



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



DAVE HODGE & MARK DRAKE

YouthHope

Today our program was presented by Rock Island Rotarian Dave Hodge, Director of Centers, and Mark Drake, Executive Director of YouthHope. YouthHope's mission is to bring children and teens from low-income areas into a life-changing relationship with Christ through encouraging, equipping, and empowering them at Youth Centers, Camp Summit, and Community Outreach Programs. YouthHope meets the physical, emotional, spiritual, and educational needs of low-income and at-risk youth. YouthHope leaders say it doesn't matter why kids and teens come - it matters who they are when they leave! YouthHope passionately and persistently pursue youth through authentic relationships to create enrichment opportunities, leadership development, and a place to find HOPE. Their vision is to "Bring youth HOPE!" Founded in 1936 as the Christian Friendliness Association, affectionately known by many as "CF". The founders were four women, from a small Bible study group from Rock Island! These women provided food, clothing, friendship, and hope through the Word of God to those in need in our community. In 1946, Betty Mattingly was hired as a full-time staff. Miss Betty touched thousands of lives and impacted generations of youth during her 42 years of service! In 1988, Mark Drake was hired as the Executive Director. His vision has produced massive growth and impact in the organization and in our community. The Rock Island Youth Center was opened in 1995, and the Moline Youth Center was opened in 1997. Youth programs have been running year-round ever since! Camp Summit, in New Windsor, Illinois, was opened in 2001 and thousands of campers have experienced life-changing summer opportunities at camp! YouthHope continues to provide food, friendship, and hope to those in need! In 2006, the name "YouthHope" was adopted, and the Moline Youth Center was expanded. Dave reported that currently 60% of their cliental are immigrant or refugee kids. Mark stressed that YouthHope doesn't target or go after any particular group, race, or creed. They serve low-income children, and many immigrants and refugees fall into that group as they try to start a new life in America. Dave provided an incredible list of services and activities YouthHope provides including after school programs, homework assistance, food, training in life skills and hobbies such as cooking, gardening, and creative arts. They also have a summer soccer program, a book room with tutoring, dance classes, ceramics, film and photography, Bible studies, pottery, and sewing lessons. In addition, YouthHope's 40-acre, Camp Summit, welcomes up to 600 youth every summer to enjoy an 8-week camp with fishing, canoeing, paddle boating, archery, zip lines, basketball, great food, and relationship building. During the pandemic YouthHope packed up what they normally would do in their centers and delivered packets to the kids at their homes. Mark related how critical Rock Island Rotary's assistance has been to YouthHope, from helping fund their first center in Rock Island, to more recently providing computers for their tech lab. YouthHope provides transportation for the kids, using vans to pick up at schools and housing projects. Dave and Mark both spoke of the importance of volunteers to mentor kids and help in all phases of their programming. He also told of a current fund drive to build additional facilities at the Summer Camp to house both staff and 20 addition kids (they had had to turn away kids in the past). With a \$500,000 goal, \$340,000 has been raised and the campaign has yet to swing into full gear! YouthHope does great things for kids! Thank you Dave and Mark for the update!

March - May Calendar

- Mar 8 - Carlene VanDyke - DCFS Foster Care Parent Recruiter
- 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"
- Mar 29 - Steve Bahls - Retiring Augustana College President
- Apr 5 - Bert Blood Scholarships
- Apr 12 - Rotary Awards Luncheon
- Apr 19 - Chris Van Spybroek
- Apr 26 - Luis Moreno
- May 3 - Katie Powers
- May 10 - Sarah Leonard - Earl Hanson Principal



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Dec-Jan	- John Wetzel
Feb-Mar	- Kai Swanson/ Dave Hodge
Apr-May	- Kathy Trone/ Jeff Rose
Jun-Jul	- Tom Hammar

Club Notes & Announcements!

