



# Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



## Michelle Juehring Race Director

Today's guest speaker for Rock Island Rotary was Michelle Juehring, Race Director of the Quad City Times Bix 7. Juehring became race director in 2020 in the midst of a global pandemic that disrupted races everywhere. The race, which typically draws thousands to the Quad-Cities for race day, had to be run virtually in 2020 because of COVID-19 concerns. Her challenge was to make a world-class road race relevant in the middle of a pandemic. Amazingly, she pulled it off! In 2021 with Covid still lurking in the background Juehring brought the Bix 7 back to a live, yet carefully regulated with health protocols, race. More than 9,750 people registered for Bix races in 2021, according to race officials. It was such a success that Juehring was recognized as an Emerging Industry Leader in the Marathon/Endurance category at the National Sports Safety and Security Conference last November. She is now within two weeks of the 2022 Bix 7 Road Race. This summer's seven-mile road race through Davenport will be returning stronger than ever, and will feature a new competition event. It will be the 48th running of the Quad-City Times Bix 7 and will take place Saturday, July 30. It will feature a first-time event – the Caesars Sportsbook Team Competition. This will allow athletes to form a team. Each team member runs the race and their times are added together. The team with the best total time wins. As of now there are 23 teams entered. Ms. Juehring who originally came to the Quad Cities from Wisconsin to work for the Quad City Thunder pro basketball franchise, also has a background in youth ministries having served as director of children's ministries at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Davenport. Even in that job she was an avid participant in the Bix 7 and the Quad City Marathon. She also has "cancer survivor" as part of her resume having fought and defeated a particularly serious bout with breast cancer. Today however was very upbeat as she displayed the fire and enthusiasm of a competitive athlete. Prior to being named Race Director, Michelle spent a number of years as a Part Time Bix 7 worker. Year after year she accepted more responsibility, then in 2020 she was named to succeed retiring director Ed Froehlich who headed up the Bix for 40 years. Michelle had worked closely with Ed and felt reasonably well prepared. But nothing could prepare her, or any of us for COVID. Race plans went out the window and a whole new plan had to be made. Would there be a race? How can it be done? What are others doing. Michelle said the good side of the crisis was the coming together of all major athletic venues and promoters. There were numerous conference calls with organizers all over the world with each discussing ideas for surviving the pandemic and saving their events. Michelle and the local Bix staff stepped up and pulled off a "virtual Bix" with over 2,500 participants representing all 50 states and numerous foreign countries. Not all were happy and Michelle said one guy sued her for calling off the live race, but the Virtual race came off and was successful enough that they have continued to offer it along with the live race. In 2021 the race was back on the streets but under strict regulations to ensure health safety. Athletes were spaced and starting times were spread out. In total nearly 10,000 runners participated. Now in 2022 the race is back to "relatively normal" as stated by Juehring.

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### July - August Calendar

- 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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## Program Chairs

### 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 Rotarian Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport, Iowa Club. Guests of the club were Favour Noya our 2022 Service Above Self Scholarship winner, her sister Fedora Noya, and her mother Violet Patrick. 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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.
- ❑ **LITERACY COMMITTEE MEETING** – Immediately after our regular luncheon meeting on Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. Members please arranged to stay after.
- ❑ **NEWSLETTER** – Send items for our newsletter to [bobdebswanson@att.net](mailto:bobdebswanson@att.net). Committee chairs be sure to send notification of upcoming meetings



# ROTARY NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

## FRIDAY – AUGUST 12<sup>th</sup>

## 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 a few tickets left! Join the Fun!



**YOU ARE INVITED – THIS THURSDAY JULY 21<sup>st</sup>**

**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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:cgramenz15@gmail.com) or Anne McGlynn [amfm1924@gmail.com](mailto:amfm1924@gmail.com).



### Try Your Hand at 5 Card Draw

2<sup>nd</sup> 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!

### FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Today's raffle featured a bottle of fine wine and a 50/50 cash drawing. Tammy Weikert had the first lucky ticket and took the wine. Jeff Dismer had the second winning ticket and for the second week in a row, took the cash and donated it back to the Rotary Foundation. Although Bud Phillis who dropped and broke the glass fishbowl last week was unable to attend, he dutifully purchased us a new fishbowl and delivered it prior to the meeting. Thanks Bud. Thanks to all who participated in today's raffle. Raffle proceeds go to the Rotary International Foundation.



### FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to Week 3 of RI's Month of Transition!

The Rotary Club in Karur Textcity, Tamil Nadu, India (RID 3000), several months ago, constructed a new block at the –Municipal Higher –Secondary School in Karur with a CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) and TRF Global Grant support. The Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay, Australia (RID 9455), contributed funds for setting up smart class facilities, renovation of existing building and landscaping, and –providing classroom furniture, CCTV cameras and a –generator set, taking the total cost of the project to ₹2.77 crore (US\$347,181.00). The new 1490 sqm area KVB Rotary Block includes 16 classrooms, two –laboratories, a staff room, separate toilet blocks for students, staff, and the differently-abled, a 1,000-litre capacity water tank and a water pump. The architectural façade of the original building which was designed in 1909 was preserved. “Now the school is at par with any other –private school and can cater to the educational needs of children from different –economic strata,” and Foundation Minute couldn't agree more with club president Prabhakaran.

Quick Facts: RCs of Karur , Textcity, Tamil Nadu in S. India.

- RC of Karur was chartered in 1955 (October 19); second largest RC in India: Textcity chartered in 1996.
- Runs a Rotary Medical Center and a Mobile Clinic which provide free medical service to between 120 and 150 poor villagers on a daily basis. The club runs a Micro Credit Center which offers loans to help poor villagers run their small business. Success rate is 100% in repayments.
- RC of Karur has sponsored Four New Clubs, including RC of Karur Textcity; 8 Rotaract Clubs; 5 Community Rotary Corps; 7 Interact Clubs.
- District boasts a \$5million plus Club House, on a 14- acre lot





## FINES – HAPPY/SAD DOLLARS

V.P. Sue Rector was introduced and faced silence. No “Boos” were heard. Then Rotarians realized what had occurred and a few “Boos” were chanted! We’ll do better next week, Sue! Undaunted, she collected a fine from Anne McGlynn for wearing her badge home last week. Noting that our 2022 Scholarship winner is going to attend Augustana, Sue offered \$5 Happy Dollars and challenged other Augie graduates in the room to join her. Doug Hultquist, and Tom Hammer each complied. Dan McNeil paid a fine and also covered fines for Kathy Ruggeberg, and one other Rotarian (sorry, I missed the name) who were all mentioned in a newspaper article. Kathy Lelonek paid a happy dollar celebrating her son getting a good summer job. Kathy Trone paid a happy dollar for her son earning an “Employee of the Month” award. Mark Zimmerman paid a happy dollar for his granddaughter who passed her two-year-old medical checkup with flying colors and at the same height and weight as her daddy was at 2 years old. He is now 6’5” tall! Better get her a basketball and a volleyball! John Wetzel, a diehard Cub fan, had a happy dollar for White Sox shortstop Tim Anderson, noting that he is the first White Sox player to start at Shortstop in an All-Star Game since Louis Aparicio in 1970. - He played in 13<sup>th</sup> All Star games. Perhaps wanting to make sure the “Boos” return, Sue finished by fining everyone who didn’t have their Rotary pin on. She also warned that we better all wear them next week when the Governor visits.

## FINAL CHANCE 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 Olinger - **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 Email John or Bob TODAY [Phillipsjohn99@gmail.com](mailto:Phillipsjohn99@gmail.com) or [bobdebswanson@att.net](mailto:bobdebswanson@att.net)



## Sign up to Help! MILAN HARVEST FESTIVAL! September 1-5 Camden Park

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

**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? Tacos In a Bag and Sweetcorn off the grill! Plus, soft drinks and water and perhaps dessert treats too!**

**WE ALSO NEED TO BORROW!**

**GENERATOR – LARGE CAPACITY GAS GRILL – CASH REGISTER**

# “Nothing Reads Like a Book!”

## ROCK ISLAND KICKS OFF NEW GOVERNOR’S PROJECT!



Governor Kann

Newly installed Rotary District Governor Laura Kann announced her District wide service project even prior to taking office. In support of Rotary’s commitment to Literacy, Governor Kann asked that every Rotarian in our district purchase and donate a book to be distributed to our local libraries. Knowing that not all are able to shop for books, Rock Island President Gramenz asked today that every member or Rock Island Rotary either purchase a book and bring it to Rotary or make a donation for the purchase of a book. Members of our Literacy Committee will do the shopping for you.



