



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

MEETING TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



BERT BLOOD SCHOLARSHIPS 2022

Bert Blood was born in 1870 on a farm near Cambridge, Illinois, graduated from Iowa's Cornell college and then the University of Chicago. Professionally, Bert was Superintendent of Schools in Tiskilwa and Park Ridge, Illinois for 17 years, and served as President of the Cook County Teachers Association and as Secretary of the Educational Council of Cook County. In 1917, he opened the A.M. Blood Co., a school supply business in Rock Island. He became a Rock Island Rotary Club member in 1920 and served as our club's honorary president during 1969-70. Bert chaired the agricultural committee of the Rock Island Chamber of Commerce and Retail Bureau. Although an urban businessman, Bert never lost touch with his rural roots. He organized our club's annual Rural/Urban program up to his death, at age 101 in 1972. Bert not only challenging 4-H students to academic excellence, but also worked to ensure that Rock Island Rotary kept in touch with our dependence on rural production and supply. To honor his 101 years of life and preserve his rural legacy, our Club established a \$101 memorial scholarship in 1973. This scholarship was awarded annually to a college bound high school student who, in the eyes of our club's judges, presented the best 4-H project. As tuition costs increased and with the help of Rock Island County's 4-H Foundation, the program was expanded, and funding gradually increased. We now award five scholarships. Three to high school seniors and two to college students that have been 4-H members. Today the three high school finalists presented their projects to our club.



Bert Blood

April - May Calendar

- Apr 12 - Rotary Awards Luncheon
- Apr 19 - Chris Van Spybroek - Children's Therapy Center Q.C.
- Apr 26 - Luis Moreno - CEO, Arrow-head Youth & Family Services
- 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

Evan Dekeyrel of the Rockridge 4-H received our \$1,500 scholarship. He plans to attend Black Hawk East Community College next fall and will major in Agricultural Production. Evan's presentation covered numerous activities he has learned through his 10 years in 4-H. He said his initial interest in 4-H was showing cattle, however after joining he became interested in woodworking and showed photos of beautiful projects he has completed including a trophy display shelf, a coffee table with a "puzzle-like" top, and an end table. He then told of his principal love, raising and showing cattle. He explained that from assisting in the birth of calves and providing care as they grow, he then selects a calf from the family herd for training and showing. From then on he cares for the calf as it grows into a steer and learns to be harness led and pose for judging. Ultimately he shows his selected calf at various competitions, including the local country fair. Evan then told of his venture into "Master Showmanship" competition that required showing a steer, a pig, and a sheep with just 20 minutes of preparation and training. This was a new effort for Evan and although he didn't win, he said it was a fun experience. Finally, he told of his third project which was to present an illustrated program to his 4-H club on calf raising from birth up to showing in competition. He valued that effort for giving him experience in public speaking, program organization, and poise. Evan was accompanied by his parents.

Dylan Craver also from the Rockridge 4-H received our \$1,250 scholarship. Dylan plans to attend Black Hawk East Community College with an Agricultural Business major. He has been in 4-H for 12 years and is currently president of the Rockridge club. Dylan's project is raising and showing sheep. He noted that the project has taught him the value of hard work, preparation, and resilience. Dylan told of preparing for the birth of a lamb, raising, and caring for the lamb, including periodically shearing its wool, which he said helps the lamb grow faster by removing the heat



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Club Notes & Announcements!

- ❑ **WELCOME GUESTS** – We were pleased to welcome many guests today. Steven Nowinski, a prospective member, was a guest of Bob Swanson. Latisha Howlett, also a prospective member was a guest of Kai Swanson. Alleman Jr. Rotarians Colleen Kenney and Savanna Harron had their first week with us today. Martha Dismar, wife of Jeff Dismar joined us via ZOOM. Pete Murray and daughter Amanda were guest of Jeff Dismar and our club. Jill Craver, Joyce Bohnsack, John Flaherty, Jodi Dekeyrel, Heather Larkins, and Becky Buckrop all joined us for the Bert Blood Scholarship program. We're confident several others were also in attendance but didn't get guest cards from them. We love to have guests at the "Number 1 Club" and apologize for not getting names from all. We hope you enjoyed our meeting!
- ❑ **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. 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



