



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



DISTRICT GOVERNOR LAURA KANN

Today our very special guest speaker was Laura Kann District Governor of Rotary District 6420. Laura began her Rotary journey when she joined the Rotary Club of Dunwoody, Georgia on September 24, 2004.

She rose in leadership and served as club President. Both Laura and her husband Charles (Wick) Warren worked for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Upon Wick's retirement in December 2014, they moved from Decatur, Georgia to Princeton, Illinois to be near Laura's mother and father. Soon after moving to Princeton in November 2014, Laura's father, Douglas Kann, passed away in March of 2015. Douglas was a member of the Rotary Club of Princeton for over 40 years. Her mother, Lucille Kann, is now 88 years young. Living in Princeton, Laura continued her service responsibilities for the Dunwoody Club and Rotary District 6900. She also continued working for the CDC, making monthly trips to Atlanta, until her retirement in August 2017. She resigned from the Dunwoody Club on June 30, 2018. The Rotary Club of Dunwoody elected Laura to honorary membership in 2018. Laura became a very active member of the Rotary Club of Princeton, Illinois which she joined July 1, 2018. Laura served on the Board of Directors and chaired their annual Rotary Auction for the club's centennial year in 2020. In addition, she served on their 100th Anniversary Committee, the Community Service Committee, and the Rotary Foundation Committee. She also became active in District 6420, serving as the District Grant Subcommittee Chair. In that role she conducted three annual District Grant Management Training Seminars for Club Officers throughout the District. She also was a speaker at the 2019 District 6420 Conference and the 2019 District 6420 Foundation Dinner and speaks to Clubs about a wide range of Rotary Foundation topics. She became the District Governor Nominee in 2020, the District Governor Elect in 2021, and was installed as our District Governor 2022-23. She began her comments today noting that the Presidential Theme for Rotary International this year is "Imagine Rotary." She said this is not going to be a "business as usual" year. She described the meaning of the various parts of the logo created with Imagine Rotary. Then she said, "Imagine a World without Polio. Imagine a World without Poverty. Imagine a World without Illiteracy and Imagine a World with Peace. These are things Rotary can do." Governor Kann then singled out members of our Club for being a part of Rotary's efforts. She said Ruth Lee, Bud Phillis, John Wetzel, and Fred & Virginia Houlton are Rotary Major Donors, signifying substantial gifts to Rotary. She thanked Ruth Lee and Fred Houlton for their service as past District Governors of our District. She then noted that 33 current members of our Club are Paul Harris Fellows, signifying donations of over \$1,000 each to Rotary International. Her comments then shifted to goals set by our newly installed Rotary International President, Jennifer E. Jones. President Jones says every Rotary Club must adopt a "Comfort & Care" philosophy. Meaning our Club needs to be welcoming, a safe-harbor, and inclusive. Governor Kann identified "D.E.I.," diversity, equity, and inclusion as essential for membership growth. She stated that our District has implemented policies (available on the district website) including a Strategic Plan, a Youth Protection Policy, and a \$50,000 Disaster Relief Fund and suggested that we all go online and read those policies. She urges all of us to give at whatever level we can to the Rotary International Foundation, saying "that is how we do good in the world." She also pointed out that Charity Navigator rates the Rotary Foundation at the very top of all charitable organizations in transparency, efficiency, and impact. She reminded us that for every dollar we donate to Polio Plus the Bill Gates Foundation matches it with two dollars, effectively tripling our donations. She also said that donations to the Rotary Annual Fund support all of Rotary's initiatives other than Polio and reminded us that 48% of each donation to the Annual Fund is returned to our District for local control of how it is used. The Governor spoke of our new District wide project to provide new books to local libraries. She asked that a book be donated for, or by, every member of our Club. In closing she invited and urged us all to attend the District Conference scheduled for November 4-5, 2022, on the campus of Northern Illinois University. She named several of the very impressive speakers line up for the Conference. Thank you Governor Kann for an inspiring program!

August Calendar

- 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 18 - CPR Gathering
- Aug 23 - Jared Johnson -
WVIK Radio
- Aug 30 - Sam McCollum CEO
of Steam on Wheels
- Oct 4 - Club Assembly
- Nov 4-5 District Conference



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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. A second and very special guest today, was Virginia Houlton accompanied by former District Governor and past R.I. Rotary president, Fred Houlton. 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 three 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 and help hand out candy to kids or ride a bicycle along with our Club float and cars driving our officers and award winners. Mark your calendar and sign up at the Sergeant's table.
- LITERACY COMMITTEE MEETING** – Immediately after our regular luncheon meeting on Tuesday, August 16th. Members please arrange to stay after.
- 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 14 tickets left! Join the Fun!



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!

FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to Week 4 of RI's Month of Transition!

Recognizing that education is a pathway out of poverty, TRF highlights the provision of quality education as one sterling means of advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace. Barb Roberts, a member of the Rotary Club of Taree on Manning (AUS) had been teaching in the Manning Valley Schools for many years, before deciding in 2015 to travel to Bhutan for 16 days on a photography tour. On her return, and for the next three years, this Rotarian raised funds to return to the remote corners of Eastern Bhutan with teaching resources and books written in English.

Roberts' efforts were crowned with tremendous success when TRF awarded her club US\$30,000 for vocational training in Bhutan. She has since returned to the Tang Valley in Central Bhutan to introduce Western style library services to schools in isolated areas of Bhutan. Congratulating Rotarian Roberts and her club, the Foundation director, Maurie Stack explained the possibility of more funds. "At the moment, it is a US \$30,000 project and it is great to have those funds approved through the Foundation; however, more funds can enable Barb to meet transport costs and provide more books."

