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# Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



## CHILDREN'S THERAPY CENTER QUAD CITIES



Today's guest speaker was Chris Van Speybroeck, Vice President of the Children's Therapy Center of the Quad Cities. Van Speybroeck earned his Bachelor of Arts in history from Loras College. He worked in the insurance industry from 2004 to 2012 and then accepted a teaching position at United Township High School. He left teaching in January of 2014 to accept his current position at the Children's Therapy Center. His principal duties are fund raising and heading up the development efforts of the organization. The Children's Therapy Center provides physical, occupational, speech, and feeding therapy for children, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay. The center also helps with other services: diaper drives, food basket donations for the holidays, drives for coats and hats, and partners with Metrolink to help patients get to their location. Providing services regardless of insurance or ability to pay makes reliance on fundraising critical for the continued operation of the center. In addition to his duties with the Center, Van Speybroeck is a dedicated Rotarian. He was a member of our Club from 1988 to 1992 and came back to Rotary in 2014 joining the East Moline-Silvis Club. He served as the East Moline – Silvis president in 2018-2019. He began his comments by mentioning how helpful and supportive Rotary Clubs and Rotarians in our club have been of the Children's Therapy Center and again offered his thanks for our Club's \$2,000 donation made in 2017 to help equip the "Rotary Room" at the Center's then brand-new facility at 4450 48th Ave Court in Rock Island. Van Speybroeck said the Children's Therapy Center of the Quad Cities, NFP, is an outpatient pediatric rehabilitation center that provides physical, occupational, speech and feeding therapy. While they serve all children, they are a major provider of services for children from birth to age five. The Therapy Center often see kids and their families at their worst: when they have just learned that their child has a life-altering or life-threatening condition. Rather than focusing on a child's limitations, the Center focuses on what he/she CAN do with appropriate therapy and consistent effort. Their goal is to help a child achieve his/her highest level of independence. Their 13,000 sq. ft. Rock Island clinic has plenty of room to accommodate all treatment needs. A second clinic located in Davenport allows the Center to provide a second convenient location for families. The Center deals with all types of needs including speech, physical, occupational, and feeding therapy. They work with children with Cerebral palsy, Downs syndrome, cancer, stroke, plus victims of accidents. All that is required to get services is a doctor's referral. Chris stated that what sets the Children's Therapy Center apart from other clinics and rehab centers is a policy of 1) No caps on the number of children served; 2) No insurance required; 3) No public health assistance required; 4) and no proof of ability to pay required. He said 80% of their patient families do not have the ability to pay for services. Fees received from patient families and insurance amount to only 25% of the costs of services provided. The remaining 75% comes from donations and fundraising. Chris noted that our community has been extraordinarily generous in support for the Center. He also noted that their largest fundraiser, The Chuck Long Charity Auction is quickly approaching. This year it is an eleven-day on-line auction starting April 25<sup>th</sup> and ending May 7<sup>th</sup>. Use this link to join the auction fun: <https://www.ctcqc.org/chuck-long-charity-auction>. Finally, control/click on this link to see a short 90-second video visit to the Children's Therapy Center. We weren't able so show it at our meeting today, but it's worth watching. <https://youtu.be/kbCAaqV7E8o>. Thank you Chris for a great presentation!

### April - May Calendar

- Apr 19 - Chris Van Spybroek - Children's Therapy Center Q.C.
- Apr 26 - **NO MEETING – Attend the District Conference!**
- May 3 - Dr. Katie Powers, Pediatric Physical Therapy specialist
- May 10 - Sarah Leonard – Earl Hanson Principal
- May 17 - Aaron Sutherland- IL Casualty Company
- May 24 - Dr. Julie Schroeder - Life and Family Medical
- May 31 - Megan Brown-Saldana Lead(HER)-Exec. Director



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### 2021-22

Aug-Sept	– Gary Rowe
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Apr-May	– Kathy Trone/ Jeff Rose
Jun-Jul	– Tom Hammar

# Club Notes & Announcements!

## NO MEETING NEXT WEEK – APRIL 26<sup>th</sup> – GO TO THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

- ❑ **WELCOME GUESTS** – We were pleased to welcome several guests at today's meeting. Visiting Rotarian Duncan Cameron joined us from Naples, FL and former member Trisha Barron was back from Dillon, Colorado. Two "soon to be" members also joined us. Tracy Pugh, a member of the Rock Island-Milan School Board and a Botanical Center Board member attended as did Tyla Sherwin-Cole, Executive Director of the Doris & Victor Day Foundation. Both have applied for membership. We are delighted to welcome visitors and very excited to have prospective new members in attendance.
- ❑ **DON'T FORGET – KEEP THEM ENGAGED** for April we are collecting **Sidewalk chalk/bubbles/ other simple games/summer fun – indoors or outdoors**. 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 April 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 all meeting dates in May and beyond. 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. Ruth Lee and Gary Rowe have them at each Tuesday meeting. If you are not able to attend, please email Gary at [gnrowe47@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:bobdebswanson@att.net). Committee chairs be sure to send notification of upcoming meetings.