Rock Island Rotary Literacy Committee Introduces

"Keep them Engaged"

Summer Packs for Earl Hanson School

APRIL COLLECTION ITEMS:

**Sidewalk chalk/bubbles/ other simple games/
summer fun – indoors or outdoors**

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



FINES – HAPPY/SAD DOLLARS

TO SAVE TIME THERE WERE NO FINES OR HAPPY/SAD DOLLARS TODAY AND PROBABLY WON'T BE ANY NEXT WEEK. BRING YOUR CHECKBOOKS ON APRIL 19, 'CAUSE ERIC PLANS TO CATCH UP!

Scholarships – Continued by his

caused by the thick wool. Preparation for showing included grooming the sheep and halter training it for presentation in competition. He said he learned resilience from dealing with the many adversities and unexpected events than occur in the process of raising and showing his sheep. He augmented his presentation with a PowerPoint collection of photos illustrating his sheep and some of the activities involved in raising and showing them. Dylan was accompanied by his family.

Zoe Larkins is a member of the Rural True Blues 4-H Club in Orion. She received our \$1,000 scholarship. Zoe began her presentation by reciting the 4-H pledge: "I pledge my head to clearer thinking, My heart to greater loyalty, My hands to larger service, and my health to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world." She then described the experiences she has had through 4-H that allowed her to implement the words of the pledge. In 6th grade she was given a rabbit and learned to care for, groom, and show it. She also took advantage of classes offered in cake decorating and became a very talented decorator which was illustrated in her slide presentation. She displayed her loyalty to 4-H and the principles of the "pledge" by listing numerous service activities she has participated in, including: the food drive, by making gift items for elderly and young children, and serving as a volunteer at the fire department picnic. Turning to health, Zoe told of a research project she prepared on health which included numerous charts and photos used as part of her presentation. She said she has considered numerous career options, but her research on health has led her to hope for a career as an OBGYN sonographer. She plans to attend Black Hawk College to earn an Associate degree in science. She was accompanied by her mother.

All of our students were impressive and very deserving of the scholarships they were awarded.



L to R: Rotary Bert Blood Scholarship Chairman John Wetzel, Rotary President Justin Peterson, Dylan Craver, Evan DeKeyrel, Zoe Larkins, McCala Crawford 4-H Program Coordinator, and John Flaherty, Foundation President Rock Island County 4-H Educational Foundation.

Also receiving scholarships but unable to attend as both are currently attending college, were Bryn Callahan, a sophomore at Eureka College and Ryan Parchert, a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. Both were active in 4-H during their younger years in Rock Island County. Each of them was awarded a \$500 scholarship. Bryn is majoring in Political Science with a pre-law emphasis. Ryan is majoring in Agricultural Business and plans to return to the family farm after graduation. Congratulations to Bryn and Ryan!



FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Today's raffle featured a 50/50 cash drawing and a bottle of fine red wine. Guest Amanda Murray pulled the first lucky ticket, and the winner was a guest of the club and prospective member, Latisha Howlett. She took the cash and immediately dropped it in the hat as a donation for Amanda's Ukraine relief project. (Latisha will be a great Rotarian!). She then was asked to draw the next winning ticket and it was held by Rotarian Jim Moran. Jim took home the wine (for the second week in a row!) Thanks to all who participated. Proceeds from the raffle go to support our Foundation account which is used to assist club members in achieving their Paul Harris Fellow status and also to support numerous Rotary Foundation projects.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY – APRIL ROTARIANS

Mark Zimmerman **April 17**

Rick Devinney **April 18**

Kristia LeShoure **April 23**

Rick Emery **April 26**

(We will officially celebrate on the 19th)