President Gramenz



District 6420

2022-2023 District-wide Service Project

### Nothing Reads Like a Book!

**Goal:** To increase the number of new books available in libraries throughout our District - one new book from each Rotarian.

**Strategy:** Ask each member of your club to donate a new book or decide as a club to purchase a new book for every member and then donate the new books to a local library.

**Outcome:** At least 1400 new books in local libraries!

### Nothing Reads Like a Book – Helpful Hints

- Consider local libraries, school libraries, and libraries in health care, literacy council, or other community facilities.
- **Talk with the person in charge of the book collection to determine which books they are most interested in. They often have a wish list that should serve as your purchasing guide.**
- A good source of books is Perma-Bound ([www.perma-bound.com](http://www.perma-bound.com)). Also consider Amazon, Scholastic Books ([www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com)), and local bookstores.
- Purchasing through a local school or local library may provide an option for tax-exempt or other discount purchases.
- Do not fail to consider the literacy needs of adults including large print books.
- Try to complete your Nothing Reads Like a Book project by June 1, 2023.



**DON'T MISS  
THE FUN SIDE  
OF ROTARY!**

# **ROCK ISLAND ROTARY TRIVIA NIGHT**

**NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>**

**ROCK ISLAND HOLIDAY INN**

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

**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. The online platform that we use for our Trivia night online auction has made some great improvements. We are planning to again do an online auction for some packages prior to Trivia night. We were able to raise close to \$1000 from the online auction last year.**

**Let the closet diving begin -start looking for great, unusual, fun things that we could use in auction packages either online or in person. Does anyone Have any connections for donations of Fun experiences-they are always a hit! Tickets for games, concerts, programs, hotel rooms, timeshares, river cruises, nights out on the town. How about gift cards you were given and won't use! Alcohol and wine are always a hit!!**

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

## **SECOND ROCK ISLAND ROTARY FRED HOULTON SERVICE ABOVE SELF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED!**

Rock Island High School senior **Favour Noya** is the 2022 recipient of our Fred Houlton Service Above Scholarship. Favour immigrated along with her mother from Tanzania, East Africa in 2006, joining her father who had immigrated in 2004. The family moved from Peoria to Rock Island in 2009. Favour is an outstanding student. In 2020 she was awarded the Rock Island School District "Medal of Honor" given to honor outstanding students who have proven themselves to be all-around good students, good citizens, and caring individuals who bring with them a positive force that helps to influence the school to be a better place to learn and grow. She is a member of the National Honor Society and was active on the Rocky Speech Team, winning numerous competitions, including placing 2nd at the IHSA Regional Speech Competition, and qualifying for Sectional competition. Favour joined us today along with her mother, Violet Patrick. Favour received our \$1,000 scholarship and will be attending Augustana College in the fall