Rock Island Rotary Literacy Committee Introduces

## "Keep them Engaged"

Summer Packs for Earl Hanson School



**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR DONATIONS**

**WE WILL BE PUTTING THE PACKS TOGETHER RIGHT AFTER OUR MAY 10<sup>th</sup> MEETING. HELP IS NEEDED STAY IF YOU CAN! MORE HELP = DONE FASTER!**

## FINES – HAPPY/SAD DOLLARS

A chorus of "Boos" welcomed 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Eric Westphall as he took the rostrum and vowed to catch up for the past few weeks of no fines. John Oliger and Tammy Weikert paid \$1 each for having to leave early today. Bob Swanson was fined for several phone interruptions during both the recent Board meeting and a previous Club meeting. Bob was fined again along with Kai Swanson, Tammy Weikert, Rebecca Arnold, and Angela Campbell for an online photo of participants in the Rock Island High School Professionals Day. Tom Hammar and Frank Lambert paid fines (as CPAs) for the passing of Tax Day, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Bud Phillis offered a happy Dollar for the Cubs 1<sup>st</sup> place start this season. He was joined by Bud Phillis, Justin Peterson, John Daly, Anne McGlynn, Bob Swanson, and Howard Beck. Then Eric hit the jackpot fining everyone not wearing a Rotary pin or not having purchased a least one wine raffle ticket. Big day for the fining coffers!

## LIKE GOOD FOOD AND WANT TO SUPPORT KIDS?



**Pork Chop Dinner & Pie Auction**  
**Tuesday, April 26, 4 - 7 pm**  
**Milan American Legion**

## FOUNDATION MINUTE

April is the month during which The Rotary Foundation focuses a large section of its funds on projects aimed at improving the overall health and sanitation of mothers and their children. In the past five years, TRF has sponsored over \$130,000,000 worth of grants favoring maternal and child health projects. Some of the achievements of TRF pertaining to this month's theme include the following:

- Provision of immunizations, birth kits, and mobile health clinics.
- Educating women how to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission, how to breast-feed, and how to protect themselves and their children from disease.
- Distribution of clean birth kits and train health workers in safe delivery of babies.
- Educating mothers how to breast-feed, promoting immunizations and regular checkups, and distributing insecticide-treated bed nets.

TRF Trustee Chair, John Germ sums up the essence of this month in a message reported in the current Rotary (April 2022):

"Rotary members from Austria, Germany, Nigeria, and Switzerland are realizing their dream to help mothers and children in Nigeria. In partnership with several organizations, they have launched a multiyear, large-scale project to reduce unwanted births and drive down rates of maternal and child mortality. This project, once a vision of a few members but now the recipient of Foundation global grants, is training doctors, nurses, and midwives throughout all 36 states of Nigeria.

Every great project begins in the minds of our members. You are the ones who see schools that adolescent girls have stopped attending because of the lack of private bathrooms. You are the ones who see families facing food shortages, children who can't read, and communities with health problems caused by mosquitoes. Not only do you see these things, because you are in Rotary, you also do something about them."

## FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Today's raffle featured a bottle of fine wine, a beautiful potted plant donated by the Wessels Law Firm, AND a 50/50 cash drawing. Lucky Howard Beck had the first winning ticket and took the cash. He then donated it to the Rotary Foundation. Guest Tricia Barron had the second winner and selected the lovely and fragrant blooming as her prize. Keeping up his "Lucky Guy" reputation, Howard Beck also had the third ticket drawn and took home a bottle of Barefoot wine. Thanks to everyone who participated. All proceeds go to the Rotary Foundation.



## JOHN PHILLIPS' 2022 BASEBALL CHALLENGE!



John took the rostrum today and bet all other Rotarians that his beloved White Sox would have a better record at the end of the regular season than any other Rotarian's favorite team. Like last year he backed up his bet with \$100 and invited any and all comers to bet on their favorite team at whatever amount they wished, \$25, \$50, \$100, or more. Losers" won't pay John, rather they will pay either our Club's Foundation or the Rotary International Foundation, leaving the option up to the Rotarian betting. NOT SO FAST Mr. White Sox your bet was immediately covered by Bill Stengel betting on the White Sox, John Olinger betting on the K.C. Royals, Doug Hultquist betting on the Yankees, Frank Lambert put his money on the Cardinals, Sue Rector bet on the Guardians and Bud Phillis, Bob Swanson, and Tom Hammar placing their money and hope on the Cubs! Other are welcome to join the fun. Email John or Bob.