FOUNDATION MINUTE

Rotary International's Month of Water & Sanitation

This past week, Rotary Clubs around the world have been organizing fundraising events in their efforts to help alleviate suffering in countries experiencing wars and the resulting internal displacements of victims including babies, women, and men, especially in Ukraine and other places around the world. While the tragedy in Ukraine drags on, water and sanitation continue to occupy the attention of TRF, especially as we observe World Water Day on Tuesday. In keeping with this month's theme of WASH, The Chair of TRF Trustees, John Germ calls on Rotarians to double up efforts in providing clean water to regions of the world ravaged by diseases caused by poor and unhygienic sanitation. Addressing Rotarians in the current issue of The Rotarian, Germ reminds Rotarians that, "The theme of World Water Day, 22 March, is Groundwater: Making the Invisible Visible. This is an opportune time for clubs to learn more about WASH issues and take action collectively to create and sustain momentum for expanding access to universal WASH services. Rotary members can bring attention to the WASH challenges that impact us locally by sharing the stories, experiences, and WASH needs of those we serve globally. We can be proud of the work that Rotary clubs and our Foundation continue to do to provide communities with clean water and working sanitation and hygiene systems. But let's not stop there. This month let's look out for our neighbors around the world whose wells are running dry or who lack toilets or soap. Rotary has the resources, partnerships, and passion to improve WASH services for millions in need worldwide. And most important, we have the people who can make it work — you and me.

LIKE GOOD FOOD AND WANT TO SUPPORT KIDS?

Come out and support
Rock Island County
4-H & Extension
programs!



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



Amanda makes her plea

STEPPING UP FOR AMANDA AND UKRAINE



Amanda Murray from Alleman was our outgoing Rotary exchange student in 2018-19 just prior to the pandemic. Her destination was Krakow, Poland where she met her host families and had a wonderful experience and became acquainted with the people and culture of Eastern Europe. Today that area is in the midst of a horrific war with refugees from neighboring Ukraine pouring into Poland by the millions. Recently Amanda learned that both of her host families in Poland are now hosting refugee families from Ukraine. Refugees that were fortunate enough to escape the Russian onslaught took virtually none of their possessions, clothing, or savings. Amanda wanted to help

and established a relief effort to help support her former host families as they try to provide shelter, clothing, food, and housing for Ukrainians. Her family and friends pitched in, and she raised over \$800 which was forwarded to one of her former host mothers and was used to purchase medical supplies, baby food, formula, and diapers, and clothing for the refugees. In Poland her host families are working with local churches to determine the best use of the funds based on the needs they are encountering.

Amanda joined us today and asked for help. She gave a short presentation on her efforts and showed slides of the items already purchased through her efforts. She emphasized that U.S. dollars have a very favorable exchange rate in Polish money and that just a dollar was a lot in Poland. We “passed the hat” and by the end of the meeting Amanda left with **\$1,372 in Rotary donations**. We’re proud of Amanda. She truly is an example of Service Above Self! We can all also be very proud of our club for an incredible on the spot showing of care and support! **“One Profits Most Who Serves Best”**.



President Peterson Presents \$1,372 to Amanda donated by Rock Island Rotarians

Jenny Garner Teaches Us About Land Grants

Jenny Garner is the Rock Island County Director of the University of Illinois Extension Service. She is one of the instrumental people in helping us continue our Bert Blood Scholarships, now in our 50th year. Today, rather than talking about 4-H or Extension programs and projects in our county, Jenny decided to tell us about the Land Grant program. On July 2, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed into law a bill that donated land to each state for the establishment of colleges to provide a liberal and practical education to the “industrial class,” or the common person. Known as the Morrill Act of 1862, Lincoln wanted to ensure that higher education would be available to all, and not just to the privileged. Sponsored by U.S. Congressman Justin Smith Morrill of Vermont, the bill allotted 30,000 acres of public land for each sitting senator and representative in Congress to establish colleges. These colleges would provide instruction in agriculture, military tactics, the mechanic arts, and classical studies. The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign is a public land-grant university founded in 1867. The University of Illinois Extension Service is the flagship outreach effort of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, offering educational programs to residents in all of Illinois' 102 counties. The Extension provides 4-H programs in every county in Illinois, affecting the lives of 200,000 youth each year through sustained learning clubs, groups, and short-term programming. 4-H empowers and prepares Illinois youth for success. The Rock Island County Extension Service partners with Rock Island Rotary in funding the scholarships presented at today’s luncheon. Few of us knew that all of this had its roots in a martyred President from Illinois who never had the benefit of formal education.

