



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



TY J. GRUNDER Small Business Specialist US Bank, Moline

Sept. – Oct. Calendar

- Sept 27 - Ty Grunder, US Bank
- Oct 4 - Club Assembly
- Oct 11 - TBA
- Oct 18 - Jennifer Hirsch,
New Metrolink Fleet
- Oct 25 - Paul Plagenz, CEO
Moline Foundation
- Nov 4-5 District Conference
At NIU – DeKalb
- Nov 8 - Dr. Bruce Peterson,
DDS, “The Natchez
Trace Parkway
- Nov 15 - Heidi Huiskamp
Collins –
“Philanthropy”

Ty J. Grunder, is a Small Business Specialist at the U.S. Bank branch in Moline. He joined the Bank in January of 2021. He previously served as Director of Corporate and Community Relations for St. Ambrose University. He worked to establish the University as an essential resource to elected officials/staff, and agency officials. Prior to that he was Assistant Director of Development – Ophthalmology at The University of Iowa Center for Advancement. He also served as the Major Gifts Officer for Upper Iowa University in Fayette, Iowa. Mr. Grunder earned his Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Upper Iowa University and his Master of Business Administration (MBA), with emphasis in International Business also from Upper Iowa University. He has served as a volunteer counselor at the Northeast Iowa Camp of Royal Family KIDS working with and mentoring children with neglected & abused backgrounds from ages 6-12. He also served as co-leader for Jr. High and High School Youth Group Ministry for the Coram Deo Bible Church in Davenport. Ty also serves as President of the BNI Quad City Breakfast Club. He said it is critical for anyone starting or operating a business to surround themselves with trusted advisors. He suggested an accountant, lawyer, insurance agent, and a financial advisor. He stated that the core components of a business operating cycle are cash management, inventory management, accounts payable, distribution and sales of goods, accounts receivable, and capital investment. Business specialists help owners with questions and potential solutions in each area. When asked what advice he has for someone considering starting up a business is to “dive in head first” but also emphasized that they must have patience and not expect overnight success. Before making the dive a prospective entrepreneur needs to have a business plan, advisors in place, and funding available or lined up. He noted that the first 2 years of a business are “life and death”. He also said new business owners need to be careful not to “bite off more than they can chew”. When asked about business location Mr. Grunder said that in today's world everything is done by analytics. Businesses need to locate where there is adequate traffic to warrant a physical location. He also stated that although it is a generational thing, many people now conduct their businesses, including their banking entirely on their telephone or computer. He also said businesses are teaching customers how to do it. He said the goal of the business specialist is to help customers save money and be more efficient.

Rotary notes that many banks have “business bankers” or “small business specialists” and therefore Mr. Grunder's comments were intended as information on the role of such positions and the services they provide. It was not intended as an endorsement of the speaker or of any particular lending institution. If the presentation peaked your interest, we suggest you consult your personal banking institution. We thank Mr. Grunder for his presentation and the wealth of information he conveyed.



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2022-23

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Jun-Jul	-	Tom Hammar

Club Notes & Announcements!

- ❑ **WELCOME GUESTS** – Today we welcomed two visiting Rotarians, Duncan Cameron from the Naples, Florida Club and Amber Wood from the Monmouth, Illinois Club. This was Amber's final visit as a "guest"! Our third and final guest for the day was Betsy McNeil, guest of husband Dan McNeil. Rock Island Rotary the "Number 1 Club" loves to welcome guests to our meetings and invites all members to bring a guest to a future meeting.
- ❑ **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. Sponsors also needed for the shirts given to the kids. \$100 to sponsor.
- ❑ **FESTIVAL OF TREES MEETING.** - October 4th. Sue will have the DIY ornaments ready to make that day. Bring your creative skills! Immediately after our regular meeting we will have a work session to finish the ornaments.
- ❑ **THANKS TO MEMBERS WHO HELP WITH BIRTHDAY BOOKS** – The Club thanks Molly Shattuck, Tom Hammar, Kathy Ruggeburg, and Amber Brummit for helping to make Birthday Books very special for Earl Hanson children last week. All members are urged to help during the coming months. It only takes about 45 minutes of your time and means so much to the kids and our club!
- ❑ **BASKETS AVAILABLE FOR TRIVIA NIGHT AUCTION TABLE** – If you are putting together a silent auction item for our November 11th Trivia Night, Sue Rector will be happy to provide a basket for your use. See Sue at next week's meeting.
- ❑ **CIRCA 21 CHRISTMAS PARTY** – With the calendar turning to October, signups for our holiday party at Circa 21 will begin next week. No money is required at the time of signup. It is just a commitment that you will be going and that seats should be held for you. Please consult the article in this newsletter for time and cost details. Sign up with Bob Swanson at the Sergeant's table.
- ❑ **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

