



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



M.L. KING CENTER LATOYA TRICE & REBECCA ARNOLD

Guest speakers for today's meeting were LaToya Trice and our own Rebecca Arnold representing the M.L. King Center in Rock Island. Both ladies exuded enthusiasm and knowledge! Rebecca started things off with a general rundown of the King Center's many facets. Opening in 1975 the Center survived on funding from government sources for many years. In 2018 Rebecca was hired as the Center's first Resource Development Manager. Since then funding has shifted from strictly government support to support from numerous grants and private partnerships. The King Center is a department of the City of Rock Island, but is also its own 501(c)(3) charitable entity. Annually the center operates on about a \$2 million budget of which the City provides about 10% and has ownership of the building and grounds. Rebecca pointed out that the King Center is truly a "community center" with offices, banquet rooms, and meeting rooms available for rent and use by community members and organizations. The Center is also a Social Services Agency providing services in area schools and throughout the community. Services include a Family Advisory Team providing services to families in crisis throughout Rock Island County. They also have numerous volunteer led clubs such as the Active Club for senior citizens, the Metro Youth Organization for children and young adults, and they even have a Boxing Club known as the Rock Island Boxing Club. The center provides family counseling, crisis interventions, and helps link people with services. A large part of the Center's activities are services for youth. LaToya stepped in at this point in the program. She is a native of Davenport. Graduating first in her class at Davenport North, and also 2nd in her class at St. Ambrose and in Medical School. She was a practicing surgeon until a series of strokes caused her to leave the medical profession. She then got into Children's Services and ultimately landed at the King Center as Youth Services Manager. She began her comments telling us that she has always loved to sing. Among her favorite songs was a song saying that our youth are the future. She said she disagrees with that sentiment and prefers saying that the youth are "Here". By that she means they are present, available, and accountable. She sees her task as showing them, and providing the tools for them to develop and grow into being the best they can be. She believes in teaching them never to be satisfied and to strive to move on and upward. She stresses to the youth to get their education, to set goals, and on occasion has to "push them out of the nest" to make them strive beyond their comfort zone. Much of the work is done through the King Center's Summer Camp programs which are going on now. Many of the current counselors and teachers in the camp grew up in the camp as kids and come back to help others. The loyalty even has resulted in volunteers working without pay because they are dedicated and believe in the program. In addition to their own services LaToya stated that the Center partners with Every Child (formerly the Child Abuse Council); 'Sping Forward; Rise Up a non-profit workforce/career development program that recognizes the specific needs of court-involved youth; YWCA Childcare; Girl Scouts, Youth Hope, and Steam on Wheels a volunteer-based non-profit where Science, Tech, Engineering, and Math meet with Art to form a unique experience that enriches children. LaToya was also excited to announce that the King Center will soon have its own Stem Lab to provide in-house experiences for the King Center's kids. From teen pregnancy and substance abuse counseling to GED training and testing, the King Center is truly a wonderful Community asset. Thanks Ladies!

July - August Calendar

- July 19 - Michelle R Juehring**
Race Director Quad-City Times Bix 7
- July 26 - District Governor.**
Laura Kann
Official Club visit.
As a former president said, "Dress Nice"
- Aug 2 - Luekinna Hodges**
"Luekinna's House of Love"
- Aug 9 - Kelly Kreiter Penning**
"New Kingdom Trailriders"
- Aug 16 - Marcella O'Brien -**
Children's Advocacy Center
- Aug 23 - Jared Johnson -**
WVIK Radio
- Aug 30 - Sam McCollum CEO**
of Steam on Wheels



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2022-23

July	- Tom Hammar
Aug-Sept	- Tyla Sherwin-Cole
Oct - Nov	- Open
Dec-Jan	- John Wetzel
Feb-Mar	- David Hodge
Apr-May	- Gary Rowe
Jun-Jul	- Tom Hammar

Club Notes & Announcements!

