



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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MEETING TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



Nicole Cisne Durbin

President/CEO

Family Resources, Inc.



Ms. Durban has been with Family Resources for 15 years. She began as Program Officer In April 2007. She was named interim President in November of 2018. She became Chief Operating Officer in March of 2019 and then President and CEO in October of 2019. Ms. Durban was educated at Western Illinois University where she earned a Master of Education in Community Counseling. She is a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor. She recently wrote, "At the heart of what we do is helping people deal with trauma—and that means we have a very special responsibility of making sure that whoever it is, a man, woman, or child, feels safe and cared for in every interaction with us. I am incredibly proud of our ability to work within the parameters of federal and state laws and pivot our focus when better information and education is available on things like human trafficking and child welfare." Family Resources provides free, confidential services to survivors of domestic abuse, sexual abuse, human trafficking, homicide, and other violent crime. Services include Counseling and Therapy; Support Groups; Emergency Crisis Assistance; Sheltering and Rapid Rehousing; Medical and Legal Advocacy; Safety Planning; Employment Assistance; Education and Awareness; and Mentoring. They provide Walk-in Crisis Facilities open 8:30am to 5pm in Davenport, Moline, Muscatine, and also provide services to Jackson, Louisa and Clinton Counties. There are also outreach offices in Aledo and Clinton. Nicole stated that their goal is to support successful lives and to help create a healthy community. Employing 180 currently and expecting to add additional personnel, Family Resources is a multi-faceted organization. Their primary programming can be divided into three categories. Supervisor Services which deal with everything from counseling victims of crime, developing foster and adoptive parent opportunities, counseling court referred youth who are on the verge of significant involvement with the criminal justice system. and counseling domestic and sexual abuse victims. A second area is Mental Health Services provided by staff members who are trained and certified therapists. They also work with victims of abuse and survivors of criminal activities, including family members and friends of victims. Their third general "bucket" is Care Coordination. Personnel in this area strive to achieve early intervention working with other agencies, schools, and the courts. They investigate truancy in an effort to find out what is going on in the child's life that might be causing them to miss or avoid school. They speak at schools and other institutions alerting people as to warning signs they might observe and the proper steps to take if they suspect abuse, neglect, or other harmful situations. They also assist those who are victims of abuse in obtaining orders of protection from the courts. They even assist those needing help in obtaining a GED or job skills. Ms. Durban then with a proper audience warning played a powerful video of a young woman who was a victim of drugging, rape, sodomy, and forcible penetration with a foreign object. The victim, age 16 at the time of the assault by two males related what happened, what she remembered, and told of the incredible damage done to her body. She has suffered 10 surgeries and relies on a remote-controlled implant for use of her lower extremities. She also related how the emotional trauma was pent up inside for nearly 10 years prior to a friend recommending Family Resources. Through their counseling and group therapy she is now able to talk about her ordeal and is a strong advocate and role model for others suffering abuse and assault. Nicole ended her presentation with information on how people can volunteer to help family services and their eagerness to train volunteers in whatever aspect of assistance for which they are comfortable. Thank you Nicole for an excellent and informative program.

Feb. – Mar. Calendar

- Feb 1 - Nicole Cisne Durbin
- Feb 8 - Neil Dahlstrom - Deere
Company Author
- Feb 15 - Rebecca Wee – Augustana
Poet
- Feb 22:- Joel Vanderbush - Niabi Zoo
- Mar 1 - TBD
- Mar 8 - TBD
- Mar 15 - Laura Fontaine Director -
World Relief Quad Cities
- Mar 22 - Mikhayla Hughes-Shaw,
former Miss Iowa - currently
hostess of "Living Local" on
WHBF-TV – "How About Hope
Mental Health Awareness"



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Dave Hodge
Apr-May – Kathy Trone/
Jeff Rose
Jun-Jul – Tom Hammar

Club Notes & Announcements!

