



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



Kelly Kreiter Penning New Kingdom Trailriders

Kelly Kreiter Penning became executive director of the New Kingdom Trailriders in January 2022. Her LinkedIn page features a quote from Kelly, "Be fearless in the pursuit of what sets your soul on fire." It is evident from her extensive background that she has taken those words to heart for many years. She earned her Bachelor and Master of Business Administration Degrees from Northern Iowa Univ., studied International Studies for a year at the University of London, England, and later in life, obtained a master's degree in Mental Health Counseling from Northwestern University. She was employed for almost 17 years by John Deere working as Manager of Labor Relations, Manager of Leadership Development, and Manager of Talent Management. She then became Human Resource Director for Blyssar, LLC a position she held for over three years. She then left to



continue her education at Northwestern University and was employed as a Graduate Assistant. Returning to the Quad Cities with her mental health degree she worked for Family Resources for 18 months as a mental health counselor and grief, loss & trauma therapist. She began her career with the Trailriders 8 months ago. Her journey with therapeutic riding programs started at Miracles in Motion in Swisher, Iowa, 24 years ago. She described her experience as "life changing" and credits that opportunity with igniting her passion for therapeutic riding. Prior to NKT, she volunteered at six PATH (Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship) centers and served on the board at Rainbow Riders in Monmouth, Illinois. She has been actively volunteering with NKT for several years prior to becoming Executive Director. NKT is the Quad Cities only PATH accredited facility offering Therapeutic Horseback Riding lessons to riders as young as four years old. Their mission is to empower individuals of all ages and abilities to reach their full potential through equine assisted activities. Last year NKT provided 1,800 Lessons. Had 200 Volunteers who provided 5,000 hours of service. They work with all forms of disability, mental, social, physical, or behavioral. They also have client/patients of all ages ranging from 4 years to 78 years. All instructors are certified in Equine Therapeutics. Through their 6-session, 6-week programs they help empower their "riders", building confidence, mobility, and developing social skills. Kelly stated that their facilities are "absolutely beautiful" with indoor and outdoor riding arenas, a very well-kept barn, and 30 acres of pasture for their herd of 14 horses and ponies. They are careful to match riders and horses in abilities and temperament. The New Kingdom Trailriders have a staff of 4 paid employees and many volunteers. They are very welcoming and want to ensure that the facility and program are accepting and inclusive. The program currently serves 80 riders and can handle up to 100. Riders pay for approximately 25% of the cost of the program with scholarships available for those unable to pay. The bulk of funding for NKT, a not-for-profit organization, comes from donations, partnerships, and fundraisers. Thank you Kelly for a very enlightening program. Lots of great work is being done by the New Kingdom Trailriders

August Calendar

- Aug 18 - CPR Gathering
- Aug 23 - Jared Johnson – WVIK Radio
- Aug 23 - Membership Committee meets after Club meeting
- Aug 30 - Sam McCollum CEO of Steam on Wheels
- Sep 6 - Dr. Reginald Lawrence – State of The Schools
- Sep 13 - Dan McNeil Spring Forward Learning Ctr.
- Sep 20 - Mason Boyer Heart of Hope Ministries
- Sep 27 - Ty Grunder, US Bank
- Oct 4 - Club Assembly
- Oct 11 - Jennifer Hirsch, New Metrolink Fleet
- Oct 25 - Paul Plagenz, CEO Moline Foundation
- Nov 4-5 District Conference At NIU - DeKalb



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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 two visiting Rotarians, Duncan Cameron from Naples, FL and Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport, IA Club. Susan Shaffer of the Quad City Bank and Trust was a guest of Doug Hultquist and a Board Member of the New Kingdom Trailriders. We love to have visitors and guests and welcome all to Rock Island Rotary, the Number 1 Club!
- ❑ **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 5 of this newsletter for details and the available time shifts for helping. Shifts are just 3, 3½, or 4 hours. Just a few slots remain to be filled!
- ❑ **LABOR DAY PARADE** – On September 5th Rock Island Rotary will have a float and cars in the Rock Island Labor Day Parade. We need members who will walk with our float and hand out candy to kids. We will provide the candy! If you prefer, you may ride a bicycle along with our Club float and the cars driving our officers and award winners. Sign up at the Sergeant's table.
- ❑ **ROTARY RAMBLE COMMITTEE MEETING** – Just prior to next weeks club meeting. Committee member please arrive by 11:15. Kathy Lelonek is co-chair.
- ❑ **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING** – Immediately after our regular luncheon meeting next Tuesday, August 23rd. Members please arrange to stay after. Mary Fislar is Chair.
- ❑ **CLUB CPR MEETING** – **This Thursday**, August 18th, 5:30pm at Tom Hammar's home, 3422 – 14th Street, Moline. BYO Beverage. Food will be provided. These are informal meetings with spouses invited to just relax, socialize, have some snacks, enjoy your favorite beverage and just chat about our Club and how we can continue to grow and improve our effectiveness. Join us!
- ❑ **PUMPKIN PALOOZA** – We will be taking Earl Hanson 1st & 2nd Grade students to The Corn Crib Pumpkin Patch just south of the Quad City Airport on Route 150 on October 21st. Rotarians are needed to help guide the children. Arrive at 9:45am. Sponsor also needed for the shirts given to the kids. \$100 to sponsor.
- ❑ **NEWSLETTER** – Send items for our newsletter to bobdebswanson@att.net.

CPR (Constantly Promoting Rotary)

THIS THURSDAY – 5:30pm

Pool Side at the Home of Tom & Sue Hammar

3422 – 14th Street, Moline

FOOD PROVIDED – BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGES

An informal, social gathering for Rotary members, spouses welcome.

We will be brainstorming the creation of a new member recruiting video.

What should be in it, What MUST be in it, how long should it be?

The best ideas come about when lots of ideas are offered.

Please come, add your voice, give your opinion.

We need to get this right!



5 Card Draw Game Comes to an End

2nd VP Sue Rector dealt the first cards for our 5 Card Draw game of chance six weeks ago. Each week since then Club members could purchase a card for \$1 to build the best poker hand possible. With today's 6th card, participants must discard one and present their best poker hand to Sue. The winner will take home a special, surprise award. Be sure to check next week to learn who won and what that surprise award is. All proceeds from the game will go toward the fines pool of funds. Thanks to those who participated!

FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to Week 3 of RI's Month of Membership & Extension.

Emma Walker-Silverman, from Telluride, Colorado, who is pursuing a PhD at Oxford University, England, has been awarded a prestigious Rotary International Global Grant Scholarship for \$30,000 to support her research, which seeks to understand and reduce conflict between refugees and host countries. The scholarship will cover tuition to complete her PhD in International Development at the University of Oxford. While her program is based in the UK, her fieldwork focuses on Turkey, where she has spent a great deal of time ever since she was a Rotary Youth Exchange student to Istanbul during her sophomore year at Telluride High School.

Walker-Silverman has received numerous scholarships and awards throughout her academic career, including a Fulbright for research following her undergraduate study at Stanford University. But this Rotary scholarship, she said, "is by far the most generous funding I have received and will allow me to focus my full time and energy on completing my research. In addition, the scholarship brings with it further connection to the global Rotary community in the form of a hosting club in Oxford and a cohort of fellow scholars that I will join this autumn, adding a human dimension to the academic experience. I'm deeply grateful to the Telluride Rotary Club for their warm and unwavering support during this extended application process, and to District 5470 and Rotary International for putting their faith in my work."

FINES – HAPPY/SAD DOLLARS

2nd VP Sue jumped right into fining levying a dollar to everyone that did not attend our Rotary Night at the Ballpark last Friday. She followed that fining Ruth Lee for husband Dan Lee's recent newspaper editorial column. Ruth protested (in jest), "Why do I have to pay for him." The reply, "You married him!" Sue then dropped in her own two dollars, one happy and one sad, for getting hooked on Wordle and enjoying Wordle. Kathy Tron had a happy dollar for her grandson's team winning the State Championship in Deck hockey. Mark Zimmerman had a happy dollar for his grandson's team advancing to the National Championship Little League Baseball Tournament! Justin Peterson added a happy dollar in honor of Tracy Pugh noting that every time he passed the concessions counter at the Bandits game, Tracy was there! Monta Ponsetto had \$32 happy dollar in celebration of joining other Comedy Sports alumni and announcing that Comedy Sports would return to the Quad Cities in November. Thirty-two dollars represented a dollar for each year Monta has been involved with Comedy Sports. Bob Swanson had a sad dollar for the Cubs, noting that Cindi's pitch at the Bandits game was better than the Cubs threw last night in losing to Washington, the team with the worst record in Major League Baseball! Ruth Lee had a sad dollar for the passing of Sherrie Prather, wife of former District Governor, Jim Prather (also deceased). Sherrie often joined us along with Nancy Luckenbill at our Circa 21 Holiday Party. Thanks to all who donated!

FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Today's foundation raffle featured a 50/50 cash drawing and bottle of fine wine from the Grape Life in Davenport. The first lucky ticket drawn belonged to Holly Sparkman who took the cash. The second ticket drawn was announced and no one answered for what seemed like several minutes. Then Bud Phillis, who sold the tickets checked the ones he bought and boldly announced, "The Wine will stay right here!" Congratulations to our winners and a big thank you to all member who purchased tickets. Proceeds all are donated in the Club's name to the Rotary International Foundation. They can be drawn on to help members earn Paul Harris Fellow Awards.





**BACKWATER GAMBLERS
WATER SKI SHOWS**

Rock Island Rotary Night At Backwater Gamblers



Sunday, August 28th Lot opens at 5:30, Show Starts on 6:30.

Admission Free for Rotarians and their Guests – Signup for Seats

Look for the Rotary Reserved Seating Section

CONCESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE

**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!

Sign up to Help! MILAN HARVEST FESTIVAL!

September 1-5 Camden Park

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

SAVE THE DATE

ROTARY HOLIDAY PARTY PLANS SET!

Wednesday, **December 7th** is the date for our 2022 Circa 21 Holiday Party for Irving Berlin's *White Christmas*. 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. We will have a private pre-show party in the Circa 21 Salon with complimentary hors d'oeuvres. The cost for party, dinner, Bootlegger pre-show, and the main stage presentation of *White Christmas* is \$71.21 for 2 using the dining book coupon; \$54.75 per person with no coupon. Kiwanis will also be joining us.

CLUB MEMBERS ENJOY A NIGHT AT THE BALL PARK!

August 12th Rock Island Rotarians filled the Pepsi Luge Boxes at Modern Woodman Park to see the River Bandits take on the Cedar Rapids Kernels. The Bandits' bats were quiet all night, but Rotarians and their families had a great time. President Cindi threw a fast ball strike to get the festivities underway. From there on, good food, drinks, and rides for the kids dominated the evening. It was all capped off with impressive post-game fireworks.



CLUB MEMBERS CITED FOR DEDICATED SUPPORT OF THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

Becoming a Paul Harris Fellow is a goal of all Rotarians. That honor is bestowed upon a Rotarian or nominee of a Rotarian in recognition of \$1,000 in donations to our International Foundation. In recognition of the honor the recipient receives a gold Paul Harris Fellow pin. Many Rotarians continue their support of the Foundation and for each additional \$1,000 donated, the Rotarian doner receives recognition as Paul Harris +1, Paul Harris +2, etc. A blue stone is added to the member's Paul Harris pin for each additional \$1,000 up to \$5,000, then for six thousand and each thousand through \$9,000 a red stone is added. When \$10,000 is reached a diamond is added to the pin. Two diamonds for \$20,000 and on up. Today two of our members were recognized for their dedicated support and generosity.

Mark Mayeski received a gold Paul Harris Fellow pin with a red stone in recognition of earning the status of a Paul Harris Plus 6 donor. That indicates that since earning his own Paul Harris Fellow award, Mark has donated \$6,000 more to the Foundation. Pins with red stones are reserved exclusively for those who have donated \$5,000 or more. The Club thanks Mark and congratulates him on earning the Red Stone Paul Harris pin. Mark is also our new District 6420 Paul Harris Society chairman. He served as our club's president for the 2019-2020 Rotary Year and was our 2018 recipient of the A.T. Peara Award..



Frank Lambert also received a gold Paul Harris Fellow pin with a red stone in recognition of his earning the status of a Paul Harris Plus 8 donor. That indicates that since earning his own Paul Harris Fellow award, Fran has donated \$8,000 more to the Foundation. When Frank reaches \$10,000 and we have no doubt he will, the red stone becomes a diamond! In accepting the award Frank urged Club members to follow his lead and set up an automatic monthly account withdrawal for the Rotary International foundation. He said even a small monthly donation adds up quickly when done automatically and regularly. Our Club thanks Frank and congratulates him on receiving his Red Stone Paul Harris pin. Frank served our club as president for the 1990-1991 and 2012-2013 Rotary Years. He received the A.T. Peara Award in 2002.



Now is the Time to Contribute to Water Project

One of our Club's proudest achievements is establishing our International Water Project that is providing safe drinking water to village children in Kenya. Each filter costs \$350 and we periodically order more filters as funds allow. We are currently preparing a Filter order. Past President Justin Peterson asked that we purchase a Filter in his name rather than providing him with the traditional diamond studded Past President's Pin. That along with other donations will be part of the order we are currently preparing. If you have been considering a donation to our Water Project Fund, now is the time. We will place the order within the next couple of weeks. See Bob Swanson or Carrie Crossen to join the effort!



SAVE THE DATE – HELP FELLOW ROTARIANS

The **Illinois Quad Cities Rotary Club** has been extremely helpful and supportive of our Club. They annually purchase a number of our Wine Raffle tickets and have partnered with us recently taking over the maintenance and servicing of several of our Little Libraries. Now they are asking for our help and support.

On **October 6th** they are hosting a Wine Tasting event with all proceeds going to the **Rock Island County Children's Advocacy Center**. The event will be held at the newly opened **Old Oaks Winery** on Route 67 just south of Milan. Tickets are \$50 per person and include a 4-wine sample tasting, one bar ticket good for one drink, heavy hors d'oeuvres, music, and fellowship. Mark your calendar for this fun and very worthwhile event.

Rotary

Club of Bettendorf



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Bettendorf Rotary is hosting our 2022 Fall Golf Outing Wednesday, September 21st at Palmer Hills Golf Course in Bettendorf, Iowa.

4-person scramble

\$75 per person or \$300 per team

Everyone tees off, select best drive, everyone plays from there, repeat until ball is holed

Two putt maximum on each green

If your group has less than four players alternate use of the remaining shot(s)

If you play, you will automatically be included in for dinner unless otherwise noted

Improve your score:

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Payment due at time of registration

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Name:

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