



# Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



## Peter Pettit

**Teaching Pastor at St.  
Paul Lutheran Church  
Davenport, Iowa**



Pastor Peter Pettit came to St. Paul Lutheran Church in 2019 with a varied and vast set of experiences and education. He served as Co-director, of the Interreligious Theology Conference at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, Israel. He also served as Co-director of Interfaith Partners for Peace. He was an Associate Professor and IJCU Director at Muhlenberg College Allentown, Pennsylvania. He served as Co-Director of New Paths: Christians Engaging Israel at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, Israel. He was Pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in Riverside, California and was an Adjunct "Freeway Faculty" member in the greater Los Angeles area. Pastor Pettit also was Director of the Ancient Biblical Manuscript Center in Claremont, California. He received his bachelor's degree in psychology from Princeton University. He earned his Master of Divinity degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in 1981. He did Biblical studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and Jewish/Judaic Studies at the Neve Schechter, JTS Jerusalem Campus. He was a resident researcher at the University of Judaism in Los Angeles and in 2010 studied at the University of Oxford-Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies. He received his Masters and PhD. Degrees in Religion with an emphasis in Bible and Early Judaism from Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, California. As Teaching Pastor Reverend Pettit guides learning at St. Paul, including preschool, children & families, youth, and adults. His brings to the community gifted teaching and theological vision for lifelong growth in grace. He began his comments discussing the concern that some American Jews have regarding "Where do we go, if we must flee the United States for safety". Seems like an amazing issue and something most of us would never think was a concern, however Rev. Pettit provided these statistics: in 2015 there were 900 instances of Anti-Semitic crimes. In 2020 the number rose to 1,900, and just last year, 2021 the number shot up to 2,700 anti-semitic crimes. That is a 300% increase in just over five years! Pastor Pettit also noted that Jews comprise 2% of the U.S. population but are the victims of 55% of the religious hate crimes. His final statistic was that 1 in 4 Jews report having experience an anti-semitic incident within the past year. He then spoke of several global efforts to promote better understanding between all religions such as the Interreligious Theology Conference; the Interfaith Partners for Peace; and the New Paths: Christians Engaging Israel. He indicated that the problem stems from the early Christian teaching of Christians vs. Jews and has carried forward for over 2,000 years. He quoted an estimate for resolving the issue as requiring another 300 years! Then he tied everything together by revealing that as a young college student he applied for and received a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship and had the privilege of studying in Jerusalem. He became involved in the leadership of the three organizations mentioned and upon his return to the United States has continued teaching tolerance, acceptance of diverse views, and respect for Judaism and Jews. He stated that Rotary and its principals of tolerance, acceptance, and peace have been at the heart of the efforts to bring persecution of Jews and anti-semitism to an end. He said it may take another 300 years, but is confident Rotary will be at the forefront of making it happen. We thank Pastor Pettit for a most enlightening and thought provoking presentation.

### Nov. – Dec. Calendar

- Nov 4-5 District Conference  
At NIU – DeKalb
- Nov 8 - Heidi Huiskamp  
Collins –  
"Philanthropy"
- Nov 11 - Rotary Trivia Night
- Nov 15 - Tracy Singleton,  
Lincoln Resource  
Center
- Nov 22 - Gaye Burnett, Dir. of  
Azubuike Council for  
the Arts
- Nov 29 - Dr Kit Ford, Director  
of Argrow's House
- Dec 4 - Rotary Reindeer  
Ramble 5K
- Dec 6 - Rock Island High  
Chamber Singers
- Dec 7 - Rotary/Kiwanis Circa  
21 Holiday Party
- Dec 10 - Rotary Rings the Bells  
for Salvation Army at  
Rock Island HyVee