- **WELCOME GUESTS** – Duncan Cameron from Naples, Florida joined us via Zoom and was our only Visiting Rotarian today. We also welcomed Jr. Rotarians from Alleman High School, Ellen Dopler and Elijah Farewell. Rock Island Rotary is always pleased to welcome guests to our Club and hope that you enjoy the meeting and will join us again!
- **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 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.
- **HUGE THANK YOU** – To Angela Campbell who took over editing duties of our newsletter for the past two weeks. Thanks Angela for an outstanding job! I stole some of your ideas and think our newsletter is better than ever.
- **ROCK 'N ROLL BINGO EXPLAINED** – We have been promoting an up coming Rock 'N Roll Bingo fundraiser, then realized that some of our members (including yours truly) had no idea what it is. Kathy Trone gave a short explanation today. Like Bingo, each player gets a card (I suspect you can have more than one if you desire). Rather than numbers on the card, there are song titles. For our fundraiser the songs will be from the 70s to the present. Rather than calling letters and numbers (i.e. "Under the 'B', '5'"). The moderator plays songs. If you hear a song that is listed on your card, you mark it. When you get five in a row up, down, or diagonally, you call "BINGO"! Simple, right! Fun? For sure. Everyone has their own card(s) so this is not a team game. When you win you only share the prize if you choose.
- **NEWSLETTER** – Send items for our newsletter to bobdebswanson@att.net



CHRISTMAS TREE NOT QUITE WHAT IT WAS A MONTH AGO?

Were there some gifts under the tree this year that just can't find a place in your home?

Don't regift - pay them forward by donating to RI Rotary for our 2022 Trivia Night Silent Auction. Sue Rector's storage closet is bare so if you have items, bring them to Rotary anytime or let Sue know and she will pick up. Let the collecting begin!

Sue Rector - Cell: 563-343-7985 – Email: srector3614@gmail.com

ROTARY BLOOD DRIVE A SUCCESS!

Today under the leadership of new project chairman, John Phillips, Rock Island Rotary hosted our annual blood drive. Officials report that the current supply of blood and plasma is at a 40-year low. Rotary's drive donated 15 units, making the Blood Bank folks extremely happy. As they moved their equipment out they commented that this was a great drive and gave Rotary a huge thank you! Thanks John for organizing!



The Rotary Club of Rock Island
is proud to present the 2022

Wine Raffle

All proceeds benefit the
Fred Houlton
"Service Above Self"
Scholarship
of Rock Island Rotary

Drawing will be held
on May 24, 2022

- 1st Prize— \$500 in Wine
- 2nd Prize— \$300 in Wine
- 3rd Prize— \$200 in Wine

PLUS 7 Additional Fine Wine Prizes

*Winners get to choose their own
Wine from The Grape Life

NEW for 2022:
Only 300 tickets will be sold!
\$20 per ticket

Purchase Tickets Online via Square at:
[Facebook.com/rockislandrotary](https://www.facebook.com/rockislandrotary)

Or email us at:
rotaryclubrockisland@gmail.com for more info.



Rock Island Rotary Literacy Committee Introduces



“Keep them Engaged”

Summer Packs for Earl Hanson School



FEBRUARY COLLECTION ITEMS:

Simple Craft supplies: stickers/beads/yarn/ pipe cleaners/felt, etc.

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!

Bring your donation items or cash to purchase them to our meeting

FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Today our raffle featured wine and cash. The first lucky winner was our Alleman student guest Ellie Dopler. Not surprisingly, she was given the option of taking the money. What most of our club did not see was that at the end of the meeting she donated the money back to Rotary! Thank you Ellie! Definitely a future Rotarian!

The second lucky ticket taking home a lovely bottle of red wine was Dave Hodge. We appreciate all those who have donated wine for our drawings. To ensure that all money raised goes to Rotary's philanthropic projects, we do not spend money on prizes. Cash awarded is via a pre-advertises 50/50 raffle basis.



FINES – HAPPY/SAD DOLLARS

Vice President Eric Westphall was in good form today mixing a variety of fines, bad jokes, and happy/sad dollars to raise money for Rotary charities. Kathy Lelonek was fined a dollar for her son being honored and named in the paper as a Page for the upcoming 2022 Mardi Gras fundraiser gala. Marcy Bell paid \$2 as happy dollars for the birthdays of her niece and nephew. President Justin Peterson offered two happy dollars, one for Illinois winning their last two games, and one for the Hawkeyes losing their last two games. We weren't too surprised to hear that greeted with some cheers and some groans! Eric then brought in some “big bucks” by fining all members who failed to be wearing their Rotary pin. He also gave a bit of an advance warning saying that next week he had plans for a major revenue gathering effort! Better bring a few extra dollars!

COAT DRIVE A GREAT NEW PROJECT!



So far 47 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! We are so close to meeting our goal of 50 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 make our goal!