- **WELCOME GUESTS** – We had one visiting Rotarian with us today, Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport Club joined us via Zoom. Kenda Burrows of the Quad City Business Journal was a guest of Holly Sparkman and hopefully a prospective member. We also had two new Jr. Rotarians from Alleman High School introduced by Bryant Beal. Skylar Thorpe and Sophia Heim will be with us for the coming month. Both young ladies had extensive credentials and accolades for their outstanding scholarship and multiple school activities. We love having guests at “The Number 1 Club”, Rock Island Rotary.
- **DON'T FORGET – KEEP THEM ENGAGED** for **MARCH** we are collecting new and gently used books. We will be providing them to kids from 5 to 12 years old, so we're looking for books for a wide age group. 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 March cause or just drop a few dollars in the collection box on the badge table and we'll do the shopping for you!
- **GREETERS NEEDED** – Please sign up at the Sergeant at Arms table. It's a great way for newer members to meet fellow Rotarians and for long time members to meet our newer members. Spots are open for many dates in March and April. All you need to do is to arrive a bit early for your meeting. Bring a smile and handshake or fist bump.
- **WINE RAFFLE TICKETS** – We still have a number of members who have not picked up their 5 wine raffle tickets. Gary Rowe has them at each Tuesday meeting. If you are not able to attend, please email Gary at gnrowe47@gmail.com or call 309-948-3403 and he will send them to you. Tickets are \$20 each and you are welcome to keep or sell them as you please. All proceeds from the raffle will go to fund our Fred Houlton “Service Above Self” scholarship which will be presented annually to a deserving graduate from Rock Island High School
- **NEWSLETTER** – Send items for our newsletter to bobdebswanson@att.net

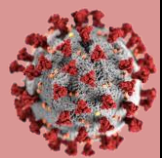


The first bottle of Coca-Cola from 1894 contained around 3.5 grams of cocaine.

Explains why our parents & grandparents could walk to & from school, uphill, both ways, in the snow, barefoot. 🤔🤔🤔

FREE COVID TESTING

Free, walk-in PCR Covid testing is now available at the Martin Luther King Center (630 9th Street) on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9am-3pm, and Thursdays from 9am-5pm. No appointment is needed, and this service is completely free. Call 877-444-4932 with any questions.



FOUNDATION RAFFLE WINNERS!

This week our prizes were a 50/50 cash drawing and a bottle of fine wine. Our first lucky ticket holder was Mark Mayeski who took the cash and quickly donated it back to the Rotary Foundation. The second ticket taking home the wine was John Olinger. Thank you to all who participated in today's raffle. Proceeds go to the Rotary Foundation.



Rock Island Rotary Literacy Committee Introduces



“Keep them Engaged”

Summer Packs for Earl Hanson School



MARCH COLLECTION ITEMS:

New and gently used books.

The Goal: Collect and assemble items in engaging Summer packs for every student at Earl Hanson Elementary School. That means we need 300 books!

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

FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to Week 4 of RI's Month of Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution.

The news this week is from Canada, where two Rotary Clubs successfully worked on a large **Global Grant from TRF**. According to *South Florida Hospital News*, the **\$333,125 (USD)** grant is a joint initiative of the **Rotary Club of Key Biscayne, Florida and the Rotary Club of Windsor Roseland, Ontario, Canada**. These critical funds will enable the hospital to expand availability of mental healthcare services for South Florida children and their families, addressing the increased demand brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, while also providing services in a safe virtual setting.

Jennifer Jones, President-Elect of Rotary International, commenting on the award, observes that, “... while the pandemic has presented extraordinary challenges for us all, it has been especially devastating for children... **This grant helps provide immediate care to those who are most vulnerable and includes generous support from Rotary clubs in Taiwan, Korea, Canada and the United States.** It truly demonstrates that the needs of children transcend borders and boundaries.”

In his own address, Matthew A. Love, President and CEO of Nicklaus Children's Health System expresses his tremendous gratitude to Rotary for “this generous support... **This remarkable civic-minded organization truly understands the impact the pandemic has had on the mental health status of the children of our community.** Thanks to this generous grant, we will be able to acquire equipment and hire additional mental health professionals to expand services to children in need.”