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](mailto:rotaryclubrockisland@gmail.com) for more info.



## CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS VOTES TO ADD FUNDS TO THE FRED HOULTON SERVICE ABOVE SELF SCHOLARCHIP MAKING IT SELF-FUNDING IN PERPATUITY

Anticipating a \$5,000 profit from this year's Wine Raffle with proceeds pledged to the Fred Houlton Scholarship, the board was advised that with that additional contribution the Club is within \$5,000 of reaching the magic \$25,000 total at which point the interest earned on the funds is sufficient to provide the annual \$1,000 scholarship even if no additional funds are added. The Board decided not to wait and voted to use other available funds to make the final \$5,000 contribution by the end of the current fiscal year (June 30<sup>th</sup>). Additional funds can be added to increase the amount, or the number of scholarships offered, but the initial \$1,000 scholarship will be able to be permanently funded without further funds. Thank you to all members who have helped with our fundraising events.

## RENEWED EXCITEMENT FOR ROCK ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL INTERACT

After going almost three years without a sponsor and falling into a dormant status there is new hope for Interact at Rocky. After placing a solicitation in the mailbox of every teacher and staff member at the high school explaining what Interact is and seeking a sponsor, a call was received. The caller was Lawrence "Lonnie" Behnke, an English teacher at the school. Mr. Behnke said he was very interested in the position and was excited at the possibility of getting involved with Rotary again. He explained that prior to taking the position at Rocky he served as the Principal of Assumption High School. In that capacity he joined and regularly attended the Davenport Rotary Club. In fact he was the person who took Assumption students to each meeting. So, he was very familiar with Rotary, Interact, and RYLA. After a chat with Bob Swanson and some follow up emails with President Justin, he was offered the position for the 2022-2023 school year. Our Club provides a \$600 stipend for the Interact sponsor. Lonnie gladly accepted and notwithstanding that he is not officially "on board" or receiving any pay until next school year, he began asking for materials and started recruiting students. He hopes to enter the school year with a core of club members in hand and is even trying to recruit students to attend RYLA next month. He plans to attend our May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting and will be bringing two current Rocky juniors with him, hoping they will be part of the invigorated Rocky Interact Club next fall.

### NEW MEMBER PROPOSED

Tyla Sherwin-Cole is Executive Director of the Doris & Victor Day Foundation. Prior to accepting that position earlier this spring she served as executive director of Dress For Success Quad Cities for three years and also serves as a trustee for Eastern Iowa Community College.



Please direct any comments to President Justin Peterson, [jpeterson@tbkbank.com](mailto:jpeterson@tbkbank.com) or 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Pres., Cindi Gramenz. [cgramenz15@gmail.com](mailto:cgramenz15@gmail.com)

### NEW MEMBER PROPOSED

Tracy Pugh, had a career as an Illinois correctional officer and counselor. He is currently a member of the Rock Island-Milan School Board and a Quad City Botanical Center Board member and serves as the Criminal Justice Chair for the Rock Island County NAACP.



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**ROCK ISLAND ROTARY TRIVIA NIGHT**  
**SAVE THE DATE – NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**ROCK ISLAND HOLIDAY INN**



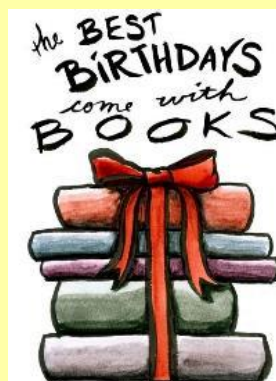


## DISTRICT GRANT PROJECT FOR 2022-23 SELECTED

President-elect Cindi Gramenz reached out to club members over the past two months seeking ideas for our District Grant project for the coming Rotary year. After reviewing a number of suggestions, Cindi selected a Mural Project proposed by YouthHope. Funds for the project will come half from our Club and half in matching funds from District 6420. The total project cost is anticipated to be \$2,700. We now begin the process of applying to the District for the grant. The project will go forward only if the District grant is approved. We believe the project meets all the requirements set by the District and anticipate approval in the near future.

## BIRTHDAY BOOKS AT EARL HANSON

Even though we are not meeting next Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> we do Birthday Books at Earl Hanson Elementary School on the fourth Thursday of each month. For April, that date is April 28<sup>th</sup>, a week from this Thursday. So, we won't have a meeting next week to remind you that help is needed. Please mark your calendar and come to Earl Hanson school at 2:20pm on the 28. Go to the library. If asked just let them know you are with Rotary and are there for the Birthday Book celebration. It will take only 45 minutes of your time and we promise you'll be amply rewarded with broad smiles and lots of happy kids. Molly will be heading things up and the books will be there ready for you to assist children in selecting a book. Then they'll ask you to autograph the book for them. We suggest "Happy Birthday from Rotary" and add your name. You'll even receive a cookie for your trouble!