To contribute to the Literacy Funds, go to: my.rotary.org/en/donate. Click "Global Grant" Enter Grant Number :2015686

FINES – HAPPY/SAD DOLLARS

V.P. Sue went easy on us today with the Governor in the house and needing precious time for her address to the Club. But not to without some fine money, Sue tapped Ruth Lee for a recent newspaper column authored by Ruth's husband Dan Lee. She also noticed the publicity received by the "Ready to Rock the School Year" event held Sunday in Schwiebert Park. Everyone connected with the School District was fined including Dr. Reginald Lawrence, School Superintendent; Gary Rowe and Tracy Pugh, school board members; Monta Ponsetto, Executive Director of the School District Foundation; and Julie Gelaude who participated as a representative of Black Hawk College. We also noticed Assistant Superintendent Kathy Ruggeberg joining us on ZOOM and will collect from her when she returns in person. No one escapes the fining eye! Angela Campbell and Kathy Lelonek were both fined for a recent article about the Rock Island Public Library. Thanks to all who smiled and paid their fines! Proceeds go to our Rotary Foundation account.

FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Today's raffle featured a bottle of fine wine, a 50/50 cash drawing, and an Angela Campbell original fabric bowl in Rotary colors of blue and gold. Tyla Sherwin-Cole had a luck day hold the first two tickets drawn. She selected the Bowl and the cash, donating the cash back to the Rotary Foundation. The third lucky ticket was held by Howard Beck who took home a rather impressive looking bottle of fine wine. Thanks to all who participated in today's raffle. Raffle proceeds go to the Rotary International Foundation.



FUN CPR (Constantly Promoting Rotary) MEETING TALKS FUNDRAISING

Last Thursday we held our first CPR meeting of the new Rotary year at the Rock Island Ale House. It was fun, social, and the food and drinks were excellent! The discussion was about fundraising in general; what are we doing, is it too much, too little, making an impact? Next CPR is scheduled for August 18th. Watch for location announcement.

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

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. 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!

SOME CHUCKLES (OR GROANS) FOR YOUR DAY

There's a fine line between a numerator and a denominator. *Only a fraction of people will find this funny.*

Someone said, "Nothing rhymes with orange." I said, "No it doesn't."

I visited a monastery and as I walked past the kitchen I saw a man frying chips. I asked him "Are you the friar?" He replied, "No, I'm the chip monk"

A man and women were traveling in a train.

Woman: "Every time you smile, I feel like inviting you to my place."

Man: "Awwww! "Are you single?"

Woman: "No, I am a Dentist"

Yesterday my husband thought he saw a cockroach in the kitchen. He sprayed everything down and cleaned thoroughly. Today I'm putting the cockroach in the bathroom.

Technically, Moses was the first person with a tablet downloading data from the cloud.

I just paid for a 12-month gym membership. My bank called to see if my credit card was stolen.

Sign up to Help!

MILAN HARVEST FESTIVAL!

September 1-5 Camden Park

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)	3:30pm – 7pm (3½ hours)
	7:00pm – 11pm (4 hours)	
Sept. 4th Sunday	Noon – 3:30pm (3½ hours)	3:30pm – 7pm (3½ hours)
	7:00pm – 11pm (4 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? Tacos In a Bag and Sweetcorn off the grill! Plus, soft drinks and water and perhaps dessert treats too!

ROTARY HOLIDAY PARTY PLANS SET!

Wednesday, December 7th is the date for our 2022 Circa 21 Holiday Party for Irving Berlin's *White Christmas*. **SAVE THE DATE.** Circa subscribers make your reservation through Rotary to join our party group. (You will only pay for gratuity.) Non-subscribers can use your Dining Book Circa 21 Coupon. All will receive our group rate. Details to come.

FIRST V.P. ERIC MAKES IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

Using some of his personal contacts, 1st V.P. Eric Westphall contacted the Regional Supervisor of HyVee and asked for their help with our upcoming Milan Harvest Festival Food Tent. After discussing who we are and what we do, Eric filled them in on our plans for selling sweetcorn and walking tacos at the Festival. After laying out the plans Eric received word that HyVee will donate \$1,000 in food supplies for our event! We greatly appreciate HyVee for their willingness to help us increase the profits we hope to make from the project. They have also asked Eric to let them know everything we will need and pledged to give us the best price discounts they can on anything that goes beyond their \$1,000 gift. Thank you Eric for representing our Club and obtaining this incredible donation!

BOARD INVESTIGATING LEGACY GIVING

As Rotarians we are all committed to the ideal of "Service Above Self;" and doing great things in our community and the world. We do this in many ways, from buying weekly raffle tickets to working on projects, and from donating to our local and the International Foundation to supporting our fundraisers. Some have included Rotary in their estate plans. Others who are able have made generous contributions to our Club and to Rotary International. Legacy Giving is one more way of supporting Rotary and to ensure that Service Above Self continues in your name long after we pass from this earth. Organizations such as ours have taken steps to help those wanting to participate in legacy giving. This is often done by just making people aware of how to do it and the various ways legacy giving can be done. Our Board of Directors is investigating how our Club can offer this giving opportunity to our members. It might be something of interest to some now or may become more relevant and feasible in the future. Regardless, the Board feels we need to be proactive and have accurate and easy to understand information available. Therefore, President Cindi, noting that our Club has several members with expertise in financial planning and legacy matters, asked those with such expertise to please volunteer to serve on a special committee to look into and come up with a proposal or suggestions for a proposal to establish a Legacy Giving option for Rock Island Rotary. Please let Cindi know if you are interested and willing to help.

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 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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