- ❑ **WELCOME GUESTS** – Today we welcomed visiting Rotarians Duncan Cameron from Naples, FL. AND Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport, Iowa Club. Those were our only guests today, so hopefully Club members will reach out and invite a friend or colleague to join us next week. We love to have visitors and guests and welcome all to Rock Island Rotary, the Number 1 Club!
- ❑ **2022 ROTARY NIGHT AT THE BALL PARK** will be Friday, August 12th. We have private seats in the Pepsi Luge Boxes, QC Airport Tumblers will be given away when you enter. See the River Bandits game vs. Cedar Rapids and a great fireworks display immediately after the game. Tickets are \$25 per person which includes a \$20 Bandits Card good for concessions, merchandise, or amusement rides! Do you think Cindi can get her curve ball over for a strike when she throws out the first pitch? See John Oliger to get your tickets. Make checks to: Rock Island Rotary.
- ❑ **NEW CLUB DIRECTORIES** – Were distributed at our last two meetings. If you did not get one, be sure to stop at the Sergeant's Table next week.
- ❑ **SIGN UP TO HELP AT THE HARVEST FESTIVAL** - Rock Island Rotarians will be selling walking tacos and grilled sweetcorn at the Milan Harvest Festival September 1st – 5th. Please check the article on page 7 of this newsletter for details and the available time shifts for helping. Shifts are just 3, 3½, or 4 hours. We are counting on every member to pitch in!
- ❑ **LABOR DAY PARADE** – On September 5th Rock Island Rotary will have a float and cars in the Rock Island Labor Day Parade. We invite all members to don your Rotary shirt and join our group. You can walk or ride a bicycle along with our Club float and cars driving our officers and award winners. Mark your calendar.
- ❑ **GOT YOUR ROTARY NIGHT AT THE BALL PARK TICKETS!** – Time is running out. See John Oliger to get your tickets today!
- ❑ **NEWSLETTER** – Send items for our newsletter to bobdebswanson@att.net. Committee chairs be sure to send notification of upcoming meetings



ROTARY NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

FRIDAY – AUGUST 12th

Tumbler Giveaway – After Game Fireworks!

Bring The Family, Invite Your Friends! Get Tickets from John Oliger



Tickets are \$25 which gets you a reserved box seat in the Pepsi Luge Section AND a \$20 gift card you can use for food, beverages, carnival rides, or team shop gear. Only 15 tickets left! Join the Fun!

JULY ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Our Members Celebrating in July!



Ernest Beane	July	3
Holly Sparkman	July	7
Kevin Koski	July	12
Frank Lambert	July	15
Doug Hultquist	July	28



GREET OUR NEWEST MEMBER

New president Cindi Gramenz started the year off right with the induction of Lonnie Behnke as our newest member of Rock Island Rotary. Lonnie is no stranger to Rotary having previously been a member of the Davenport Club. He is a Dean at Rock Island High School and is serving as the Rocky Interact Club Sponsor. He was responsible for recruiting the five students who represented our Club at RYLA in May. Lonnie and his wife Leah reside in Long Grove, Iowa they have a daughter and two sons. Please welcome Lonnie to the "Number 1 Club!"



ROTARY ETIQUETTE REFRESHER

Our new District Governor will be visiting Rock Island Rotary on July 26th. Although Rotary is a relatively "laid back" organization, there are just a few traditions that have been established over the years. A few have to do with visits from District Governors and Rotary International officials. First it is an occasion to dress up a bit. Coats and ties are not required, but "business casual" rather than just casual is recommended. Second, when the Governor is introduced to take the rostrum and when her comments are completed, we stand. Just a simple sign of respect and appreciation for the time and talents the Governor is devoting to our organization. We will have an opportunity to show off our knowledge of Rotary Etiquette in two weeks when District Governor Laura Kann makes her official visit to our Club.

FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to Week 2 of Rotary International's Month of Transition.

When the new Rotary Year began on July 1 of this year, new presidents encouraged members to actively participate in committees and projects. Several clubs are continuing with ongoing projects, while others are picking up new ones. One such club, the Rotary Club of St Vincent South (D7030), plans to ensure the successful delivery of the **Breast Cancer Awareness Global Grant**. According to an online report, the project will improve access to breast cancer screening services and breast health awareness to women and girls in rural communities of St. Vincent and the Grenadines through the procurement of mobile ultrasound machines. The new president, Engineer Daniel Campbell also intends to prioritize the implementation of projects to tackle the critical issue of Prostate Cancer which accounts for 18%-47% of cancer deaths in St. Vincent Grenadiers (SVG). **Submitted by the Rotary Club of St. Vincent and the Rotary Club of Taipei** Prosperity, the grant has been approved by The Rotary Foundation in the amount of US\$180,180. "It's great to Imagine, and it is even better to do! Rotarians are people of action and will be committed to both imagining new possibilities and working together to improve our communities," Campbell said.

Quick Facts on SVG

- Volcanic Island in the Caribbean; between St. Lucia and Grenada
- Pop:100,000
- Former British colony
- Ethnic Groups: Black 66%; Indian 6%; Garifuna 2%; Mixed Race 19%; White 4%



YOU ARE INVITED – THURSDAY JULY 21st CPR [Constantly Promoting Rotary] AT THE ROCK ISLAND ALE HOUSE



(Formerly Bennigans at the Rock Island Holiday Inn)

Our first monthly CPR Meetings will be Thursday, July 21st at . We plan to have **CPR meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 5:30pm** and will continue monthly at least through December. Topics and locations will be determined as we go. This month come brainstorm ideas about Rotary Club Fundraising. *How do we include community members who aren't in our club? *Can we combine our many events into a single committee to improve our focus? What other ideas do YOU have?

