



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



Spring Forward Learning Center Dan McNeil, Director

Dan McNeil was named Executive Director of Spring Forward Learning Center in December of 2014 and is now in his eighth year in that position. Prior to coming to Spring Forward, Dan served for almost three years as Project Manager for River Action and Partners of Scott County Watersheds. Before that he was Vice-President of Marketing

for the Putnam Museum. He served as Development Director for the Figge Art Museum from December of 2007 – September of 2010. Dan received his bachelor's in Education degree from Western Illinois University and a master of Community and Economic Development from Western. Dan and wife Betsy and their son reside in Moline. Dan Joined Rock Island Rotary in 2015 and has been active on multiple Rotary Committees. Spring Forward provides educational and enrichment opportunities at no cost to enhance the lives of families in our community. Dan began with a short history of Spring Forward. He said it began as an after school program for Audibon Elementary school children needing extra help. It was organized and run by the Good Shephard Presbyterian Church in Rock Island. The idea was successful and other area churches in Rock Island and Milan began offering similar programs. Eventually the programs moved out of the churches and into the schools in Rock Island and Milan. School meal sites became learning sites as Spring Forward developed after school programs initially geared at the many children who primarily spoke a language other than English. As the work became recognized as of great value to the children the school district became more supportive to the point of inviting Spring Forward to move its administrative offices into the the School District Administration Building. There the District provides information and technology services and other assistance to Spring Forward. The focus changed from largely an EL program to one geared to help all students who teachers identify as needing help in order to catch up. Dan characterized Spring Forward's current programs as "out of school time" programs. Spring Forward offers programs and camps after school, during school intersessions, and during the summer school shutdown. He also said that the covid pandemic changed the focus from one designed to prevent academic back sliding when kids have school breaks to one designed more to catch kids up because the the tremendous losses that occurred with the school closures during the pandemic. He spent much of his time describing the recently completed summer program, which he stressed is a "summer camp", not "summer school". Over 600 kids participated this past summer at all 9 elementary schools in District 41. Forty-four fully certified teachers worked with the kids along with over 30 aides and a cadre of college students. The "Camp" was a five week five days a week camp starting in the morning with breakfast followed by work in literacy and math. Lunch is served and play time allowed. In the afternoon enrichment programs are provided with the help of 28 partner entities! Students who attend regularly are taken on Friday field trips to local museums, libraries, the botanical center, and Niabi Zoo. During the school year Spring Forward's after-school programs are held up to four days a week at six sites, serving elementary school students in the Rock Island-Milan School District. Activities include an after-school snack, homework help, instruction and enrichment and physical activity. Students are referred by teachers and the focus is on supporting struggling readers first through third grade. Mr. McNeil was particularly proud of currently having 70 volunteers who go into the schools and read with children. He also noted that last year Spring forward gave over 5,000 books to participating youngsters. Bottom line it is a great program and we are lucky to have it and Rotarian Dan McNeil running it! Thanks Dan for a very interesting and informative program.

Sept. – Oct. Calendar

- Sept 20 - Mason Boyer Heart of Hope Ministries
- Sept 20 - Membership Committee meets at 1:05pm at Botanical Center
- Sept 20 - Literacy Committee meets at 1:05pm at Botanical Center
- Sept 22 - Earl Hanson Birthday Books 2:15pm.
- Sept 22 - CPR Gathering at City Limits 3:30pm
- Sept 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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Oct - Nov	-	Rebecca Arnold
Dec-Jan	-	John Wetzel
Feb-Mar	-	David Hodge
Apr-May	-	Gary Rowe
Jun-Jul	-	Tom Hammar

Club Notes & Announcements!