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:

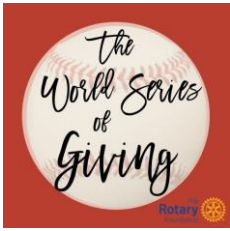
Only 300 tickets will be sold!

\$20 per ticket

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**WE HAVE THE
LEAD!!
CAN WE HOLD IT?**



Rotary baseball fans, and welcome back to yet another exciting recap for inning #7 in our first annual World Series of Giving. We may have just completed our Seventh Inning Stretch, but our club teams surely took the opportunity to bring out their big bats. And what a hitting demonstration it was that we just witnessed! One of our clubs in closing in on its sixth Home Run for the year. Will they break into double-digits during the last two months; stay tuned. More and more clubs have committed to making this 2021-22 Rotary Year their all-time best for Rotary Foundation support!

Northeast Division – The Pecatonica club remains on an absolute tear, with 5 Home Runs plus an additional Triple at the end of 7. Loves Park follows with 2 Home Runs plus a Double, closely followed by Rockford with 2 Homers plus a Single. The Kishwaukee Sunrise club has scored another run to bring its total to 2 Homers. With just 2 innings to go, don't look for the action in this division to cool off any time soon!

Mid-Central Division – In the MC division, the Rochelle club has taken in the lead with a Home Run and a Triple. Hot on their heels is the Oregon club with a Homer plus a Double, followed by the Dixon and Rock Falls clubs with a Homer plus a Single each. In the thick of it is the Twin Cities club with a Homer. But watch out, Byron, Sterling, and Walnut are all within striking distance of each scoring a Homer, so the action in this division could really get hot in a hurry over the next 2 innings.

South-Central Division – In the SC Division, Ottawa Sunrise has maintained its lead in the seventh inning with 2 Home Runs. Right behind is Putnam County with a Homer plus a Single. And well within striking distance are Illinois Valley, LaSalle, and Plano with a Homer each. With half the clubs in this division now at the Home Run level, anything could happen in the final innings. And as we've seen before, watch out for any of the clubs to have a break-out run!

West-Central Division – The River Cities club has extended its lead in the WC Division having now scored 2 Home Runs plus a Double at the end of 7. Princeton is hot on their tail with two Homers, and Geneseo is right behind with a Home Run plus a Triple. Morrison is within inches of Homer for themselves, so all four of these clubs remain in the thick of it. Stay tuned, it's anybody's championship to win!

Western Division – At the end of seven, in the Western Division we now have a new leader with the Rock Island club scoring a Home Run plus a Triple. Ever so close is the Quad Cities club with a Homer plus and a Double. But don't count out Freeport or Savannah, because both are now at the Homer plus a Single level of giving. We've seen enough lead changes in this division to know that no one's out of contention until the final out on May 31, so stay tuned!

Going into our final two innings of this year's World Series of Giving, we can celebrate not only the strong competition to date among our clubs but their members' outstanding generosity in supporting the goals and objectives of the Rotary Foundation. This is demonstrated by our district per-capita giving having increased by over 44% compared to the year-to-date giving last year. Congratulations to all who have stepped up to the plate so far! We're looking forward to watching our clubs duke it out for the final stretch to victory on May 31!

This month's Trivia Question is:

Drafted by the White Sox, pitched in the World Series for the Brewers, but his greatest fame came while wearing a Yankee uniform and dispensing lines like "they haven't released you yet?" and "how's your wife, and my kids?" Who is this supervillain from the 80's?

First correct answer emailed to Justin at JPeterson@tbkbank.com wins Paul Harris credits!

HAVE WE GOT A FANTASTIC SERVICE JOB FOR YOU!

On April 14th Earl Hanson Elementary School is having a **Donut Day** and they are looking for 6 Rotary volunteers to help **handout Donuts** from 7:15 -8:15am. You will be allowed to discretely lick icing from your fingers and undoubtedly will have a chance to sample what you are handing out! WHAT A DEAL! Sign up with Sue Rector, srector3614@gmail.com. The first six to respond get the job!!!



SENIOR TEE SHIRT HUMOR SHARED BY BUD PHILLIS



BUD ALSO SENT SOME "GAS" HUMOR (True but not so funny!)

