



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



Sam McCollum CEO of Steam on Wheels

The "Steam Lab" is a think tank where they integrate science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM). They prepare students to be viable candidates through coaching and guidance from recognized leaders in education, science, industry, and business sectors. STEAM on Wheels is dedicated to introducing children to engaging subject matter that will one day encourage them to become inventors, scientists,

innovators, and future leaders. Many students are not able to find the motivation to pursue further study in their regular education - particularly outside of the usual pathways. STEAM on Wheels hopes to change the thinking of young people to open up greater possibilities and let them know how much power and influence they can cultivate through education and application of knowledge. Various programs are offered including the **Inventors Club** for ages: 9-14) a hands-on projects for 16 weeks where students will build a Remote control car and design the track to test your speed. They also will learn chemistry with safe common household ingredients. Work on a train model project. They learn to use Tinkercad software to make 3D printed parts to take home. Plus they get introduced to virtual reality, taking students through real-world job simulators such as chefs, mechanics, and chemists to name a few. Students also create designs through laser cutting, 3D printing, and Resin printer. **Lego/Minecraft** (for ages: 6-9) Minecraft lovers who want to build their own Creeper on the 3D printer love this program. Students can create their own video games and learn awesome things in the process! Students will be able to plan, design, 3D print, and assemble their very own Minecraft village using Lego blocks! They will create a city, people, animals, treasure chest, and even make a pick-axe and sword! **3D Printing** (Ages: 9-14) Students will design and test models and learn about the process of rapid prototyping while being exposed to principles and tools used in 3D printing. They also work with a 3D pen and make creations instantly! **Chess Club** (Ages: 9-14) Student practice chess puzzles from grandmasters and end game strategies. They also challenge participant in class using Oculus Quest VR goggles. The kids will play against volunteers across the world. **Magnet Fun** (Ages: 6-9) The power of magnets is explored. Kids are blown away by the power of magnets with these playful science activities! Students will complete 10 fun and "do-able" hands-on magnetism activities to really experience the power of magnetism first-hand. **Virtual Reality STEAM** (Ages: 9-14) Students are fully immersed into ancient sites and historical landmarks where they can see, describe and experience in detail as if they were there. The immersive experience encourages students to hypothesize and predict how people lived better than any other learning method. Introduce participants to virtual reality, taking you through real-world job simulators such as chefs, mechanics, and chemists to name a few. **Robot Dance** (Ages: 6-9) Campers gain great experience with computer science using Scratch to code, create, and share projects. Scratch uses a custom programming language that is easy to understand. By moving and combining blocks of code, campers develop their own super cool animation projects. **What's Cooking** (Ages: 9-14) What do cooking and STEAM have in common? More than you might think. The kitchen is a great place to explore all sorts of STEAM projects, such as measurement, patterns, chemistry, properties of matter, cause and effect, and much more. All participants will have their ingredients and a table to keep everyone safe. **STOP Motion** (Ages: 6-14) Students will learn about animation through Studio Motion application while creating their own animated short films. Students will develop animation skills traditionally, before learning how to transfer their concepts, drawings, storyboards, and characters to studio motion application. **STEAMTRICITY** (Ages: 6-14) Students will learn basic properties of electricity and electronics. While exploring its presence in the campers' everyday devices, they will better understand its application in creating two lamps for their personal use. From start to finish this camp will brighten up any student's mind and room. Steam on Wheels offers classes at the King Center, at various schools in Rock Island and Bettendorf and at the Children's Museum in Bettendorf.

August Calendar

- 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 20 - Membership Committee meets at 1:05pm at Botanical Center
- Sep 27 - Ty Grunder, US Bank
- Oct 4 - Club Assembly
- Oct 18 - Jennifer Hirsch, New Metrolink Fleet
- Oct 25 - Paul Plagenz, CEO Moline Foundation
- Nov 4-5 District Conference At NIU - DeKalb



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2022-23

July	-	Tom Hammar
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Feb-Mar	-	David Hodge
Apr-May	-	Gary Rowe
Jun-Jul	-	Tom Hammar

Club Notes & Announcements!

