



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



Marcella O'Brien Children's Advocacy Center



Marcy O'Brien is Executive Director of the Children's Advocacy Center in Rock Island. She also is a fellow Rotarian and current president of the Illinois Quad Cities Club. Marcy had a 29 year Law Enforcement career and was named Director of the Children's Advocacy Center located at 734 20th Street in Rock Island in 2017. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from St. Ambrose University. O'Brien stated that the Advocacy Center provides numerous services including having Child Friendly Facilities to hold a coordinated investigation. Forensic Interviews conducted in a manner that is legally sound and of a neutral, fact finding nature. All children are interviewed by a person trained in forensic interviews. Interviews are coordinated to avoid duplication. The Children's Advocacy Center maintains contact with the family throughout the life of their case, working cooperatively with agency service providers to make referrals based on the needs of the child and their family. They track referrals and assist families in connecting with service providers to initiate additional support. The Children's Advocacy Center assists the child victim and their family to navigate the criminal justice system advocating for their concerns/needs with multi-disciplinary team members/service providers. They also provide education on the investigative and court process, assists with resource attainment, and provides emotional support. The Center trains team members from law enforcement; DCFS, State's Attorney's Office and other partners about child abuse and investigative techniques. Training allows multidisciplinary team members to develop and maintain specialized skills needed to better serve child abuse survivors and their families. Marcy said the Children's Advocacy Center staff are available to provide presentations to community organizations on topics related to the Children's Advocacy Center concept and child abuse awareness. These efforts increase the community's awareness of the prevalence of child abuse as well as how to identify and report abuse. She said increased awareness and reporting leads to more timely and successful intervention. Today she spent most of her time speaking of the Center's new Problematic Sexual Behavior Program. The program, one of just three in Illinois is the only PSB program offered outside the Chicago metropolitan area. The Center's staff running the program were all trained specifically in PSB at the University of Oklahoma. The purpose of the program is to identify and provide treatment for children displaying problematic sexual behavior. With proper treatment there is a 98% success rate in helping youngsters have a full and normal life with no further inappropriate sexual behavior issues. Marcy noted that some sexual exploration is normal and a part of early childhood. Often identified as "inappropriate behavior, most children when told what they are doing is not proper cease the behavior. Problematic behavior is when the acts do not stop, or are coerced, or involve a significant age difference between the instigator and victim. Marcy

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August Calendar

- Aug 16 - Kelly Kreiter Penning
New Kingdom
Trailriders
- Aug 16 - Literacy Committee
meets after Club
meeting
- Aug 18 - CPR Gathering
- Aug 23 - Jared Johnson –
WVIK Radio
- Aug 23 - Membership Com-
mittee 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



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2022-23

July	-	Tom Hammar
Aug-Sept	-	Tyla Sherwin-Cole
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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 Duncan Cameron from Naples, FL, and Bill Abel from the Illinois Quad Cities Club. Elizabeth and Owen Aguilar joined us from sunny California as guest of grandma, Ruth Lee. Tracy Brashears was a guest of Doug Hultquist. 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 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 next week, Tuesday, August 16th. Members please arrange to stay after. Sue Rector is Chair.
- MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING** – Immediately after our regular luncheon meeting on Tuesday, August 23rd. Members please arrange to stay after. Mary Fislar is Chair.
- LEGACY COMMITTEE MEETING** - Immediately after our regular luncheon meeting on Tuesday, August 30th. Members please arrange to stay after. Sue Rector is Chair.
- ROTARY NIGHT AT THE BALL PARK** – This Friday. Gates open at 5:45pm. The game starts at 6:30. See Cindi through out the first pitch at about 6pm. Our seats are in the Pepsi Luge Boxes. There are no reserved seats in the box so sit where you wish. You will need a wristband from John Oliger to get into the Pepsi Boxes.
- NEWSLETTER** – Send items for our newsletter to bobdebswanson@att.net.

ROTARY NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

THIS FRIDAY – AUGUST 12th

Tumbler Giveaway – After Game Fireworks!