- WELCOME GUESTS** – Today we welcomed four visiting Rotarians, Duncan Cameron from Naples, FL; Amber Wood from Monmouth, IL; Dr. Bruce Peterson from the River Cities Club; and Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport, IA Club. Nelie Ninahazwa and Brennan Hampton, Jr. Rotarians from Rock Island High School were guests of the Club. Prospective members Danielle Scott a guest of Angela Campbell, and Kenda Burrows a guest of Sue Rector also attended. We love to have visitors and guests at “the Number 1 Club”!
- HARVEST FESTIVAL** – Thanks to the following who worked at our Food Tent: Amber Brummit (3 Shifts), Sarah Gorham, Kathy Ruggeberg, John Oliger (2 Shifts), Anne McGlynn (3 Shifts), Tracy Pugh (2 Shifts), Kim Calhoun, Yolanda Grandberry-Pugh, Gary Rowe, Marcy Bell, Mary Fislar, Tom Hammar, Mariah Johnson, Rick Emery, Molly Shattuck, Avalon Thomas-Roebal, Carrie Crossen, Cindi Gramenz (3 Shifts), Rick Devinney, Jim Moran, Bob Swanson, Sue Rector (6 Shifts), Eric Westphall, Holly Sparkman, Steve Morenz, Ruth Lee, Bill Stengel, Trista Foster, Jim Nordquist (2 shifts), and Frank Lambert (2 shifts). See photo album, pages 8 & 9.
- LABOR DAY PARADE** – Thanks to Tom Hammar, Jim Moran, Steve Morenz, Jeff Dismer, Rick Devinney, Dick Fislar (Mary’s hubby), Cindi Gramenz, Eric Westphall, Carrie Crossen, Sue Rector, and Molly Shattuck and her entire family who participated in our Labor Day Parade entourage. Thanks also to the Shattucks for use of their truck and trailer! See photo album, pages 10, 11 & 12.
- MEMBERSHIP and LITERACY COMMITTEES WILL MEET** – Immediately after our regular meeting September 20th. Please mark your calendar. Membership Chair Mary Fislar, Literacy Chair Sue Rector.
- 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. 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.

FEELING LUCKY?

TRY YOUR HAND AT ROTARY BINGO

The game just started today and there is still plenty of time to jump in. All money going in the fine pool.

- 1] You buy a Bingo card for \$1. You can buy multiple cards!
- 2] Throw in \$1 each week to play.
- 3] Two numbers will be pulled each week and we will continue until someone gets a bingo. If that happens in the first two-three weeks we will start a new game.
- 4] \$1 on the first day to get a card - And \$1 first and subsequent weeks to play two numbers. You may purchase multiple cards
- 5] Five in a row Bingo may be vertical, horizontal, or diagonal.

B I N G O				
14	24	44	53	68
7	28	31	54	73
2	26	★	51	67
3	22	39	57	75
9	20	37	50	71



FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to Week 2 of RI's Month of Basic Education & Literacy.

This week's Minute is culled from the message of TRF Trustee Chair, Ian H S Riseley in the August edition of The Rotarian. Commenting on a book by Bill Bryson on the creation of the universe and how our planet is just a speck, Riseley says "it is a miracle that we — our planet and our species — have survived." "We enjoy not only the privilege of existence," Bryson writes, "but also the singular ability to appreciate it and even, in a multitude of ways, to make it better." Riseley continues by stating that "we are fortunate to be able to read Bryson's words or any others. And we are fortunate to be part of an organization that is making our world a better place by helping those who can't read them. There are an estimated 773 million illiterate adults — most of them women — who can't read these words or write their own name. They are at a clear disadvantage in life, with limited opportunities to work. And this situation isn't their fault...Rotary has not forgotten them. In September, let's —celebrate Basic Education and Literacy month by looking at the long-term impact Rotary and The Rotary Foundation are making and how we are finding ways to lend a hand in the effort."

According to Riseley, last year alone, "TRF approved 104 global grants totaling \$6.3 million for basic education and literacy projects, according to preliminary figures...At the community level, our clubs are well-known for book drives that have changed the lives of so many children. But when we gather many clubs and districts together and work on large-scale Rotary Foundation projects, we have the potential to impact entire communities for generations."

On behalf of TRF, local clubs can further its goals by:

- Reading to children in schools and libraries

- Learning & Teaching alternative Reading Methods: Braille, Deaf Language

- Participating in Adult Literacy Programs

- Recording Books for the National Library for the Blind & Print Disabled

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.

REGISTER FOR ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE ONLINE

District Conference online registration is open! **CLICK ON THIS** link to the registration site - <https://bit.ly/3Q9KGxH>. Early bird registration: \$90 until October 20, 2022. Standard registration: \$110 from October 21 – 28, 2022. No registrations on site.

The registration fee includes the District's annual Foundation Dinner on Friday evening, plus lunch, dinner, and snacks on Saturday. A cash bar will be available both evenings. Free parking will be available at the conference venue.

On Friday, November 4 check-in will open at 4:30pm with a cash bar from 5:00-7:00. The program will begin at 6:00pm.

On Saturday, November 5, check-in will open at 8:30am and the program will begin at 9:00am.

Hotel – Hampton Inn, 663 S. Annie Glidden Rd, DeKalb, IL 60115, (815) 748-4323, 1.3 miles and 4 minutes from the conference venue, \$109 for double or king room (before taxes), free parking at hotel, rooms available until October 30. Please mention the Rotary District Conference when you make your reservation.