- WELCOME GUESTS** – Today we welcomed three visiting Rotarians, Duncan Cameron from Naples, FL; Amber Wood from the Monmouth, IL Club (she will be transferring her membership to our club very soon!), and Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport, IA Club. Minami Murata was a guest of Dave Hodge. We love to have visitors and guests at “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! If you see an open slot, come fill it!
- 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.
- DIRECTIONS TO MILAN HARVEST FESTIVAL AND LABOR DAY PARADE WERE SENT IN THE EMAIL COVER MESSAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER** – Please be sure to review the details.
- MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING** – Immediately after our regular meeting September 20th. Chair Mary Fislar.
- 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.
- FESTIVAL OF TREES** – Meeting on September 6th at 11am prior to our regular Tuesday club meeting next week. Anyone interested in helping design and/or decorate the tree are asked to attend. Monta Ponsetto chair.
- NEWSLETTER** – Send items for our newsletter to bobdebswanson@att.net. Committee chairs be sure to send notification of upcoming meetings

SAVE THE DATE!

The Quad Cities Area Rotary Clubs are joining together again this year to present an outstanding World Polio Day (week) program. This year's program will take place on:



October 29, 2022
Rock Island Botanical Center

5:00 p.m. social hour, followed by dinner & program



Get this on your calendars now. You don't want to miss this event! More details will follow soon.

ROTARIANS ENJOY FIRST EVER “ROTARY NIGHT AT THE BACKWATER GAMBLERS



Thanks to our club member Trista Foster who has performed with the Backwater Gamblers Ski Team for over 30 years, Rotary enjoyed our first “Rotary Night at The Backwater Gamblers” on Sunday August 28th. Club members were acknowledged by the PA announcer and were treated to “Center Beach” reserved seating. The weather was beautiful and the skiing exciting. The show began with 13 barefoot skiers steaking through the ¾ mile show strip on the Rock River traveling at 42 miles per hour. That was followed by an even larger group of lady ballet skiers. Rotarians were treated to ramp jumping with assorted acrobatic twists, turns, and flips included, pyramid building up to four high, and every manner of acrobatic and athletic skiing. The concessions were tasty and reasonably priced and the show, just over an hour long was fantastic! We’re going next year! See more live photos of the show on page 4.



THE LATEST FROM UKRAINE

At Sunday evening’s Zoom call involving Ruth Lee’s Past District Governor (PDG) class, a PDG reported that, according to John Hewko (General Secretary and CEO of Rotary International), membership in Rotary among Ukrainians is actually growing. John himself has Ukrainian roots. At a recent meeting in response to a question about why this growth is occurring in such adverse circumstances, he stated that Ukrainians are very aware of all the support being given to Ukraine by Rotary clubs around the world, and they want to be part of such an organization. Ukraine has 62 Rotary clubs and 25 Rotaract clubs. Rotary International’s Disaster Response Fund, built on the strength of our contributions, has provided much needed support for Ukrainians and the surrounding countries which have opened their doors to displaced Ukrainians. Individual clubs, including ours, have amplified that support. What a powerful reminder that Rotarians are People of Action! Remember to be proud that we’re **Rotarians. We make a difference all over the world!**

ROTARY NIGHT AT THE BACKWATER GAMBLERS SKI SHOW August 26, 2022



Now is the Time to Contribute to Our 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 next week. See Bob Swanson or Carrie Crossen to join the effort! Get your donation in NOW!



FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Our raffle today featured a bottle of excellent The Grape Life wine and a 50/50 cash drawing. When the first number was called Sue Rector answered and took the cash. She then donated it all back to the Rotary Foundation. The second ticket drawn was held by Mark Morenz who has a bottle of fine wine to add to his dinner table tonight. Thank you to all who participated. The proceeds from our weekly raffle drawings go to our Rotary International Foundation.