The Gates open at 5:45. The Game begins at 6:30.



President Cindi Gramenz will throw the ceremonial first pitch at about 6pm.



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stated that the advent of the internet, cell phones, and computers have made pornography available to even pre-school aged children. Sometimes they act out what they see. Once learning that the behavior is “bad” the majority of children learn the boundaries of appropriate behavior and have no real problem. For those who seem unable to discontinue or advance to more inappropriate behaviors, local treatment is now available. Ms. O’Brien stated that annually about 50 of their referrals involve a child initiator of inappropriate sexual behavior. She stated that the key to success of the new program is 1) Community involvement in reporting inappropriate behavior. 2) Parental/caretaker involvement. 3) Group Therapy. She stated that often the parents have a more traumatic reaction to the behavior than the child, fearing their child will have a recurring sexual behavior problem along with suffering embarrassment arising from the situation. Before entering the program, the Center’s trained staff conducts an investigative interview with the child to determine if a problem exists. If it does the treatment program is an 18-week outpatient program designed to teach the child rules and boundaries of appropriate behavior and to help parents understand that with treatment their child will have a normal life with the chances of continuing inappropriate sexual behavior less than 2%. Group Therapy helps the child, and the parents understand that they are not alone and that there is light at the end of the tunnel. Thank you Marcy for a very informative and interesting program. Thank you also for bringing the PSB program to the Quad Cities!

ABUSE AS COMPILED BY THE ROCK ISLAND CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY CENTER July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Type of Abuse: Sexual 237, Physical 56, Neglect 11 Witness 2, Other 2. **Total 308**

Age of Children: 0-6 years 73, 7-12 years 122, 13-18 years 113. **Total 308**

Gender of Children: Male 100, Female 208

Ethnicity of Children: African American 35, Bi-racial 64, Caucasian 176, Hispanic 27, Other 6. **Total 308**

Ethnicity of Offenders: African American 56 Bi-racial 4 Caucasian 177 Hispanic 36 Other 10 Unknown 15. **Total 308**

Age of Offenders: 12 years & younger 23, 13 – 17 years 30, 18 –29 years 63, 30 – 50 years 150. 51 years & over 17, Unknown Age 8, Unknown offender 7. **Total 298**

ALARMING POLIO NEWS

An adult in the New York City metro area caught the Polio virus and suffered paralysis last month, the state’s top health official said this week. The virus was traced to an overseas origin arising from vaccine using a weakened live polio virus. This form of vaccine has not been used in the United States for decades. Health officials subsequently found three positive polio samples in Rockland County wastewater and four positive samples in the sewage of adjacent Orange County. “These findings provide further evidence of local — not international — transmission of a polio virus that can cause paralysis and potential community spread, underscoring the urgency of every New York adult and child getting immunized,” said New York state Health Commissioner Mary Bassett. “Based on earlier polio outbreaks, New Yorkers should know that for every one case of paralytic polio observed, there may be hundreds of other people infected,” Bassett said. “Coupled with the latest wastewater findings, the department is treating the single case of polio as just the tip of the iceberg of much greater potential spread.” The U.S. was declared polio free in 1979 and in the 42 years since those being routinely immunized against polio has declined. Rockland County has a polio vaccination rate of 60%, while Orange County has a vaccination rate of 58%, according to health officials. The statewide vaccination rate for polio in New York is not quite 79%. Approximately 93% of infants born in the United States receive polio inoculation. Those that decline vaccines based on religious objection are not vaccinated and those in the United States who were foreign born may be unvaccinated. Polio is a highly infectious, devastating virus that can cause paralysis. The virus struck fear into parents’ hearts in the 1940s before vaccines were available. More than 35,000 people became paralyzed every year from polio during that period. But a successful vaccination campaign in the 1950s and 1960s dramatically reduced the number of cases.