THE FOLLOWING 2 PAGES ARE INTENTIONALLY PRINTED SIDWAYS SO THEY MAY BE SEEN IN THEIR FULL ORIGINAL FORM AND SIZE. FEEL FREE TO PRINT THESE PAGES TO OBTAIN A REGULAR FULL COPY OF THE 2022 BIRDIES FOR CHARITY BROCHURE

# The Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund continues the bonus promise

The Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund was established to support the continuing efforts of the John Deere Classic, a 501(C)(3) not-for-profit organization, to provide bonus dollars to participating charities. To qualify, charities must be publicly supported and recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(C)(3) organization. All charitable contributions must come from a designated donor, and must not be part of a capital campaign. The Birdies for Charity program is intended to support charitable organizations, services, operations and programs. It is not intended to be used for endowment or brick and mortar charitable purposes.

As before, the tournament will provide a bonus to all participating charities. This year, all charities will be **guaranteed a 5% bonus** on amounts up to their prior year pledge total, or \$100,000, whichever is greater. Additional bonus dollars will be based on tournament revenues. The Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund is the source of these bonus dollars. This fund is supported with dollars from tournament revenues, special events, direct donations, and a generous matching grant from the **John Deere Foundation**. These dollars will be distributed annually, and are designed not to compete with, but to enhance the benefits for the nearly 500 charities that participate in the program. **So, if you are not already participating, this is the year to hop on board.**



JUNE 27-JULY 3, 2022

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## BIRDIES FOR CHARITY

15623 Coalton Rd, East Moline, Illinois 61244  
(309) 762-4653 or 1-800-336-4655  
[www.birdiesforcharity.com](http://www.birdiesforcharity.com)



# Chip in for your charity

OFFICIAL PLEDGE CARD 2022





## ROCK ISLAND ROTARY

CHARITY SOLICITED FOR

937

BIRD NUMBER

**I pledge and promise to donate:**

☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ one-time flat donation.

Please attach payment. **Make checks payable to**

**Quad Cities Golf Classic Charitable Foundation.**

OFFICIAL PLEDGE FORM

☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**extra donation to the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund**

*Donations to the BFC Bonus Fund (1/10/14) help provide the minimum of \$1 match for all participating charities.*

### GUESS THE BIRDIES & WIN A TWO

#### YEAR LEASE ON A 2022 LEXUS RX350!

I guess that \_\_\_\_\_ birdies will be made.

Only 1 grand prize will be awarded. Void where prohibited by law.

#### BIRDIES SCORED (YEAR)

2,142 (2013)	1,982 (2016)	2,091 (2019)
2,040 (2014)	1,918 (2017)	N/A (2020)
1,990 (2015)	2,355 (2018)	1,905 (2021)

#### PLEDGE INFORMATION (Please print)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY / STATE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE OR EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

# Chip in for your chance to win

When you chip in to help area charities, you could win! But your favorite charity will be the *real* winner. That's because participating charities receive **100% of the donations** pledged to them in this program, plus a bonus from the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund which is a **guaranteed 5% match**.

#### HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

Simply make a one-time flat donation and mail with payment to the Birdies for Charity office at 15623 Coalton Rd., East Moline, IL 61244.

To enter the contest, guess the number of birdies that will actually be made by PGA Tour Pros during the tournament, Wednesday through Sunday. A grand prize will be given to one person who guesses the correct number. In case of ties, winners will be randomly selected.

#### KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS AS YOUR RECEIPT

I pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ one-time donation

I guessed \_\_\_\_\_ birdies would be made

Payment was included with pledge

☐ YES \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ NO

☐ CASH ☐ CHECK NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to  
**QUAD CITIES GOLF CLASSIC CHARITABLE FOUNDATION**



#### GRAND PRIZE: 2 YEAR LEASE ON A 2022 LEXUS RX 350



**LEXUS**  
SMART LEXUS OF QUAD CITIES

One lucky supporter of the John Deere Classic's Birdies for Charity program will win a 2 year lease on a **2022 Lexus RX350**, courtesy of Smart Lexus of the Quad Cities. Other prizes awarded by random drawing.

#### CONTEST RULES

- Only 1 grand prize awarded. Ties and other prizes determined by random drawing.
- All guesses must be on an official pledge card and received at the tournament office by **June 10, 2022**.
- Rules are available at [www.birdiesforcharity.com](http://www.birdiesforcharity.com).
- No pledge or purchase required. Need not be present to win.
- Pledges submitted after the JDC may be applied the following year.