FINES – HAPPY/SAD DOLLARS

Dan McNeil and Holly Sparkman paid \$1 each for needing to leave early today (although I saw both of them when the meeting ended at 1pm?) Thanks for the money anyway! Gary Rowe paid up for the recent great honor being selected “King” of the 2022 Mardi Gras Charity Ball. Doug Hultquist followed suite paying for his lovely wife, Nancy, being Selected “Queen” of the Mardi Gras! Congratulations to both. Clarence Darrow threw in a generous \$10 for being present for the coronation and for his lovely granddaughter being name a Mardi Gras court “Attendant”. Holly Sparkman and Dr. Reginald Lawrence each added a Happy Dollar in recognizing the Rocky Basketball team as Regional Champions and heading into the Section for a game tomorrow night. Tom Hammer responded quickly with a dollar recognizing “his beloved Moline Maroons” for also being a Regional Champion and heading into their Section game tonight. Ruth Lee offered a long-distance dollar via Zoom as a welcome to her friend Kenda Burrows who attended today's meeting as a guest. Mary Fislar then gave us a history lesson regarding Poland announcing that today is Paczki Day in Poland. She then explained that when she and hubby Dick traveled in Poland they saw long lines of people lined up to get into various stores. They later learned that the Poles were lined up to get a chance to purchase Paczki. Which Mary described as a hugely cream filled pastry. Checking Google, we find that Paczki are Polish donuts and Paczki Day is the Polish Mardi Gras in the United States. The day is also known as “Fat Tuesday,” the last chance to indulge before the fasting days of Lent. Paczkis have no hole, just pastry and lots of marmalade or other filling. Thanks Mary for the lesson and your dollar for the privilege of telling it!

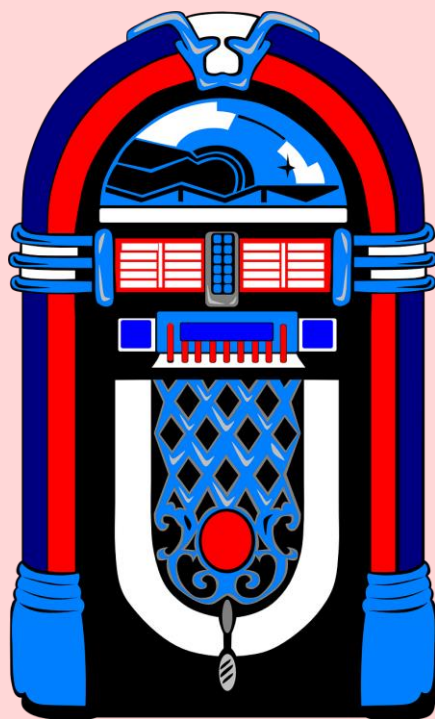
ROCK ISLAND ROTARY MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

Kathy Trone	March	15
Gary Rowe	March	17
Clarence Darrow	March	22
Jerry Jones	March	22
Avalon Thomas-Roebal	March	29
Bill Stengel	March	31



ROCK 'N ROLL BINGO – MARCH 25th

*Get Set for Fun in the Private Upstairs
Bar/Dining Room of Blue Cat Brewing Co.
6-9pm*



Playing is simple and fun. You buy a bingo card for \$10 or 3 for \$25. You'll notice that rather than numbers on the card there are song titles. The moderator then plays segments of songs from the 70s up to the present, and you mark each song you hear that is listed on your card (don't worry, the song titles aren't secret). Get five in a row up, down, or diagonally, and you've got BINGO! 5

There will be 10 rounds of Bingo and a prize for the winner of each Round. Your purchase of Bingo cards and participating in the accompanying silent auction and 50/50 drawings is the "funding" for the fundraiser. Plus, the Blue Cat is donating a portion of their food and drink sales from the event.

You have fun, hear lots of great music, and help fund Rotary projects!

2022 ROTARY AWARDS LUNCHEON

April 12th is the date of our annual Rotary Awards Luncheon. At that time, we will present awards to the top two scholars from the senior class from Alleman, Rocky, and Augustana. We will also honor two Rotarians and two community members. Rotarians for the A.T. Peara Award and the Luckenbill-Wray Award; and community members for Professional Excellence and Community Service. The Rotarian and Community Awards are selected from people you nominate. Your participation in the nomination process is critical if we are to honor truly the best in our Club and community. Please use the form attached as the final page in today's newsletter. Make as many copies as you need.

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.



MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND CONFERENCE







David Bills
District Governor
District 6420

2022

DISTRICT 6420 CONFERENCE

Join us for the 2022 District 6420 Conference at The Bend Center in East Moline, IL

29, 30 APRIL, 1 MAY, 2022

The Bend Center
910 Bend Blvd.
East Moline, IL 61244

REGISTRATION AT:
WWW.ROTARY6420.ORG

Conference registration details:

- Registration fee is \$60.00 per person. This includes meals and conference activities.
- Special Note: Ignore the "Pay Online" section. Payment will be made at the conference by cash, check, or credit card.
- Registration ends: April 15, 2022

Hotel Reservations:
HYATT Place Hotel
111 Bend Blvd.
East Moline, IL 61244
1-855-680-3239
Room Block Available Until March 28th
\$119 per night.