FINES – HAPPY/SAD DOLLARS

Vice President Sue Rector had a good day levying fines and collecting happy/sad dollars. She began by fining herself for placing a flier promoting the CASI Golf Outing on our tables today. Then shamed Vice-President Eric Westphall into paying a fine for plugging the Bettendorf Rotary Golf Outing during his introduction of guests. Gary Rowe paid a double fine, one for an article that pointed out his absence from a school board meeting and the other for a front-page story and photo of his son in today's newspaper. Bud Phillis was fined for a recently printed letter to the editor in the Argus/Dispatch. Sue then noted a recent article about "Augustana Possible" and fine all connected with Augie. Those that paid were Sue, Doug Hultquist, Tom Hammar, Steven Nowinski, and Holly Sparkman. Then she noted that President Cindi was wearing a pink blazer and Mark Mayeski was wearing an "electric" pink shirt, so she fined everyone that was not wearing pink! Happy Dollars came from Doug Hultquist, Steve Morenz, and Anne McGlynn who will all be at the Field of Dreams game tonight. John Wetzel paid a happy dollar for Steve Morenz attending in person today. Rebecca Arnold paid a dollar for a story and photo in today's sports section that talked about her son as a key returning running back for the Rocks. Kathy Ruggeberg paid a happy dollar in honor of her dad, Jerry Taylor former publisher of the Dispatch/Argus who on Thursday will receive a prestigious award and be honored by the Illinois Press Association (IPA) at their annual Convention in Springfield. Molly Shattuck had a happy dollar for her son hitting three homeruns for his Little League team including a walk off game winner! Finally, Duncan Cameron offered a sad dollar for his beloved Milwaukee Brewers trading away "The best reliever in all of baseball," Josh Hader. Duncan lamented that the team has lost five of their last six games since trading Hader to the San Diego Padres. Cub and Cardinal fans could have added happy dollars celebrating the trade, but in deference to friend Duncan, allowed him to suffer without adding further insult to injury.



**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

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; \$53.93 per person with no coupon. Kiwanis will also be joining us.

Earl Hanson Chess Club Brings Home the Gold!

For many years Rotarian Tom Hammar volunteered to teach the game of chess to students at Earl Hanson Elementary School. Eventually interest grew and the Earl Hanson Chess Club was formed, still coached by Tom. A few years ago, Tom recruited Rick Rector, Sue Rector's husband, also a chess buff to coach the kids. Rick has been a super coach and also was instrumental in obtaining a grant from our club to purchase a number of new Chess sets for the kids. This past weekend the Illowa chess club had a tournament. Rick invited the kids from Earl Hanson he has been working with to enter. One of our Earl Hanson "all stars" Oliver Cooley, finished 1st in his division. The picture shows Oliver proudly displaying his big trophy. He won using a checkmate move that Rick taught them last year. This is the 2nd student from the Rotary after school program that has been a winner at a sanctioned tournament playing against adults. The after-school Chess program is a super success for our club! Congratulations Oliver and coach Rick!



FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to Week 2 of RI's Month of Membership & Extension.

In her maiden visit few days ago to Pakistan, home of over 400 Rotary Clubs, Jennifer Jones, the President of Rotary International, and former co-chair of End Polio Now, commended the country for its cooperation with Rotary, through its Foundation, in fighting Polio. She observed that while Rotary has contributed immensely to the eradication of poliomyelitis from much of the globe, Pakistan still remains one of two countries where the disease has yet to be completely exterminated. Yet, the country has been on the receiving end of TRF's largesse in the area of disease prevention and treatment.

For example, through TRF's Global Grants, the Pakistani clubs have provided ventilators, waste management system and are experimenting with mangrove plantation. Presenting the "Services to Humanity Award" to the Jang Group, an organization which has worked with Rotary in performing free heart surgeries to over 250 underprivileged children, Jones said that over 1.4 million Rotarians are doing their best to improve the quality of lives of the people in their communities. "Rotary's PolioPlus investment in Pakistan for polio eradication is \$353.8 million and overall, its global contribution has been around \$2.5 billion." Rotary, she said, is committed to keep contributing until the world becomes polio-free. "We are a united front in getting rid of polio," she said, adding that they need to make immunization workers safe in Pakistan. "We need to make sure that mothers who do door-to-door campaigns are safe," she stressed.