MOLINE ROTARY PRESIDENT PAYS US A VISIT

We were pleased to welcome Laura Davis, President of the Moline Rotary Club, as a visitor at today's meeting. Laura came with a message and an invitation.

Moline Rotary is sponsoring a Golf Outing on Monday, September 12th at Short Hills Country Club. Total cost is \$80 which includes, golf, cart, and lunch. If you haven't played Short Hills, here's your chance and at the same time lets you support Rotary! Grilled Lunch is at noon and the golf shotgun start will be at 1:30.

If interested in playing or entering a foursome, contact Deni McCarter at 563-349-1905 or email Deni at mccard15@live.com



FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to the Last Week of RI's Month of Extension & Transition.

The Guatemala Literacy Project has worked for 25 years to improve reading rates. In 1997, Joe and Jeff Berninger, brothers from Ohio, were volunteering as English teachers at a Guatemalan school that had no books. The two launched a project to solve that. The day the books arrived, there was a huge celebration, and a Rotarian dentist volunteering nearby heard the noise and asked what was going on. "He said this would be a perfect project for Rotary," says Joe Berninger, a member of the Rotary Club of Pathways, Ohio, which coordinates the project. Rotarians in Guatemala helped develop reading programs in other schools, and **since 1997, TRF has helped fund the literacy projects with 48 grants totaling \$6.5 million.**

Nearly 800 clubs in 90 districts have participated, making it one of the largest grassroots, multi-club, multidistrict projects in Rotary. "There's a lot of push and drive and enthusiasm that comes from Rotary," says Howard Lobb, Cooperative for Education's director of partner development and a member of the Ohio Pathways club. From that initial textbook project, the work has grown to include computer labs, Rise Youth Development Program scholarships, and the Spark Reading Program to provide books and teacher training. Students pay a fee to rent textbooks, and the money is put into a revolving fund, used to replace the books after five years. "Rotary's donation acts as a seed investment, and when textbooks wear out or become outdated, the school --- can replace their textbooks with their own savings without having to ask Rotary for more funding."

BIRTHDAY BOOKS FOR 2022-23 FAST APPROACHING

Please mark your calendar and come help! Chair Molly Shattuck reports that our **first Earl Hanson Elementary "Birthday Books" for 2022-23 is set for Sept 22 at 2:15 pm.** We will be giving books and cookies to all students who celebrate their birthday in July, August, and September. We expect a lot of kids and will need plenty of Rotarian help to assist in book selection and writing a short Happy Birthday message in each book.

CLUB MEMBERS RECOGNIZED FOR PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Club secretary, Anne McGlynn recognized members for perfect Rotary meeting attendance. Cindi Gramenz, Mark Mayeski, Justin Peterson, and Molly Shattuck were each presented with pins in recognition of 2 years of perfect attendance. Then (pictured below) Marcy Bell, Mary Fislar, Jeff Dismer, and Ruth Lee were honored for each having 17 years of perfect attendance. Congratulations!



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.

FINES – HAPPY/SAD DOLLARS

2nd Vice-President Sue Rector again had a good day for the club charities. Tammy Weikert paid a fine for leaving early. Numerous members turned in photos of Monta Ponsetto regarding both Comedy Sports and The Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation, she paid her fine without complaint. Duncan Cameron was fined for his multiple inadvertent meetups with Sue. Apparently they were frequently at the same place and at the same time. Next time Duncan will know to ignore or hide from her! Sue gave a thank you to Trista Foster for our outing at the Backwater Gamblers Ski Show last Sunday. She then levied a \$1 fine on all who did not attend or have not signed up to help at the Milan Harvest Festival or the Labor Day Parade. Jeff Dismer had a happy ten dollars in celebration of the birth of his brand-new granddaughter. Trista Foster had a happy dollar for her husband and her doing the "Over the Wall" repel down the Blackhawk Hotel. She then added her thanks to our Club for coming to the Water Ski Show. Mark Zimmerman had 22 happy dollars in celebration of the Davenport Southeast Little League team advancing through 22 games in the Little League World Series playoffs. Mark attended all 22 games. He said the team is his "13 Grandsons". Monta Ponsetto offered a Happy Dollar in recognition of Heidi Huiskamp Collins for her donation of a new playground for Earl Hanson School. Sue fined all who attended the dedication ceremony.