FINES – HAPPY/SAD DOLLARS

V.P. Sue Rector had some catching up to do since there were no fines last week. She began by collecting fines from Justin Peterson and Kimberly Calhoun for early leaving privileges. She fined Bob Swanson for being on the TV news firing the cannon at the Rock Island Football game. Tyle Sherwin-Cole paid a fine for being in the papers as an Athena Leadership Award Winner as a "Woman of Influence." Sue Rector paid a \$1 fine under the "Austin Rule" for Katie Rector (No relations, but same name). Then the Happy/Sad dollars began pouring in. Gary Rowe had a happy dollar for the Rock Island Foundation recently awarding \$61,000 in grants to area recipients. Frank Lambert paid \$2 for his ongoing Cubs vs. Cardinals challenge with Bud Phillis. Jim Moran had a happy dollar in celebration of his granddaughter who as a high school junior in Georgia was named one of the top volleyball players in Georgia and coupled with her outstanding academic achievements is being courted by numerous Ivy League universities. Bud Phillis had happy dollars for wins by the Illini, Bears, and Cubs this weekend. Tammy Weikert had \$50 happy dollars in celebration of her 50th birthday. Kathy Trone had a happy dollar for her grandson's first birthday. Sue Rector had a sad dollar for Iowa's football loss to Iowa State. John Olinger offered a happy dollar in hoping for an Iowa quarterback change! Angela Campbell had \$21 happy dollars in celebration of her 21st wedding anniversary. Gary Rowe offered more happy dollars for the Bears and Illini wins and the Iowa loss. Overall, it was a good day for the fine coffers. Sue will reload and be back next week so keep those dollars handy!

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. Control/click on this link to get tickets: <https://e.givesmart.com/events/sdY/>.



Next CPR – Thursday September 22 3:30pm City Limits Saloon

Come on over to City Limits after Birthday Books for a relaxed chat with your fellow Rotarians.

This month we will talk about the Rotary International Foundation. Lots of new Paul Harris Fellows, but what does that REALLY mean?

How do I sign up for a small direct withdrawal each month?

What are these matching points that help me get to become a Paul Harris Fellow?

Do any of these donations come back to the Club?

Sue Rector knows and will be there to fill in the blanks.

And then what is the Paul Harris Society?

Mark Mayeski knows. And he'll be there to help us all learn a little bit more.

CPRs are a sort of lunch and learn, with occasional cocktails....no tests and no pressure - just answering member questions and learning about Rotary. **Join us! Everyone is welcome.**

ROCKY INTERACT CLUB FUNDRAISER

Our rejuvenated Interact Club at Rock Island High School is off to a great start. A number of Interact members helped in our Milan Harvest Festival food tent and those of us that got to meet them were very impressed! They also came out in big numbers to walk with us in the Labor Day Parade handing out candy to the children. At their first meeting they identified their first international project. They want to raise money to purchase a water filter for our Kenya water project. How will they raise the money? Club sponsor and our fellow Rotarian, Lonnie Behnke is talented around the kitchen and is offering his homemade salsa and homemade pickles for \$5 per jar. Your choice of Mild Salsa - Hot Salsa - Blended Salsa - Black Bean/Corn Salsa – Bread & Butter pickles - Reg Dill - Polish Dill - Hot Garlic - or Pesto. If you want to try them, place your order at the Sergeant's table. Pay upon delivery. If you missed ordering today, you can order next week!



Lonnie
Behnke's
Homemade
Salsa
Pickle Spears
Sliced Bread &
Butter Pickles



HELP THE CHILDREN OF UKRAINE

The Rockford Rotary Club is hosting an event in downtown Rockford on Sept 21. This is a fundraiser to help the children of Brovary, Ukraine. Brovary is Rockford's "sister" City. Please consider purchasing a ticket (\$20 per ticket) and/or attending the event. The event is Miles Nielson concert at the Veteran's Memorial Hall in Rockford from 7-10 pm. The doors open at 6 pm.

This is a BYOB event. Please join Fellow Rotarians from all over District 6420



You Can for
UKRAINE

PERFORMANCE BY: MILES NEILSEN
BENEFITING CHILDREN OF BROVARY, UKRAINE

Register Here



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CLUB BUYS FOUR MORE WATER FILTERS

Rock Island Rotary continued our effort to provide safe drinking water for village children in Kenya with the purchase of four more Lifestraw Community Water Filters adding another 280 children to those impacted by our water project. Over the past five years our project has purchased 240 Lifestraw filters that have been delivered to Kenya and are now serving nearly 17,000 children in rural villages. Staff members delivering the units provide training on the use and maintenance of the filters and basic education on sanitation and the dangers and diseases caused by consuming impure water.