2022 marks the 48th running of the Quad-City Times Bix 7. This historic out-and-back race through downtown Davenport is for runners and walkers alike. The certified 7-Mile course starts at the base of Brady Street Hill and is lined with live bands and cheering crowds. Elite athletes from all over the world toe the line, including legends Bill Rodgers, Joan Benoit Samuelson and Meb Keflezighi. Start at the Mississippi River and finish at the Midwest's biggest post-race-party. Race, walk or run, it's great fun! Michelle noted that the Bix 7 is a 502(c)(3) charitable organization owned by the Corn Belt Running Club. Annually the Bix give away thirty to forty thousand in charitable donations. The Bix also generates millions of dollars in economic impact for the Quad Cities. Juehring noted that it takes about 4,000 volunteers to pull off the Bix 7 race. She said it would not be possible without the support of their 38 sponsors. 21 of those have been with the Bix for over 10 years., 9 for more than 30 years. The Bix has something for everyone including In addition to the regular Quad-City Times Bix 7, the Prairie Farms Quick Bix 2 mile; the Caesar's Rewards Military Division with active duty military and active duty reserve forces receiving FREE race entry, courtesy of the Isle Casino Hotel Bettendorf; the Arconic Jr Bix Run for crawlers to runners age 12 with various distances based on age. ; the Bix Virtual Race; the Genesis Sports Medicine Brady Street Sprints; the Premier Buick GMC Dealers' First Responders' Challenge; The Break the Tape Competition; the Premier Buick GMC Dealers' High School Challenge; and the All City Challenge. Whether watching or participating. The Bix is an Iconic event for all. Thanks you Michelle for a fun and informative presentation!

## CLUB MEMBERS HONORED BY ROTARY INTERNATIONAL AND DISTRICT

In her capacity as Foundation Chair, Sue Rector presented a **Paul Harris +3** pin to Tammy Weikert in recognition of Tammy have reached the \$4,000 plateau in donations to the Rotary International Foundation. The pin features an engraved portrait of Paul Harris surrounded by three sapphire gemstones. Congratulations Tammy!



Tammy Weikert



Cindi Gramenz



Mark Mayeski



Sue Rector

Sue also recognized Mark Mayeski, Cindi Gramenz, and herself, Sue Rector as members of the Paul Harris Society. Members of the Society have committed to donate \$1,000 annually to the Rotary International Foundation. Finally, Sue recognized 23 members of our Club who were recognized by our District for being Charter Members of the Polio Plus Society. Members have committed to donate \$100 dollars each year until the disease of Polio is eliminated from our world. Our Club lead the district in the number of Charter Members. Those named are Marcy Bell, Howard Beck, Angela Campbell, Duncan Cameron, Rick Devinney, Jeff Dismer, Mary Fislar, Cindi Gramenz, Fred and Virginia Houlton, Frank Lambert, Ruth Lee, Kathy Lelonek, Anne McGlynn, Mark Mayeski, John Olinger, Justin Peterson, Bud Phillis, Tracy Pugh, Sue Rector, Gary Rowe, Bill Stengel, Bob Swanson, Tammy Weikert, Eric Westphall, and John Wetzel. Congratulations to all our honored members!

## A Governor Visit

There are no specific rules regarding an official visit by a Rotary District Governor, however over the years traditions have been established. Nothing is required, all are suggestions. The traditions recognize the importance and significance of those who serve as Governor. In our case our Governor represents and oversees 48 clubs throughout northwestern Illinois and a total membership of approximately 1,400 Rotarians. The Governor makes an "official" visit to every Club in the District. The Governor also receives training over a multi-year period which includes attending meetings at the International, Zone, and District level. They begin planning their year of governing two years prior to taking office and have specific responsibility to accomplish during their two-year preparation period. Once in office the Governor is charged with strengthening existing Rotary clubs, organizing new clubs, and promoting membership growth. Governors also Issue a monthly letter to each club president and secretary in the district. They work in support of the Rotary Foundation and serve as a District and Rotary International spokesperson, when appropriate. Each Governor organizes and holds a district conference and other district meetings. They ensure that district nominations and elections are conducted in accordance with the RI Constitution and Bylaws and established policies of Rotary International. The governor visits every Rotary club in the district to draw attention to important Rotary issues and provide special attention to weak or struggling clubs. The purpose of these visits is also to motivate Rotarians to participate in service activities and to personally recognize the outstanding contributions of Rotarians in the district. So, the Traditions also are a way of thanking and paying tribute to those who commit the time and talents to serve as Governor. So, what are the traditions? They are very simple. 1) Dress up a bit, 2) Stand when the Governor is introduced and when her comments are completed.

## 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 included. 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](mailto: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.[illegible]

**DIRECTIONS:**

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