All current State & Local Covid-19 regulations will be in effect during the conference.

Conference agenda is available on the District website



ROTARY DISTRICT 6420 CONFERENCE

The Bend Event Center

East Moline, Illinois

April 29, 30, & May 1, 2022

Friday, April 29

Rotary District 6420 Welcome Celebration

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| 6:00 PM | Welcome Cocktails (Cash Bar) |
| 7:00 PM | Dinner |
| 7:50 PM | Announcements and Introductions |
| 8:00 PM | "Rotary's 7 th Area of Focus – Doing Our Part for the Environment" |
| | Mary Beth Growney Selene, Rotary International Board of Directors 2013-2015 and
Rotary Foundation Trustee 2016-2019 |
| 9:00 PM | Welcome Ice Cream Social |

Saturday, April 30

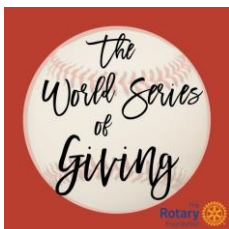
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| 9:00 AM | Welcome and Announcements |
| | "The Corps of Engineers' Influence on the Mississippi River" |
| | Mike McKean, Natural Resource Officer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers |
| 9:50 AM | Break |
| 10:00 AM | "Imagine Our Members Serving the Environment" |
| | Julie Clark, Rotary Coordinator, 2022-2024, Supporting Districts 6420, 6440, and 6450 |
| 10:50 AM | Break |
| 11:00 AM | "High Tech Farming and Sustainability" |
| | Than Hartsock, Director of Corn and Soybean Production Systems, John Deere Co. |
| 11:50 AM | Break |
| 12:00 Noon | Foundation Lunch |
| 12:45 PM | "Increasing OUR Impact Through The Rotary Foundation" |
| | Mary Beth Growney Selene, Rotary International Board of Directors 2013-2015 and
Rotary Foundation Trustee 2016-2019 |
| 1:20 PM | Announcements and Information |

District 6420 Conference Agenda

1:30 PM	Break
2:30 PM	District Outdoor Service Project – Remove invasive honeysuckle in Dorrance Park District Indoor Service Project – Food packaging for the needy Alternate Activity – Bus trip to sites of interest in the Quad Cities (TBD)
5:00 PM	Break
6:00 PM	Cocktails (Cash Bar)
7:00 PM	Dinner
8:00 PM	“The Bison Bridge” Chad Pregracke, Living Lands and Waters
9:00 PM	Cocktail Reception

Sunday, May 1

8:30 AM	Non- Denominational Prayer Service (optional)
9:00 AM	Rotary’s Campaign Against Human Trafficking Human Trafficking Survivor
9:50 AM	Break
10:00 AM	“Preparing for the Future: Lessons Learned From Our Experience With Polio and COVID” Pat Merryweather-Argos, Rotary International Director, 2022-2024
10:50 AM	Break
11:00 AM	“Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion” Dr. Monica Smith, Vice-President, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Augustana College
11:50 AM	Break
12:00 Noon	Literacy Lunch
12:30 PM	“Telling Stories to Connect with People” Gary Metivier, Local Author of Children’s Books
1:00 PM	Club Literacy Awards Andy Axup, District Literacy Chair
1:30 PM	Closing



Good morning again, Rotary baseball fans. We're now approaching the 7th inning stretch in this year's first annual World Series of Giving competition. And what a competition we have going! Who would have guessed back in July last year that we would have one of our clubs scoring not just a Home Run or maybe 2, but **4 Home Runs. . .and after only SIX innings!** Yet here we are heading into Inning #7, and that's just what we have. For many of our clubs, this 2021-22 Rotary Year is going to be their all-time best in terms of support for the Rotary Foundation!

Northeast Division – The Pecatonica club is absolutely knocking it out of the park, with 4 Home Runs plus an additional Single at the end of 6. Loves Park remains in the thick of it with 2 Home Runs plus a Double. Rockford is also close behind with a Homer plus a Triple, and Kishwaukee Sunrise club has a Homer plus a Double. Belvidere has their first Homer and are working on an additional Single. With over half the clubs in this division at the Home Run or above level, who knows where his division will be by the end of May!