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.

CLUB CELEBRATES FOUR MORE PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS



Cindi Gramenz

International Foundation chair, Sue Rector had the pleasure of presenting president Cindi Gramenz with her second Paul Harris Fellow award. Cindi previously earned her own Paul Harris Fellow award and today bestowed that honor on her nephew who tragically passed away at age 27. Cindi said he was a perfect example of all Rotary stands for. Bob Swanson bestowed Paul Harris Fellow awards on three family members. His mother, Jeanne Swanson, who played piano for Bob's hometown Rotary Club in Monmouth, Illinois, and his two youngest grandsons, Rowan Lemke, and Nicholas Harris, both are six years old. Bob said he started donating for his grandsons' Paul



Bob Swanson

Harris awards when each boy was born and now six years later the awards are completed. He urged all members to become Paul Harris Fellows. If a member gives \$600 to the Rotary Foundation (can be in small chunks over time) our Club adds \$400 in recognition points to complete the Award.. Congratulations to Cindi and Bob!

ROTARY FOOD TENT AT MILAN HARVEST FESTIVAL

**WHEN ARE YOU HELPING – CHECK THE SCHEDULE BELOW – BRING A LAWN CHAIR
PLEASE ARRIVE 10-15 MINUTES PRIOR TO YOUR SHIFT FOR BRIEF INSTRUCTIONS**

Thursday 4:30pm – 7:30pm

Amber Brummit
Kathy Ruggeberg
Anne McGlynn
Kim Calhoun
Gary Rowe

Thursday 7:30pm – 11pm

Sarah Gorham
John Oliger
Tracy Pugh
Yolanda Pugh

Thursday is September 1st
Friday is September 2nd
Saturday is September 3rd
Sunday is September 4th
Monday is September 5th (Labor Day)

Friday 4:30pm – 7:30pm

Amber Brummit
Anne McGlynn
Tom Hammar
Sue Hammar

Friday 7:30pm – 11pm

Marcy Bell
Mary Fislar
Dick Fislar
Mariah Johnson & Kaylee Johnson
Jennie Newberry (Mariah's guest)

Saturday Noon – 3:30pm

Rick Emery
Carrie Crossen
Rick Devinney
Nancy Devinney

Saturday 3:30pm – 7pm

Molly Shattuck
Molly Shattuck family
Jim Moran
Tracy Pugh

Saturday 7:00pm – 11 pm

Avalon Thomas-Roebel
Cindi Gramenz
Bob Swanson
Sue Rector

Sunday Noon – 3:30pm

Eric Westphall
Holly Sparkman
John Oliger
Bill Stengel

Sunday 3:30pm – 7pm

Anne McGlynn
Fred McGlynn
Steve Morenz
Dawn VandeMoortel

Sunday 7:00pm – 11 pm

Sue Rector
Rick Rector
Ruth Lee
Bob Swanson

Monday Noon – 4:00pm

Frank Roe
Rose Roe
Gary Vogelgesang
Joan Vogelgesang
Trista Foster

Wear a Rotary Shirt if you have one. Otherwise, a blue shirt or top will give us somewhat of a uniform look Rotary Aprons will be provided for you.



Rock Island Rotary Trivia Night Fundraiser is coming!
Friday, November 11, 2022

Online Silent Auction will start Monday, November 7,
and end at Trivia Night on November 11.
Plus – a few items will only be available by silent auction
at Trivia night!

Sue Rector and Kathy Trone are collecting auction
packages, donated services, gift cards, recycled treasures,
anything, and everything that you believe we could use
to put together a great package! Bring items to a Rotary
meeting or Sue can come and pick things up from your
home or business.

Sue has baskets for your use and will bring some to
distribute at an upcoming meeting.

All proceeds are used to fund our Rotary community
support for area not-for-profits and youth activities.