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### 2022-23

July	-	Tom Hammar
Aug-Sept	-	Tyla Sherwin-Cole
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 Rock Island Rotary welcomed four Jr. Rotarians from Alleman. Annie Rouse, Kate Rector, Charles Jagusah, and Jason Bowker. and their faculty sponsor Lindsey Honert, Marketing Director for Alleman. Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport Club and Bruce Peterson from the River Cities Club were our visiting Rotarian guests today. Also joining us from Youth Hope was Hannah Carr and she brought “Thanks” and photos of our recently completed district mural project. We love having guests. Welcome!
- ☐ **THE FESTIVAL OF TREES** Committee needs volunteers to help set up our display Saturday afternoon, November 12th. Let Sue Rector know if you can help!
- TRIVIA NIGHT IS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH** at the Rock Island Holiday Inn.
- ☐ Email Kathy Trone at [kathy@wesselspc.com](mailto:kathy@wesselspc.com) to sign up or reserve a table.
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH FROM 1PM TO 4PM** we will be stringing
- ☐ Christmas Lights at the Botanical Center. Donuts and hot chocolate for all who help at the end of our shift! Bring the family, it's fun for all who help!
- ☐ **CIRCA 21 HOLIDAY PARTY** is December 7th. Your reservation includes a gala pre-show Salon Party with hors d'oeuvres, plus dinner, the Bootlegger Performance, and the main Stage show, **WHITE CHRISTMAS**. Email [bobdebswanson@att.net](mailto:bobdebswanson@att.net) to sign up.
- ☐ **“A FEW GOOD ROTARIANS”** are needed to Ring the Salvation Army Bells at HyVee on December 10th. Email Chairman Mark Mayeski for a 1-hour time slot, [markmayeski@hotmail.com](mailto:markmayeski@hotmail.com). Just 5 slots remain to be filled.
- ☐ **TRIVIA NIGHT SILENT AUCTION ITEMS** must get to Sue Rector immediately! The Auction goes on line before our next meeting. Contact Sue NOW. Email her at [srector3614@gmail.com](mailto:srector3614@gmail.com) to make arrangements to get your item(s) to her. If you need a basket, Sue will provide it. Just bag up your contents and get it to her. Thanks!!
- ☐ **NEWSLETTER** – Send items for our newsletter to [bobdebswanson@att.net](mailto:bobdebswanson@att.net). Committee chairs be sure to send notification of upcoming meetings

## WINTER NIGHTS – WINTER LIGHTS!

Rock Island Rotary will once again be helping to create one of the Quad Cities most popular holiday destination sites by hanging Christmas Lights all over the Botanical Center Gardens. Our shift is SUNDAY, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 4pm. Plan to stay afterwards for hot chocolate and donuts! This is a project that Rotarians, spouses, friends, and kids can work on together. It's always fun and so rewarding to see the incredible light display we will be helping to create. No skill is needed. Botanical Center personnel will have the lights ready and will show us exactly where they need to be placed. There is a wide variety of help needed from simply laying lights on the ground, to stringing them on small trees and shrubs, to hanging them on taller trees and arches. You do only what you are comfortable doing! We need to know how many we will have, so **please sign up at the Sergeant's table or email [bobdebswanson@att.net](mailto:bobdebswanson@att.net).**



## FEELING LUCKY?

# TRY YOUR HAND AT ROTARY BINGO

**The game has started but there is still plenty of time to jump in. All money going in the fine pool. See Sue Rector for your card & catch-up numbers.**

- 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!**

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

October 24 was World Polio Day, and it seems appropriate to formally announce the new commitment by the Melinda and Bill Gates Foundation towards total eradication of Poliomyelitis from the face of the planet. On October 16, 2022, at the World Health Summit, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced it will commit \$1.2 billion to support efforts to end all forms of polio globally. The announcement was made ahead of a key pledging moment that was co-hosted by Germany and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) on October 18.

The new financial commitment will support implementation of the GPEI's Polio Eradication Strategy 2022-2026, which aims to end wild poliovirus in the last two endemic countries—Pakistan and Afghanistan—and stop outbreaks of new variants of the virus. The foundation has contributed nearly \$5 billion to GPEI.

"Polio eradication is within reach. But as far as we have come, the disease remains a threat. Working together, the world can end this disease," said Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. "The fight against polio has done far more than protect children against polio. It has played a key role in strengthening health systems," said Melinda French Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. "Polio workers have been especially vital in responding to COVID-19 and reaching communities about the importance of vaccination against preventable diseases."

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative is a public-private partnership led by national governments with six core partners—Rotary International, the World Health Organization (WHO), the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), UNICEF, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. For more information on the global effort to end polio, <https://polioeradication.org/>

## FOUNDATION RAFFLE



Today's raffle featured a bottle of fine wine and a 50/50 cash drawing. The first ticket pulled was held by John Daily who took the cash and donated it to the Rotary Foundation. A second ticket was pulled, and Kimberly Calhoun who with witnesses watching, pulled her own ticket and took home the wine. We thank and appreciate all those who participated. Proceeds go to the Rotary Foundation.





## FINES – HAPPY/SAD DOLLARS

Finer, 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. Sue Rector said she had nothing for today --- and then proceeded to bring in plenty! Kathy Lelonek and Monta Ponsetto were fined for needing to leave early today. Then Sue fined all, including those on ZOOM, who were not wearing their Rotary pins today. President Gramenz offered a happy dollar for attending the Quad City Area Rotary World Polio Gala last Saturday and being seated at a table with George Coin, Stan Coin's brother. She said there was no doubt the two are brother because of the strong family resemblance! Kathy Lelonek had \$20 happy dollars in honor of Augustana College and new president Dr. Andrea Talentino who included a street party charity fundraiser in her inaugural day festivities and donated \$2,844 to the Rock Island High School Resources Room which provides free clothing, toiletries, and other necessary items to District 41 students. Holly Sparkman had a happy dollar honoring Rocky's boys' and girls' cross-country runners who are headed to the State Championship Meet this weekend. Jim Moran had a happy dollar for Alleman's Annie Rouse and Kate Rector who recently won medals at the State Girls Tennis Championship meet. Sue then added her dollar for Katie "Rector" again being in the newspaper! Justin Peterson had a happy dollar for the Illini Football win Saturday giving them a 7 - 1 record and ranked 17<sup>th</sup> in the nation. We appreciate all who paid fined and included Rotary in their Happy events for the week. All fines and Happy/Sad Dollar donations go to the Rotary Foundation fund.

## BELL RINGING JUST AROUND THE CORNER!



Chairman Mark Mayeski advises that our Salvation Army Bell Ringing project at the Rock Island HyVee on Saturday, December 10th is filling fast. There are several open slots that need Rotarian Volunteers. Spouses and family members are welcome to help. Here is what we need to fill our slots:

1 person from 9-10	2 people at West door 10-11
2 people at East door 10-11	2 people at West door 11-12
2 people at East door 1-2	2 people at West door 1-2

Please call or email Mark if you can help. Cell# 563-528-2359 or email [mark.mayeski@edwardjones.com](mailto:mark.mayeski@edwardjones.com) THANKS!

## FESTIVAL OF TREES PROJECT REQUESTS YOUR HELP!

- We need more children's book for the tree. Please purchase a book and bring it next week. This will also fulfill the district literacy project of every member donating a book during the current Rotary year.
- We would like to hang some bookstore gift cars on the tree. Please purchase gift card for inclusion with our tree (\$15-\$25)? Please bring that next week too!
- Questions? Contact Sue [srector3614@gmail.com](mailto:srector3614@gmail.com)

## PICTURE OF THE WEEK WINNER ANNOUNCED

The Winner of our "Picture of the Week" contest for the past week was announced at today's meeting. Pictures must have been taken during our meetings and submitted for judging. The winner receives three free raffle tickets for next week's Foundation Raffle drawing. This week's photo was submitted by Lindsey Honert, faculty advisor of our Alleman Jr. Rotarians. She sent this great photo of the Alleman Jr. Rotarians at last week's meeting! Left to right are Annie Rouse, Kate Rector, Charles Jagusah, and Jason Bowker. Congratulation Lindsey!



## NOVEMBER ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS!



A SHORT BUT DISTINGUISHED LIST!

Carlos Jimenez	November 4
Stan Coin	November 9
Howard Beck	November 16

*Hope you have a Happy Day!*



## PLEASE PICK YOUR REPLY CAREFULLY

In the course of each week, we all get many emails. Often we are asked to reply. When you do reply note that you have TWO OPTIONS: **REPLY** and **REPLY TO ALL**. If you just need to reply to the person sending you the email please use **REPLY**. If you use **REPLY TO ALL** then everyone who received the email also gets your reply and not everyone needs to know that you want a jar of pickles, or a seat at Circa 21. Some members use their business email for Rotary, and you may cause them issues with their employer from receiving too many non-business emails. PLEASE BE COURTEOUS AND LIMIT USE OF **REPLY TO ALL** TO WHEN IT IS REALLY REQUIRED. Thanks!



"Crap, I hit reply all."

## BIG NEWS FROM TOM HAMMAR AND DAUGHTER MOLLY SHATTUCK



Tom Hammar asked for a few minutes to make an announcement today and asked his daughter and fellow Rotarian, Molly Shattuck, to join him. Tom stated that 33 years ago he formed his accounting firm, "Hammar & Associates", Molly joined the firm 10 years ago. In honor of those anniversaries Tom presented a donation check of \$33 and Molly \$10 for our Club Foundation. Tom also announced that to provide their clients an even higher level of service their firm will be merging with Centennial Tax & Accounting. Tom and Molly will both remain on the job and wanted to assure their clients that he and Molly will continue providing the high level

of accounting services as in the past, Tom for at least 3 more years and Molly on into the long-time future. Molly also announced that she and Tom have agreed to take over as co-treasurers of our club when Carrie Crossen completes her current term. We congratulate Tom & Molly on their work anniversaries and the expansion of their firm. It would be difficult to find two nicer people or more dedicated Rotarians! We thank you for your donations!



## FINAL BIRDIES FOR CHARITY REPORT

Chief Birdie, Kevin Koski reported our goal for the year were 35 pledges totaling \$5,000. In fact, we received 39 pledges for \$6,900! With the Quad Cities Golf Classic Charitable Foundation bonus contribution our 2022 campaign received a total of over \$7,400.00. A new record! Thanks Kevin for a fantastic job. Proceeds from our Birdies campaign go to our Club Foundation.

## HANNAH CARR DELIVERS MESSAGE



A guest at today's meeting, Hannah Carr, Development Director for YouthHope expressed the appreciation of YouthHope for our selecting the building-side mural as our 2022 District Grant Project. She said the mural has been a long-time dream of YouthHope and our spearheading the project and providing our grant funds made it possible. She brought photos of the completed mural and some showing the gathering of students, community leaders, and Rotarians at the unveiling of the mural. – It was our pleasure Hannah, doing good things is what we do!

*SERVICE ABOVE SELF*





Sponsored by the Rock Island Rotary Club

Sunday, December 4, 2022 @ 9:00am

START & FINISH – CIRCA 21, 1828 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Rock Island, IL 61201

COURSE - Flat & Fast, scenic, accurate, wheeled distance.

SHIRTS - Size guaranteed to pre-registered runners and walkers

RUNNER'S AWARDS -- Overall male and female 3 awards per ages 0-14, 15-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75+

WALKER'S AWARDS -- Overall male and female, 3 awards per age groups 0-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+ ALL THIS PLUS GREAT FOOD & DRINK!

REGISTER ONLINE! – [www.GetMeRegistered.com/RotaryReindeerRamble](http://www.GetMeRegistered.com/RotaryReindeerRamble)

REGISTRATION FEES – Pre-registered \$25.00 After Nov 20, \$30.00 for all.

PACKET PICKUP & REGISTRATION 7:45AM to 8:45AM RACE DAY

If you have questions call Kathy Lelonek (309) 752-3014 or email [kathylelonek@mchsi.com](mailto:kathylelonek@mchsi.com)

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM (MAY BE DUPLICATED) PLEASE PRINT!!!