Mid-Central Division – In the MC division we now have three clubs at the Homer plus a Single level, including Dixon, Rochelle, and Rock Falls. But leading the way is the Oregon club with a Homer and a Double. This is the second of our divisions with a majority of the clubs hitting at the Homer or above level, but hang onto your seats; there are 3 more clubs closing in.

South-Central Division – Ottawa Sunrise has extended its lead in the sixth inning and has now posted 2 Home Runs! Putnam County and Plano are hot on their heels with a Homer plus a Single. And coming on strong is the Peru club with a Triple as well. It may look like a 4 club race right now, but as we've seen in this division earlier, literally anything can happen at any point between now and May 31. This truly could see another break-out run by any of the clubs!

West-Central Division – We have a new leader in the WC division, with River Cities punching out 2 Home Runs plus a Single at the end of 6. Princeton is in hot pursuit with two Home Runs, and Geneseo is right behind with a Home Run plus a Double. Morrison is closing in on a Homer for themselves, so all four of these clubs are in the thick of it. But again, as we've seen in just this past inning, any of these or the other clubs may be poised for a hot streak and take the lead. Stay tuned, this division is exciting to watch!

Western Division – The Quad Cities club has maintained its lead with a Homer plus and a Double. Watch out though; Savannah and Rock Island are in the hunt with a Homer plus a Single each. And not far back is Freeport with a Homer of their own. Scoring remains fierce in this division, and with 3 innings to go; it's anybody's championship to win!

While we may celebrate a seventh inning stretch in March, our clubs look to be continuing to sharpen their fund-raising efforts. So, don't expect to see any lull – Rotary World Series of Giving competition continues to charge ahead!

THIS MONTH'S TRIVIA QUESTION IS:

6). One hot July day in 2014, Anthony Rizzo chose to challenge the entire Cincinnati Reds bench to a fight after future teammate Aroldis Chapman began buzzing 101 MPH fastballs at the heads of Cub hitters. This former Cub catcher precipitated all of the extracurriculars by celebrating a base on balls received from Chapman with an epic bat flip, a violent fist pump, and a heroic skyward point that would put Sammy Sosa or Pedro Strop to shame. Name this Cub hero. FIRST TO EMAIL jpeterston@tbkbank.com WITH THE CORRECT ANSWER WINS!

Rock Island Rotary Awards Luncheon

Tuesday, April 12, 12:00 o'clock noon. The event will be at the Quad City Botanical Center honoring outstanding members or our community, our club, and our schools. All awards other than the student awards are selected from nominations submitted by members of our club. It is critical that club members submit nominees for the various awards! **Time is short, so prepare and submit your nominations today!**

ROCK ISLAND ROTARY CLUB 2022 AWARDS COMMITTEE



Rock Island Rotary's annual Awards Luncheon is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 12th**. The Awards Committee seeks nomination for the following awards:

1. **Excellence:** Recognizes distinction or superiority in a field of endeavor. This can be for a single accomplishment or for achieving high standards of achievement or performance over a sustained period of time.
2. **Community Service:** Recognizes individuals or organizations who have worked effectively for the betterment of our community.
3. **The Luckenbill-Wray Award:** Recognizes a current Rock Island Rotarian for outstanding service and dedication to our club over the past year.
4. **A. T. Peara Award for Service Above Self:** Recognized the Rock Island Rotary member who has exhibited the dedicated service and faithful commitment to the ideals of Rotary that were personified by A.T. Peara, for whom the award is named.

The first two awards are open to any individual or organization that has demonstrated excellence or worked for the betterment of the Rock Island community. The Excellence Award applies to all lines of work and to all ages.

The Luckenbill-Wray and A.T. Peara awards are limited to current members of Rock Island Rotary. The A.T. Peara Award is a one time, life-time recognition, previous winners are not eligible for that award.

To ensure that our committee has adequate time to evaluate, consider, make the selections, and have awards prepared, the deadline for nominations is Noon, Tuesday, March 29th. Please consider making one or more nominations using the lower portion of this form. Additional copies are available if you need them, or feel free to print your own. We greatly appreciate your participation and assistance.

Submit nominations to Carrie Crossen: ccrossen@chosethecheif.com

NOMINEE NAME: _____ **Your Name:** _____

____ EXCELLENCE AWARD ____ COMMUNITY SERVICE ____ LUCKENBILL-WRAY ____ A.T. PEARA AWARD

Reasons in support of your Nomination:
