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MEETING TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



**ROCK ISLAND
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

GARY ROWE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

On April 16, 1967, the Rock Island Community Foundation was created when the Foundation's eight founders reached into their pockets and donated \$20 apiece. Since then, the Foundation has given away over \$2.25 million to community groups. The Foundation has grown to 4.25 million dollars in assets. Each board member of RIFC is required to give an annual gift to the foundation.

The foundation is also funded through gifts, bequests, and grants from the citizens of the community and area businesses. Through that support from the community, they have been able to help 214 different organizations that have submitted grant requests to RICF. More than 200,000 individuals in Rock Island have benefitted from grant-funded services. Beneficiaries of the RICF include Ballet Quad Cities • Bethany for Children & Families • Children's Therapy Center/Easter Seals • Christian Care. First Day Fund • Girl Scouts of Easter Iowa & Western Illinois • Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center • Quad City Botanical Center • River Bend Food Bank • Robert Young Mental Health Center • Rock Island Park Board • Youth Hope/Christian Friendliness • YWCA of the Quad Cities. The Foundation states, "Our mission is simple: we're local people, coming together to support one another. Rock Island is our home, and we want to make it better for everyone who lives here. Since 1967, the Rock Island Community Foundation has been distributing funds to the groups that make Rock Island a better place to live. We are dedicated to supporting local charities to promote local opportunities for all Rock Island's citizens." Mr. Rowe was please to report that last year the Community Foundation received a \$2.1 Million gift to the Foundation from the Rosemary Woodward Trust. Mrs. Woodward was a longtime resident of Rock Island who gave generously of her time and resources to make her community a better place. Educated as a nurse, she worked for many years as a private duty nurse, and at St. Luke's Hospital, and was also employed as a school nurse for many years in the Quad Cities. For over 43 years she volunteered her services to the Red Cross, helping those facing adversity. She generously directed the residue of her Estate to the Rock Island Community Foundation, to help fund in perpetuity several organizations based in Rock Island which enrich the community's quality of life. The Fund at the Rock Island Community Foundation is designated as the Keith and Rosemary Woodward Charitable Fund. This Fund is administered through the Foundation, whose Board of Directors is responsible for allocating grants for the benefit of the organizations specified in Rosemary's Trust: those organizations are the Rock Island Parks and Recreation Department, the Quad City Botanical Center, Niabi Zoo, the YWCA of the Quad Cities, the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation, Christian Family Care, Trinity Visiting Nurse and Homemaker Association, and the Rock Island Library Foundation. Each of these organizations submit grant requests annually for specific programs or projects that offer benefit to the community. Gary explained that recipients need not be physically located in Rock Island but must provide services to Rock Island citizens. Grants are not given to promote political or religious persons or views, nor are they given to individuals. Grants other than those from the Woodward Fund are for one year and may not obligate a future Board to any financial commitment. He also stated that during the past year the Foundation presented 59 grants to 58 different organizations totaling approximately \$160,000. He also noted that a majority of the Foundation grants support youth programs, with the second most going to assistance for the elderly. Over the past several years the Foundation has attempted to meet the challenges created by Covid and has increased help for the homeless. Thank you Gary for an information filled presentation. Another example of how lucky our community is to have fellow citizens who care about one another!

Jan. - Feb. Calendar

- Jan 10 - MONDAY Joint Meeting with Kiwanis for Mayor Mike Thoms' State of the City Address
- Jan 18 - TBA
- Jan 25 - TBA
- Feb 1 - TBA



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Jun-Jul	– Tom Hammar

Club Notes & Announcements!

- ❑ **WELCOME GUESTS** – Today our Club just one visiting Rotarians. Duncan Cameron, a member of the Naples Florida Rotary Club joined us via Zoom. Next week our program is the State of the City Address by Mayor Mike Thoms. It is a perfect meeting for inviting a friend or colleague and potential member to join you as a guest for lunch. We love having guests at “The Number One Club”!
- ❑ **DON'T FORGET – KEEP THEM ENGAGED** For **JANUARY** we are collecting **coloring books/puzzle books/word searches/crossword books**. We need to supply 300 Earl Hanson students and want each to get a fully supplied summer bag to “Keep Them Engaged”. Bring your donation for the January cause!
- ❑ **GREETERS NEEDED** – Greeters are needed for January, February, and beyond. All that is required is the ability to come a few minutes early and bring your smile. Handshake, fist bump, elbow bump, whatever your pleasure is fine. It's a great way for newer members to get to know your fellow Rotarians. Signup at the Sergeant's table.
- ❑ **IMPORTANT REMINDER** – Next week we will meet on **MONDAY** in a joint meeting with Kiwanis to hear Mayor Mike Thoms' “State of the City” address. **There will be no meeting on Tuesday. This is a great meeting to use as a tool for recruiting potential members. Invite a friend or colleague that might enjoy or be impressed by being at this important event.**
- ❑ **CONSIDER COMMITTEE OPTIONS** – It won't be too long before incoming President Cindi Gramenz asks each of us to volunteer to serve on various Club Committees for the coming year. Grab your Club directory and look through pages 10-13 where all of our current committees are listed. Give some thought to where your skills can help out, and what areas are of interest to you. We urge every member to volunteer for at least one committee. Those that don't volunteer may be assigned to an area that doesn't fit your skills and interests. So be proactive. Have in mind what you would like to do for Rock Island Rotary.
- ❑ **NEWSLETTER** – Send items for our newsletter to bobdebswanson@att.net

FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to Week 1 of Rotary International's Month of Vocational Service.

Welcome to 2022, with all of its anticipated expectations, challenges, and successes. January is Rotary International's month of Vocational Service. This is the Avenue of Service whereby Rotarian advance high ethical standards by being a positive example among colleagues in their community. They achieve this through personal commitment to high ethical standards in relations with customers, vendors, and business associates and treating each business interaction with care and consideration. Additionally, the promotion of socially and environmentally responsible practices in their businesses and organizations is another way Rotarians can manifest the spirit of Vocational Service.

Trustee Chair John Germ states why Rotary has been so successful: “we all came into Rotary because we wanted to join with others in service and make a difference. Similarly, when Rotary teams up with like-minded organizations to work toward our shared goals, there is nothing that we can't accomplish. Partnerships amplify our impact.” (Rotary January 2022: 60).

In this new calendar year, let us hope Rotarians and Rotary clubs around the world will continue to contribute to TRF. This will allow Rotarians to execute wonderful projects both locally and globally and to amplify our impact.

Rock Island Rotary Literacy Committee Introduces



“Keep them Engaged”

Summer Packs for Earl Hanson School

**NEXT TUESDAY IS THE FINAL DAY TO
BRING YOUR DECEMBER DONATION**



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!

**JANUARY GOAL: We are looking for coloring books/puzzle books/word searches/crosswords
Bring your donations of paper or cash to purchase paper to our meeting**

FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Today our raffle featured wine and cash. For the third week in a row, Howard Beck, had the first ticket drawn and opted for the cash. He then again donated his winnings to the Rotary Foundation. Might be time to head for the nearest casino Howard! The second lucky winner taking home a bottle of Sauvignon Blanc was Jeff Rose. Proceeds from our weekly raffle go to the Rotary International Foundation account and are used to assist members in achieving status as a Paul Harris Fellow. NEXT WEEK at the joint meeting with Kiwanis for the State of the City Address, we will raffle a bottle of wine from the **Nimble Vineyards in Sonoma Valley, California**. Retail Nimble wine sells from \$20 to \$50 a bottle. Tickets will be \$5 each.



FINES – HAPPY/SAD DOLLARS

There were no fines today, but several members offered Happy Dollars. Stan Coin put in a dollar in recognition of the Botanical Center's Winter Nights Winter Lights display. He had an opportunity to see the display last week and very much enjoyed seeing the 160,000+ light display. Bob Swanson offered a happy dollar for the Bears "winning streak" now 2 wins in a row! Bud Phillis followed with a dollar for the Bears and a dollar for Illini Basketball. Ruth Lee had a happy dollar in celebration of finally arriving safely home after several cancelled flights and two nights in hotels. Marcy Bell had a happy dollar for her niece's birthday. Thanks to all who offered to share their happiness!

HELP NEEDED – We need a member to monitor the Little Library at Denkmann Elementary School. See Sue Rector for details.

COAT DRIVE A GREAT NEW PROJECT!

So far 43 coats were brought by Rotarians and donated to the Heart of Hope Food & Clothing pantry. They were extremely appreciative and are excited that we hope to bring them more! Currently, they are accepting only coats because of their limited storage space. In the future other clothing will be appreciated, but for now, it is strictly the much needed warm, winter coats. Bring coats you no longer wear to Rotary, and we will see that they get delivered to Heart of Hope. All sizes are needed, men's, women's, and children's from toddler on up! .What a wonderful opportunity to turn something you don't need or use into a lifesaver for someone in need. Let's keep them coming!! Our goal is 50!

JANUARY ROTARY BIRTHDAYS

January was a big month for Rotarian Birthdays with 10 members celebrating. Happy Birthday to:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Birth Month</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>
Jeremy Richard	January	1
Randy Hurt	January	2
Trista Foster	January	12
Fred Houlton	January	17
Jeff Rose	January	21
Miranda Marshall	January	22
Bob Swanson	January	25
Mariah Johnson	January	28
Ted Kutsunis	January	29
Jim Moran	January	31



Got Any Extra Wine?

Our supply of wine used each week for the Foundation Raffle has been pretty well depleted. If you have some extra wine from the holidays that you would be willing to donate as a future Raffle Prize, please bring it to the Sergeant's table at a future meeting. It's a tradition started by Lo Milani that we would like to continue.



ROTARY LOST & FOUND

There is no doubt that the onset of Covid caused major disruptions in our personal and Rotary lives. For over a year we were unable to meet and carried on our Club exclusively via ZOOM. Some found that option convenient and others seemed to drift away. When in person meetings resumed several months ago many of our members resumed faithful attendance in person or via Zoom, which we continue to offer. Unfortunately, we've had several very valuable members who have maintained their membership but have not joined us for a meeting in many weeks. So, we want to find our "lost" members and hope to entice you back!

If you have not attended a Rock Island Rotary meeting in person or via Zoom in the past 3 months please know -- WE MISS YOU AND HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON! We are only as strong as our membership!