First name \_\_\_\_\_ Mid \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age race day \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Run \_\_\_\_\_ Walk \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

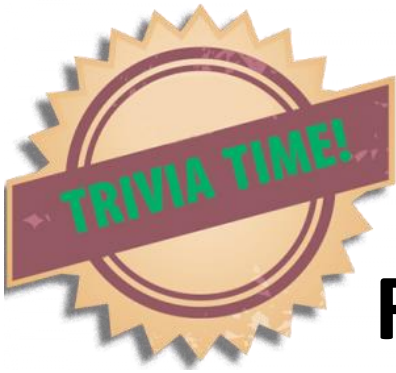
Circle shirt size S M L XL XXL (ADD \$2.00 for XXL) No shirt option \_\_\_\_\_ deduct \$5.00 if you choose no shirt!

**WAIVER (MUST BE SIGNED)** In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I for myself, my executors, administrators, and assignees, do hereby release and discharge Rock Island Rotary, the City of Rock Island, any sponsors, supporters or volunteers, for all claims of damages, demands, actions whatsoever in any manner arising or growing out of my participation in the ROTARY REINDEER RAMBLE 5K Run or Walk. I attest and verify that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in this event, am physically fit, and sufficiently trained to participate in this event.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Participant, or Parent or Guardian if under 18 years of age.

Make checks payable to **RI Rotary** & mail entry and payment to: RI ROTARY, PO Box 4514, Rock Island, IL 61204.  
No refunds! Race will be held regardless!



**Rock Island Rotary**

# **TRIVIA NIGHT**

**Friday, November 11th at 6:30pm**

SAVE the DATE and get your team together for Rock Island Rotary's annual fundraiser! Cash prizes, cash bar, 50/50, silent auction and TONS of FUN!!!

**This fundraiser supports Earl Hanson Elementary School and RI Rotary Community Youth Activities. Corporate Sponsorships are available!**

When: Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Where: Rock Island Holiday Inn - 226 17th Street, Rock Island

Time: 6:30pm START time, doors open at 5:45pm

Cost: \$100 a table, up to 10 players

RSVP: Kathy Trone 309-794-9400 or [Kathy@wesselspc.com](mailto:Kathy@wesselspc.com)

Trivia night Silent Auction will start online Monday, November 7 and will end during Trivia Night on November 11 -8:00 pm. All packages online will be available for bids in person on Trivia night. There will be 5 or more packages available ONLY in person for those 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.

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## **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](mailto:kathy@wesselspc.com)**

# ROCK ISLAND ROTARY HOLIDAY PARTY 2022



**WEDNESDAY  
DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>**

A Circa '21 family favorite returns in this Irving Berlin classic! Two World War II vets, Bob Wallace and Phil Davis, have become partners in a song-and-dance act after the war. Looking for love, they follow a duo of beautiful singing sisters to a gig at a lodge in Vermont, only to discover that the nearly bankrupt lodge where they were hired to perform is owned by their former commanding general. The classic holiday movie is brought to life onstage, filled with dancing, laughter, and some of the greatest songs ever written. The score features beloved songs "Count Your Blessings Instead of Sheep," "Sisters," "How Deep is the Ocean" and the ageless title tune. This promises to be a merry and bright theatrical experience for all ages.

**RESERVE TODAY – PAY LATER!**

Tickets include a private pre-show Salon Party  
with Complimentary Hors D'oeuvres and Cash Bar (5:00-6pm)

Buffet Dinner (5:45-7:00pm)

Bootleggers Warm-up Show (7:15pm)

White Christmas (7:30pm)

## GROUP RATE

ONE ADMISSION (NO COUPON) \$54.75

TWO ADMISSIONS (NO COUPON) \$109.50

\*Tax & Tip included (not including deserts & bar)

**Circa Subscriber? Pay Just \$3.50 per person for gratuity**

**RESERVE AT SERGEANT'S TABLE TODAY!**