



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



LYNDA SARGENT Heart of Hope Ministries

Lynda Sargent is the Founder & President/CEO of Heart of Hope Ministries. Lynda was born and raised in the West End neighborhoods of Rock Island. She earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Accounting from St. Ambrose University. She retired from her work as an Accountant with Unity Point Health at Trinity Rock Island in 2012 to focus on shepherding the vision the Lord has given her for Heart of Hope Ministries. She was ordained as a pastor in 2014, and is a devoted Servant of the Lord and the Community in which she serves.

Ms. Sargent has won numerous awards and honors for her work in the community and continues to inspire others with her commitment to making the world a better place.

The Heart of Hope Food Pantry opened in May of 2014. Since that time, more than 68,000 people have received food and necessities from Heart of Hope. After COVID hit, the pantry turned into a drive-thru food pantry. It still serves hundreds of people every Thursday from 4:30-6:30pm. Ms. Sargent thanked our Rotary Club for its continual commitment of volunteerism at the pantry, and for the donation of plastic bags, which have helped immensely! In addition to the drive-thru pantry, they also have a truck that delivers to homebound folks all across the Quad Cities on Fridays. They've already served 1,200 people in this capacity and are trying to help even more.

Heart of Hope also has a Clothing Ministry, where thousands of items are provided annually to men, women, and children. Some of the most needed items are shoes, socks, and coats.

One of their newest endeavors is creating "transformational housing" for men in need. They purchased a home for a \$1 from a delinquent tax sales auction and renovated it with \$80,000 in donations. Humble Dwellings, a non-profit, donated all of the furniture and interior furnishings so that the house could provide shelter for men trying to get back on their feet. It has been a great success! Heart of Hope is now looking at expanding this idea with a location dedicated to teaching/training life skills. We look forward to finding out more about this new training location in the coming months.

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September - October Calendar

- Sept 22 - Earl Hanson Birthday Books at 2:15pm.
- Sept 22 - CPR Gathering at City Limits at 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



**HEART OF HOPE
MINISTRIES**

Our mission is to help Rock Island and the greater Quad City Area by providing services needed by the hurting of our community. We're working to provide opportunities that empower people to be self-sufficient, and to equip future generations for success.

Heartofhopeqc.org



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Jun-Jul	— Tom Hammar

Club Notes & Announcements

WELCOME to the #1 Club!

Former Rock Island Rotary Club President, Jim Moran, announced today's guests and visiting Rotarians. The club would like to welcome Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport Club; and Duncan Cameron from the Naples (FL) club. Our high school students were also in attendance. Welcome!

EARLY LEAVERS: Dan McNeil paid \$1 to leave early.

PUMPKINPALOOZA – 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. Please arrive by 9:45am.

FOR MEMBERSHIP CONSIDERATION - Kenda Burrows has submitted an application for membership. She is a Senior Reporter for Quad Cities Regional Business Journal.

GREETERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED - Greeters are needed! All that is required is the ability to come a few minutes early and bring your great smile. Sign-up at the Sergeant-at-Arms table.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS -

Email Bob if you have any content for the newsletter: bobdebswanson@att.net

Wow, Neat Dad Joke

How does Big Foot know what time it is?
(By looking at his Sasquatch)

Welcome back, President Cindi!

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Another goal of Ms. Sargent and Heart of Hope Ministries is to revitalize neighborhoods. During her talk she reminisced about the numerous stores on 11th Street - the corner markets, Zayre, and walkable attractions that used to exist. She wholeheartedly believes this is possible again for Rock Island and will work toward that end.

Ms. Sargent ended her talk with a list of partner organizations (like Rotary!). She said that they need "champions" in the community to help them, such as Christian Care, local farmers, and sponsors for an upcoming fundraiser at the Holiday Inn. With donations going down, Heart of Hope has had to borrow from their line-of-credit for the first-time ever. She hopes this is only temporary and encourages Rotarians and other community-members to continue advocating on their behalf about all the great work they do.

It's obvious why Ms. Sargent has won numerous awards for her community commitment and involvement. Lynda has been given a sincere and caring heart for those in need within our community. She eagerly looks forward to what the Lord's divine purpose has ahead for Heart of Hope Ministries. She welcomes all of us to come along with them in helping our community!

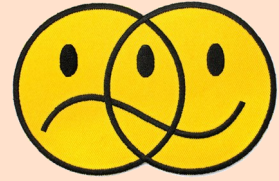


Some of the children from their youth programs.

FINES & HAPPY/SAD DOLLARS

Rotarians In & Out of the News:

Tracy Pugh for being on TV; Gary Rowe didn't show up for a meeting (?); Ruth Lee, because Dan Lee had another letter to the editor in the paper.



Happy/Sad Dollars:

- Kevin Koski paid \$2 for not being there in-person for such a long time. He had traveling to do!
- Rick Devinney paid \$50 (\$1 for the win, and \$49 for the number of points the Maroons scored against Rocky)
- Duncan Cameron paid \$2 for the Iowa Hawkeyes win, and the Green Bay Packers "win"
- Lonnie Behnke paid \$5 because of the 900 students who attended the homecoming dance!
- Steven Nowinski paid a fine because he actually had cash on him *and* because he got to attend Greek Fest!
- Carrie Crossen paid a fine in honor of her upcoming nine-hour, one-way drive to Kansas to meet a rescue organization to pick up a momma and her puppies to save them from being euthanized.

FOUNDATION RAFFLE REPORT

- Wine - Tracy Pugh
- 50/50 - John Olinger, \$30 donated back to Foundation
- Halloween Bowl AND the Pickles - Monta Ponsetto



Proceeds from our raffle go to the Rotary International Foundation. **Thanks to all who participated!**

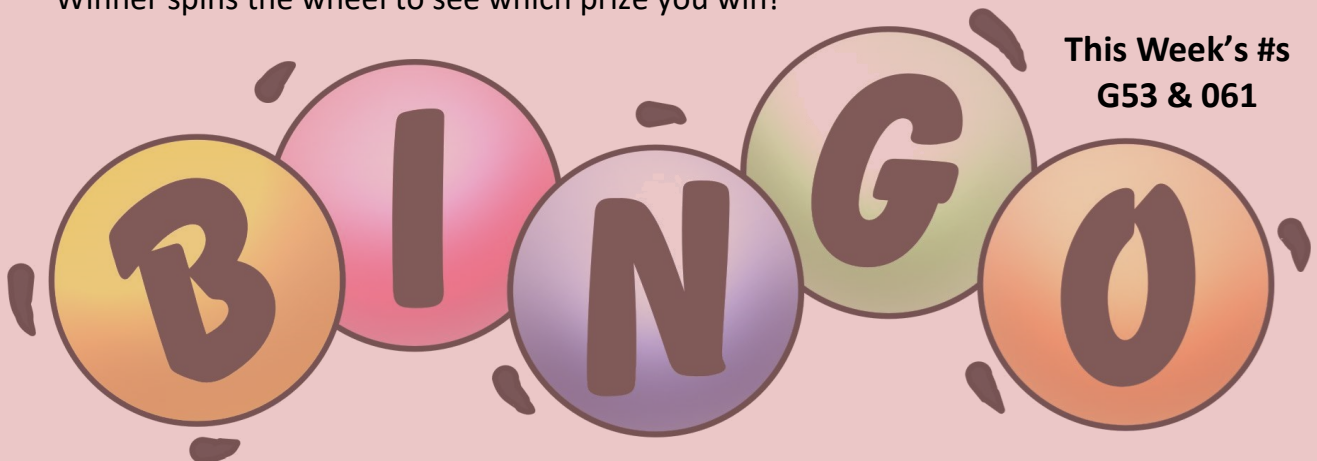
Feeling lucky? Try your hand at ROTARY BINGO

The game started last week, but there is still plenty of time to jump in!
All money going towards 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.
- 6] Winner spins the wheel to see which prize you win!

Last Week's #s
B6 & G54

This Week's #s
G53 & 061



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.



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.

Please Note: Due to a lack of member availability, CPR for September will be rescheduled to a time TBD.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! **Membership Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, October 18 at 1pm,
Following the regular club meeting

District Grant Project Help Needed!

The District Grant is going towards a new mural at Youth Hope, located at 2707 11th Street.

If you have time, volunteers will meet this Saturday starting at 10am to prep the space for the mural. All you need to do is show up ready to work. For more information, contact Dave Hodge.



REGISTER ONLINE FOR THE ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE

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. For the second straight year, the Board has voted to**

cover the full conference registration cost to any members who wish to go! (Not including hotel)



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.

Check-in for Friday, November 4
4:30pm, with cash bar from 5 -7pm;
Program begins at 6pm

Check-in for Saturday, November 5
8:30am; program begins at 9am

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.

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/>.

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).

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.



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
YUM!!!



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.

Other important announcements:

From Lonnie Behnke:

- Thanks to the Club for volunteering at the Rocky Concession stand—they made \$400!
- Canned food fundraiser has already made \$200!

From Sue & Monta:

- Decorate a tree ornament for our Festival of Trees submission! Supplies will be provided at the October 4th meeting.
- Volunteers may be needed to help install the tree at a later date. More information coming soon!

From President Cindi:

- A new Club Treasurer will be needed in July 2023. Email Cindi if you're interested.
- \$5,000 was awarded to Spring Forward Learning Center to support their afterschool program at Earl Hanson Elementary. The Literacy Committee is currently working on volunteer opportunities for Rotarians.
- Amber Wood is now officially a member. Induction will be next week.
- Looking for a volunteer to do one or more invocations for October.
- First Club Assembly of the Fiscal Year will happen on October 4th. Committees should be prepared to speak about their projects and involvement with the Club.

Rock Island Rotary Trivia, Rock & Roll Bingo, and Rotary Reindeer Ramble (5K) Fundraising Bundle

Proceeds benefit Rock Island Rotary Youth Programs

Sponsorship Opportunities:

Gold Sponsor \$1500

- Sponsorship on 5K T-shirts
- Sponsorship listed on all advertising material for the above events
- 5 Complimentary Bingo Cards & Table at Trivia
- Day of event recognition as a Gold Sponsor, for the above events

Corporate Sponsor \$750

- Sponsorship on 5K T-shirts
- 5 Complimentary Bingo Cards
- Day of event recognition as a Corporate Sponsor, for the above events

Friend of Rotary \$500

- Sponsorship on 5K T-shirts
- Day of event recognition as a Friend of Rotary, for the above events
- Day of event recognition as a Corporate Sponsor, for the above events

Contact Kathy Trone for more information.