Bring a spouse or friend! It's Rotary, it's Social, It's Fun! Suggestions of topics are welcome and can be emailed to Cindi Gramenz cgramenz15@gmail.com or Anne McGlynn amfm1924@gmail.com.



ROCK ISLAND ROTARY TRIVIA NIGHT



**NOVEMBER 11th
ROCK ISLAND HOLIDAY INN**

What can be better than Trivia Quizzes, Good Food, your Favorite adult beverages, a huge Silent Auction, and Friends! A highlight of the evening is always our huge Silent Auction.

Sue Rector is starting a stash of items to put together silent auction packages for Trivia night. She says her closet has plenty of room to store items people would like to donate. We can take anything folks would want to send our way. Gift cards you aren't going to use, tickets you have access to and would donate, booze is a top seller! Last year folks gave us great and interesting items that they just had never used and they wanted them out of their house. Sue has plenty of space to store those things and has great fun putting it all together in fun packages. She is looking forward to seeing what folks have tucked away!

Sue will bring baskets as we get to fall – She has lots of baskets if someone wants to do their own!



Try Your Hand at 5 Card Draw

2nd VP Sue Rector dealt the first cards for our 5 Card Draw game of chance at today's meeting.. ""Dealer" Sue brought a triple deck of cards. Rotarians were given the chance to purchase a card for \$1. Over the next six weeks players can purchase additional cards to accumulate their hand. At the end of that time the Rotarian holding the best poker hand can pick from a variety of prizes. All proceeds from the game will go toward the fines pool of funds Get your hand started next week!

FINES – HAPPY/SAD DOLLARS

President Cindi started off the fines with a dollar for again forgetting to bring 1st VP Eric his 1st VP pine. Then 2nd VP Sue took over and began pulling in the money. Tyla Sherwin-Cole, Anne McGlynn, and Eric were each fined for needing to leave early today. Trista Foster had two happy dollars one for her Backwater Gamblers team winning the Central Region Water Ski Championship and another for flawlessly performing for the first time a new and difficult trick in the competition. Mark Zimmerman had a happy daughter in honor of his daughter who was just installed as the President of the Davenport Rotary Club. Yolanda Grandberry-Pugh had a happy and a sad dollar. The Happy dollar was for her new position in administration as the Student Assistance Manager at the Rock Island Math & Science Academy and the sad dollar was for leaving Rock Island High School after teaching there for the past 16 years. Erin Williams donated a happy dollar in celebration of her 1-year anniversary as Director of Annual Giving at Augustana College. Sue Rector added a dollar in celebration of what a fine job Erin has done. Past President Justin Peterson had a sad dollar for his freshly casted broken wrist. He said don't text and descend stairs at the same time! Kevin Koski has a happy dollar in celebration of Julius Caesar's birthday today, a birthday Kevin and Julius share! Thanks to everyone who shared their good and not so good notable events with us today. Proceeds go to our Rotary Foundation account.

STILL TIME TO JOIN JOHN PHILLIPS' BASEBALL CHALLENGE

John will make a \$100 donation to our Club Foundation if the **White Sox** do not have a better record at the end of the regular season than any other Rotarian's favorite team! But only if other Rotarians are willing to bet \$25, \$50, \$100, or more on that their favorite team will have the better record. Rotarians that bet and lose will have their choice of making a donation to our Club's Foundation or to the Rotary International Foundation.

SO FAR - Seventeen members have taken up John's Challenge!

Steve Morenz, Kathy Trone and Bill Stengel joined John - **White Sox**

John Oliger - **Royals** Duncan Cameron – **Brewers** Tracy Pugh – **Braves**

Sue Rector – **Guardians** Ruth Lee and Howard Beck – **Twins**

Doug Hultquist and Pete Wessels – **Yankees**

Frank Lambert – **Cardinals** Bud Phillis, Bob Swanson, John Wetzel, Tom Hammar and Gary Rowe - **Cubs**

John Wetzel also bet on the **Red Sox**.

To join the fun. Email John or Bob, Phillipsjohn99@gmail.com or bobdebswanson@att.net



"I'm Calling on YOU to Join us!"

FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Today's raffle featured a bottle of fine wine and a 50/50 cash drawing. John Wetzel had the first lucky ticket. He took the cash and promptly donated it back to the Rotary Foundation. The second winning ticket was held by Jeff Dismer who took the wine. Raffle emcee Bud Phillis was so excited for Jeff that he dropped the glass fishbowl of tickets. Looks like we'll have a new bowl next week! Thanks to all who participated in today's raffle. Raffle proceeds go to the Rotary International Foundation.



Number 1 Club Again!