Quick Facts: Pakistan

- 📌 Pop: 229,853,069 (2.3% of total World population)
- 📌 **48.54% of pop Female**
- 📌 **Communicable Diseases common Cause of Death (21.2%)**
- 📌 **1 doctor for every 1700 patients**
- 📌 **110,000 doctors registered in Pakistan**
- 📌 **25,000 Pakistani doctors working abroad**
- 📌 **Rotary Club of Lahore, chartered 1927, First Club in Pakistan and second oldest club in the India-Pakistan sub-continent.**
- 📌 **Home to over 400 Rotary Clubs.**

ROCK ISLAND ROTARIANS HELPS ILLINOIS QUAD CITY ROTARY CLUB

Marcy O'Brien, our guest speaker today and Bill Abel who accompanied her, are members of the Illinois Quad City Rotary Club. They asked if they could bring along some raffle tickets their club is selling to raise money to purchase a badly needed refrigerator for World Relief Quad Cities. They hoped members of our club would join the effort. Needless to say, Rock Island Rotarians pitched in and purchased tickets. Although winning the raffle is not the principal motivation, the winner will receive a gift basket with \$360 worth of gift cards to local business. Tickets were \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00.



FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Today's raffle featured a 50/50 cash drawing and a bottle of fine wine from the Grape Life. The first ticket drawn was held by Gary Rowe who took the cash and donated it back to our Club Foundation. The second winning ticket was held by Anne McGlynn who was happy to take home the wine. Proceeds from our weekly raffle drawings go to our Rotary Foundation Account and help to assist members in achieving their Paul Harris Fellow recognition. We thank all who participated!



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!

MILAN HARVEST FESTIVAL FOOD TENT SIGN UP

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

***Shift Chair**

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
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-Roebal
Cindi Gramenz
Bob Swanson
Sue Rector
Rick 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

Rotary Donates Supplies to Rock Island Schools

With little fanfare, Rock Island Rotary donated a quantity of assorted School supplies to the Rock Island-Milan School District today. The supplies had been collected by Vice-President Sue Rector during the past year. Rotarian Holly Sparkman, who is the official spokesperson for the School District made arrangements for the District to accept the donation and will see that the supplies are divided among the various District 41 school buildings.



Rotarians Bob Swanson, Duncan Cameron, Carrie Crossen, Sue Rector, Cindi Gramenz, Tracy Pugh, Molly Shattuck, and Monta Ponsetto display a portion of the supplies donated to the Rock Island-Milan School District.

Have You Invited a Friend or Colleague to Join Rotary?

What are the benefits of Joining Rotary?

Becoming a Rotary member connects you with a diverse group of professionals who share your drive to give back. Through regular meetings and events, you'll:

- Discuss our community's needs and develop creative ways to meet them
 - Connect with other leaders who are changing the world
 - Expand your leadership and professional skills
 - Catch up with good friends and meet new ones
- Other benefits of membership include:

The **Rotary International Convention** is our biggest event of the year. Rotary members from more than 130 countries meet at the convention each year to celebrate our successes and make plans for the future.

Rotary Fellowships give members the chance to join a group of people who share similar interests, hobbies, or vocations. Some groups use their fellowship to make a positive difference.

Rotarian Action Groups unite Rotary members, family members, program participants and alumni who share their expertise in particular fields by collaborating with clubs and districts on projects.

What's expected of a Rotarian?

As a club member, you will be asked to: *Pay club dues *Attend meetings and events *Use your professional skills and talents to make a difference

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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REGISTRATION: (\$300)

Payment due at time of registration

Company:

Phone:

Email:

Golfer 1:

Golfer 2:

Golfer 3:

Golfer 4:

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HOLE SPONSOR: (\$100)

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DINNER GUEST (\$15 / Guest)

Name:

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