CLUB CONTINUES TO WELCOME NEW PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Foundation chair Sue Rector had the pleasure of introducing another Paul Harris Fellow during today's meeting. David Wilson was honored by his mom, Tammy Weikert as our newest Paul Harris Fellow. David joined us via ZOOM from Kansas City and heard his mother say that she wanted to honor him as her fourth Paul Harris designee. She noted that when she joined Rotary in 2015 she took advantage of Rotary's director withdrawal program setting aside a set amount that is directly deposited from her checking account into the Rotary Foundation account. With a small withdrawal each month it adds up to a significant contribution each year. Congratulations to Tammy and David. Tammy noted that David has been attending Rotary in Kansas City and she is hopeful he will become as dedicated to Rotary as she is. Tammy said she has two more family members she plans to honor in the future.



BELL RINGING JUST AROUND THE CORNER!



Mark Mayeski announced that Rock Island Rotary's day for ringing the Salvation Army Bells and staffing the kettles at the Rock Island HyVee is Saturday, December 10th. Shifts will be 1 hour and will begin at 9am and run to 3pm. We will be staffing both entry doors and want 2 people at each door. You can call or email Mark 309-788-0399, mark.mayeski@edwardjones.com, to sign up if you want to reserve a particular time. Or you can just sign up and Mark will schedule you for an open slot. It's always fun and is a great way to serve our community and only requires a one-hour commitment.



FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Today's raffle featured a fabric basket hand made by past president Angela Campbell, a bottle of fine wine from the Grape Life Wine Store in Davenport, and a 50/50 cash drawing. The first ticket pulled was held by V.P. Sue Rector. Predictably, she took the basket. The next ticket pulled was held by Pete Wessels who opted for the cash and then donated his winnings to Rotary's Polio Plus campaign. The final winning ticket was held by Jeff Dismer who was happy to accept the wine. We thank and appreciate all those who participated. Proceeds go to the Rotary Foundation.



FIVE THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT POLIO

The road to eradicating polio has been a long and difficult one, with Rotary leading the fight since 1985. Going from nearly 350,000 cases in 1988 to just 10 so far this year has required time, money, dedication, and innovation from thousands of people who are working to end the disease.

Here are five things you may not know about the fight to end polio:

1. Ice cream factories in Syria are helping by freezing the ice packs that health workers use to keep the polio vaccine cold during immunization campaigns.
2. Celebrities have become ambassadors in our fight to end the disease. They include WWE wrestling superstar John Cena, actress Kristen Bell, action-movie star Jackie Chan, golf legend Jack Nicklaus, Grammy Award-winning singers Angelique Kidjo and Ziggy Marley, Nobel Peace Prize laureate Desmond Tutu, anthropologist Dr. Jane Goodall, co-founder of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Bill Gates, and world-renowned violinist and polio survivor Itzhak Perlman.
3. Health workers and Rotary volunteers have climbed mountains, crossed deserts, and sailed to remote islands, risking their lives to vaccinate children against this disease. Rotary has funded more than 1,500 motorbikes and 6,700 other vehicles, as well as 17 boats, to make those journeys. Vaccinators have even traveled on the backs of elephants, donkeys, and camels to immunize children in remote areas.
4. In Pakistan, the polio program emphasizes hiring local female vaccinators and monitors. More than 21,000 vaccinators, 83 percent of whom are women, are achieving the highest immunization coverage rates in the country's history.
5. Thanks to the efforts of Rotary and its partners, more than 16 million people who otherwise might have been paralyzed are walking today. In all, more than 2.5 billion children have been vaccinated since 1988.

ROCK ISLAND ROTARY PHOTO ALBUM – MILAN FESTIVAL 2022



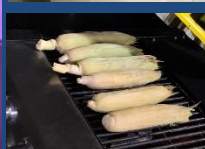
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ROCK ISLAND ROTARY PHOTO ALBUM – MILAN FESTIVAL 2022



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ROCK ISLAND ROTARY PHOTO ALBUM – LABOR DAY 2022



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Bob Swanson.

Pictures tell the story. Rock Island
Rotary and Rocky Interact are alive
and well and doing great things!

Best of all we're having fun doing it!



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. **WE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT THE QUAD CITY DINING TOUR BOOK WILL NOT BE PRINTED FOR 2022-23.** Our cost for party, dinner, Bootlegger pre-show, and the main stage presentation of *White Christmas* will be the group rate of \$54.75 per person (under 18 \$36.50 tax & tip included).



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.