In April District 6420 launched the new PolioPlus Society to support Rotary's promise and recently announced endgame strategy to achieve and sustain a polio-free world by 2026. Rotarians across the District were invited to become Charter Members. PolioPlus Society members pledge to donate \$100 every Rotary Year to the Rotary Foundation PolioPlus Fund until the world is certified polio-free. Charter Members will receive a specially designed limited edition Recognition Pin. To become a Charter Member pledges and a \$100 donation to the PolioPlus Fund had to be made by June 30, 2022. We were not surprised to hear that Rock Island Rotary led the entire district with 25 PolioPlus Society Charter Members. That is over 35% of our active membership! Way to go, **Number 1!**

ROTARY DISTRICT 6420 WANTS YOUR FAVORITE RECIPES!

RIVER CITIES ROTARY is compiling a Rotary District 6420 Recipe Book. They need recipes from every club in our district so that it is truly a District 6420 cookbook. And, in order to have the finished product available at our District Conference in November, we must have all recipes in hand by the end of July.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE each club send up to 8 recipes that we can include. All proceeds from the cookbook sales will be divided between Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus. River Cities is spearheading this and doing the leg work, but it is truly a district project.

Below is a recipe submission format for your convenience. Recipes can be emailed to me River Cities President, Toni Lucas <mailto:at%20tonisrotary@gmail.com> at tonisrotary@gmail.com or sent to her at 119 Riverview Drive, Albany, IL 61230.

RIVER CITIES ROTARY RECIPE COLLECTION SHEET

Category _____

Recipe Title _____

Submitted by _____

Club _____

INGREDIENTS: Use abbreviations pt. qt. pkg. env. c. tsp. tbsp. oz. lb. doz. sm. med. lg.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

DIRECTIONS: _____

A Tasty Celebration!

During his visit with us last week, District Governor David Bills surprised Sue Rector by presenting her with the 2022 Rotarian of the Year Award. Sue was caught totally off guard and was speechless and humbled by the award. Today she shared her happiness with the Club by providing a selection of delicious cookies as our dessert for lunch. Thanks Sue and Congratulations again!

KOSKI ANNOUNCES CLUB BIRDIES PREDICTION WINNER

Each year as part of our Birdies for Charity fundraiser, our Club offers a \$50 prize to the Rotarian who comes the closest in their prediction of the number of birdies the pros will earn during the TPC John Deere Classic Tournament. This year the actual number of birdies was 2,041. Our winner was Dr. Tricia Barron who guessed 250 birdies missing the exact total by just nine! Congratulations Tricia! There might be a job for you at the Milan Harvest Festival guessing people's weight and age!



MILAN HARVEST FESTIVAL RETURNS!

September 1-5 Camden Park

Rock Island Rotary will have a food tent at the Festival!

We believe this can be a major fundraiser for our Club and perhaps more importantly, the first Club-wide “hands on” project in many years. The comradery and friendships that may develop from working side by side makes this much more than a money raising venture. We need your help to be successful. We ask members to staff our tent in 3-hour, 3½-hour and a few 4-hour shifts. We believe you will find

working with fellow members is fun and a great way to get to know others better. We invite members to sign up and include your spouse or family members who want to help! Interact member will help too! Here is our tentative shift schedule.

Sept. 1st Thursday	4:30pm – 7:30pm (3 hours)	7:30pm – 11pm (3½ hours)
Sept. 2nd Friday	4:30pm – 7:30pm (3 hours)	7:30pm – 11pm (3½ hours)
Sept. 3rd Saturday	Noon – 3:30pm (3½ hours) 7:00pm – 11pm (4 hours)	3:30pm – 7pm (3½ hours)
Sept. 4th Sunday	Noon – 3:30pm (3½ hours) 7:00pm – 11pm (4 hours)	3:30pm – 7pm (3½ hours)
Sept. 5th Monday	Noon – 4:00pm (4 hours)	

We would like to have four or five people per shift. If you can take more than one shift, feel free to do so. We will have a signup sheet at next week’s meeting, or you can reply email and we will get you on the schedule!

What will we be serving? Walking Tacos and Sweetcorn off the grill! Plus, soft drinks and water and perhaps dessert treats too!

WE ALSO NEED TO BORROW SOME EQUIPMENT – SEE BELOW!

THINGS WE NEED FOR OUR HARVEST FESTIVAL FOOD TENT

If you have something listed, we’d love to borrow it for September 1st-5th! Otherwise, we will be paying a fee or needing to rent it!

- Portable Generator capable of running a freezer We will supply the gas!
- Large coolers – We will supply the ice!
- Small Cash Register
- Large Capacity Gas Grill – We will supply the propane!
- Grilling utensils {tongs for turning corn on the grill) & hot mitts

These things we have already secured from Club Members:

- 20’x20’ Tent
- Roaster Pans
- Chest freezer
- Lockable Trailer for storing supplies and overnight security
- Folding 6’ and 8’ Tables