Rotary International and Ukraine Friends, a U.S.-based nonprofit, have agreed to collaborate to provide resources, organize logistics, and distribute funds for high-impact projects that help Ukrainians affected by the war with Russia. Rotary has awarded 272 disaster response grants totaling \$8.9 million since the Russian invasion of Ukraine. These grants, for club projects in 29 countries, support people in and around Ukraine who have been affected by the war. Rotary and Rotaract clubs worldwide have also donated millions more directly to Ukrainian clubs that are providing water, food, shelter, medicine, and clothing.

"Rotary is delighted to expand its reach by partnering with Ukraine Friends," RI General Secretary and CEO, John Hewko says. "This terrible crisis has brought out the best in Rotary — demonstrating our generosity, increasing membership in Ukraine, and now opening up new opportunities for providing vital services." The partnership with Ukraine Friends, Hewko believes, will help Rotary "do more for Ukrainians as they struggle to survive and rebuild in the months and years ahead."

Rotary and Ukraine Friends have agreed on their first joint project, which is procuring and delivering nearly 50 ambulances to hospitals and other organizations. Rotary and Ukraine Friends have donated \$300,000 each toward the ambulances, and Rotary districts in Ukraine and Slovakia will work with Ukraine Friends to coordinate the delivery.

The collaboration between Rotary and Ukraine Friends, according to Brock D. Bierman, CEO Ukraine Friends, "will have an amplifying effect and create an even larger impact on those we are trying to help,...the critical humanitarian assistance and medical aid to those most in need will provide Ukrainians with a helping hand exactly at the time when they need it most."

Our District conference is right around the corner and 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. Start the weekend off right and register for the November district conference... Scan QR Code below and register today!



The banner features a background of stylized human figures in various colors (blue, orange, pink, green, yellow) holding hands. In the top right corner is the 'IMAGINE ROTARY' logo, which consists of a purple gear-like icon and the text 'IMAGINE ROTARY' in purple. Below this, a black circle contains the text 'Only 38 Days!' in white script. On the left side, there is a yellow Rotary International gear logo. The center of the banner has a purple background with the text '2022-2023 District 6420 Conference' in white. At the bottom, the text 'Register Now!' is written in a large, black, cursive font. To the right of this text is a QR code with a yellow gear icon in the center, and a large black arrow points from the text towards the QR code. Below the QR code is the text 'SCAN ME'.

**IMAGINE
ROTARY**

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**2022-2023
District 6420 Conference**

Register Now!


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ROTARY TRIVIA NIGHT

Trivia Night is fast approaching on Friday, November 11th. It is time to register your team with Kathy Tron. All you need to do is email Kathy at kathy@wesselspc.com. Let her know that you will have a team and want a table or that you want to play and wish to be part of a Rotary team. Teams may have up to 10 members and the cost for a table/team is \$100. Bring your own food or snacks. Drinks must be purchased on site.. Pay now or pay later, but get your team registered to reserve a table!

FINES – HAPPY/SAD DOLLARS

V.P. Sue had another big day at the fining rostrum. Starting with a big one for Stan Coin who happily offered a check for \$64 dollars in celebration of his 64th anniversary of marriage to wife Kay. He also treated us to a photo of Stan and Kay today with a blown-up life size photo of the couple on their wedding day. Pulling from the local media, Sue fined Tom Hammar, Molly Shattuck, Holly Sparkman, and all other members who participated in the Quad City Marathon on Sunday. Congratulations to those who have the stamina and fitness to finish! Tyla Sherwin-Cole was fined again for her recent “Woman of Influence” award. Kevin Koski joined via ZOOM and heard his name called for two fines: one for his photo appearing in the Figge Magazine, and another for a recent Finnish story in the newspaper. Kai Swanson and Dr. Reggie Lawrence were fined for being caught in a news photo at the Million Father March. Then Sue invited all men in the room who were not present at the march to also pay a \$1 fine! Ruth Lee once again was fined for husband Dan’s newspaper editorial. Anne McGlynn paid a \$1 fine for needing to leave early today. As if that wasn’t enough, Sue then added a fine to every member (including herself) who was not wearing their Rotary Club pin at today’s meeting. The fine money coffers grew big time today and I predict the Boos” and cat calls will grow even more when our resident finer is introduced next week!!



FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Today’s raffle featured 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 Bill Stengel who took the wine. That was followed by a second ticket drawn held by Mark Mayeski. Mark took the cash and then donated all of his proceeds to the Rotary Foundation.

We thank and appreciate all those who participated. Proceeds go to the Rotary Foundation.



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/>.



BIRTHDAY BOOKS A BIG HIT!

Rock Island Rotarians hosted our first Birthday Books Party for the 2022-23 school year last Thursday and the kids really had a ball. Picking free books, enjoying cookies, hearing the refrains of “Happy Birthday sung to them was great fun for both the kids and the Rotarians who helped hand out the books! Join the fun next month!



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

Fresh garden pickings for the
next batches of salsa and
pickles!



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.

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.) 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).

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

At our August 23, 2022, meeting we announced that Mark Mayeski had bestowed two more Paul Harris Fellows Awards. The recipients were his aunt and uncle. Unable to attend our meeting, the awards were sent to them and below are photos of the happy honorees, Janet and Mike Silies with their Paul Harris Fellow award certificates. Janet is the sister of John Mayeski (father of Rotarian Mark Mayeski), and she currently resides in a St. Louis suburb with her devoted husband Mike. Congratulations to the Silies and to Mark and Kim Mayeski.



TWO NEW ROCK ISLAND ROTARIANS!

President Gramenz experienced one of the great pleasures of being a Club president today as she inducted two new members into our club. Mentor Kai presented Dr. Andrea Talentino, President of Augustana College for induction. Andrea will be the "Active" member for the Augustana Corporate membership. She and husband Tom Tarnow (an attorney who has accepted a position with Prairie State Legal Service) have two children, Lucien, and Julia. Both will be attending school in the Rock Island-Milan school system. Prior to moving to Rock Island to accept the Augustana presidency, Dr. Talentino served as provost of Nazareth College in Rochester, New York. We are thrilled to have Dr. Talentino as a fellow member of Rock Island Rotary. Mentor Marcy Bell presented Amber Wood, a transfer Rotarian from the Monmouth, Illinois Club, for induction. Amber is Director of Development for SAL Community Services located in Moline. She lives in Orion, Illinois and is very familiar with Rotary having been a member for 14 years in various clubs as her career caused her to periodically relocate. We are delighted that when her job moved her back to the Quad Cities she selected Rock Island Rotary as the group she wanted to join. We welcome Andrea and Amber to the Number 1 Club and look forward to building lasting friendships with both of you!.



President Gramenz presents new member packets to Amber Wood (Left) and Dr. Andrea Talentino (Center).



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.

ORGANIZE YOUR TEAM

Teams may consist of up to 10 players.

Registration fee is \$100 for a table.

Doors open at 5:45pm and Trivia starts at 6:30pm.

Bring your own snacks, beverages must be purchased on premises.

Email Kathy Trone to reserve your table and enter your team: kathy@wesselspc.com

MEMBERS CITED FOR PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Club Secretary Anne McGlynn took the rostrum today and presented Perfect Attendance Awards to several club members. She also said more will be coming at future meetings. Those cited today are:

Kathy Trone for 2 years perfect attendance



Gary Rowe for 3 years perfect attendance



Angela Campbell for 3 years perfect attendance



Bruce Peterson for 8 years perfect attendance
(Joined us via ZOOM today)



Jim Moran for 13 years perfect attendance



ROTARY HELPS SAVE EARL HANSON'S AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Teachers and students at Earl Hanson Elementary were alarmed to learn that the funding source that had supported their after-school programs including the Chess Club, tutoring, and the popular Inspire Choir had run out and as a result there would be no after school programs. The Spring Forward Learning Center who operates after school programs at several other District 41 schools said they would love to offer a program for Earl Hanson but didn't have the budget to add another school. Rotary along with the Rock Island -Milan Education Foundation, and the Day Foundation working together raised enough funds to ensure Earl Hanson would have a full after school program starting second quarter. Today, Dan McNeil, Exec. Director of Spring Forward Learning Center and a member of our club and Dr. Kathy Ruggeberg, Assistant Supt. of District 41 Schools and also a member of our club, accepted our Rotary check for \$5,000 as our part of the funding for the program. We are happy to help!



President Gramenz with Dr. Ruggeberg & Dan McNeil