrow morning to get a reservation. If you want to use a Quad City Dining Tour Book coupon for Circa 21 you will need to get it and your check to Bob by noon tomorrow.
- ❑ **WE ARE MAKING SCARFS FOR KIDS** – Tuesday, December 14 right after our meeting at the Botanical Center. Stay a few minutes, tie a bunch of knots and we'll have the job done. Our goal is 100 scarves in 15 minutes. If we have enough help we can do it!
- ❑ **REINDEER RAMBLE COMMITTEE** will meet at 11:30am next Tuesday, November 30th for a final “pre-race” details meeting. All committee members are urged to attend! Checking the sign-up sheet it looks like we are still needing some volunteers to help administer the race. Some will be outside directing runners or offering water. Other helpers are needed inside at the Speak Easy where refreshments will be served and awards handed 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>Marcy Bell</u>	<u>Kim Calhoun</u>
3:00	<u>Kevin Koski</u>	<u>Rick Emery</u>



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 Elementary School. That means we need 300 of each item!

NOVEMBER GOAL: 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 any time through October 2022. **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 Gary Rowe who took the cash and donated it to the Rock Island Rotary Club Foundation. The second winning ticket was purchased by John Wetzel who took home with a bottle of fine wine! Thanks to all who participated in today's raffle. All proceeds from our weekly raffle go to the Rotary International Foundation. Thanks to those who participated!



Need a Stocking Stuffer or Dinner Favor?

Raffle tickets are now available from Ruth Lee for the May 2022 drawing. The major sales promotion will occur after the first of the year, but we are making tickets available now for anyone who wants them for use over the holidays. Email Ruth at rotarianruth@gmail.com or see her at next week's meeting if you are interested. Tickets are \$20. Thanks.

FINES – HAPPY/SAD DOLLARS

V.P. Eric Westphall was back and in good form as he levied fines and solicited dollars from a rather small crowd of Rotarians today. He began by offering his own sad dollar honoring the passing of his father and thanking Rotarians for their cards and wishes during this tough time. He then levied several very creative fines. First he fined all members who have not attended another club as a visiting Rotarian sometime during this Rotary year. He followed that with a fine for any members who have not attended a Club activity other than our regular meetings during the year. Finally, he levied a fine to any members who have not provided some community service during the year to a club or organization other than our Rotary club. John Oliger offered a happy dollar for his son, now a senior at Augustana, who joined the Augie Water Polo team as a freshman and just completed his fourth season on the team. He also got to play in the first match held in Augustana's brand new pool. John gave \$10 for each year his son played (4) and \$10 more for getting to be in the new pool! Thanks John for \$50! Rebecca Arnold had a happy dollar for the King Center serving \$3,500 Thanksgiving meals this past week. Ruth Lee celebrated her Vikings win over the Bears with a happy dollar. (To the chagrin of many of our members, but no one spoke up with sad dollars for the Bears!) Gary Rowe had a happy dollar for visiting the Winter Nights Winter Lights display and urging others to do the same. Justin Peterson had a sad dollar for the Illini football loss to Iowa. Amber Brummit paid for leaving early. Cindi Gramenz paid for taking Marcy Bell's name badge home.



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.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY BOOKS A HIT WITH THE KIDS

Chair Molly Shattuck had Ruth Lee, Tom Hammar, Bob Swanson, and Holly Sparkman on hand to help with Birthday Books on November 16th. The kids had fun selecting books and Rotarians “autographed” and presented each child with a book as their birthday present from Rotary. Once again Holly handled the camera and missed being in the photos. Answer the call when we ask for help with December Birthday Books!



Students listen as Molly talks about Rotary



Holly distributed cookies and took the photos!

Didn’t Get an Angel Tree Child Today?



With Covid and many folks laid off for extended periods of time, the needs are greater than in the past. Earl Hanson teachers identified students that they fear are looking at a pretty bleak holiday season. In the past our Angel Tree typically had between 25 and 35 “Angels”. This year there are 51! We need, or should we say the Kids need Rotarians to step up and ensure that little hearts experience joy, not sadness this Christmas.

Contact or email Molly Shattuck and she will select an Angel for you. You can request a boy or girl and can even zero in on an age if you wish. You can call Molly at 309-781-9446 or email her at molly@hammarcps.com. She will get you the details and all the information you need to be “Santa” for some darling child. The suggested budget is approximately \$40. If you can’t do the shopping, you can just donate, and Molly and our Rotary elves will handle the shopping for you.

GET IN THE SPIRIT!

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 - **GETMEREREGISTERED.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!