



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



Tracy Singleton



Lincoln Resource Center



Executive Director Tracy Singleton says, "The Lincoln Center is the best kept secret in the Quad Cities". Her statement is accurate. The Lincoln Center is a valued resource and a voice for the black community in the Quad Cities. Located in Davenport, IA, the Lincoln Resource Center was founded in 2016 by community leaders at Third Missionary Baptist Church. Operating in the former Lincoln Elementary school, the Lincoln Resource Center is the home of "Together Making A Better Community" (TMBC). TMBC is the only program in the Quad Cities region that is Black-owned, Black-led and focused on empowering the Black youth, Black families, and Black communities in our area. Ms. Singleton says, "While our programs are Black-focused, TMBC is open to everyone, regardless of race, religion, age, or disability. Our diverse reach offers support and place-making to the Black community and access points into the community for other Quad Cities communities and groups. TMBC's has 6 Core Values: *Welcoming - While most of our programs address the needs of the Black community, we welcome the entire Quad Cities to become a part of our village. We serve as a bridge that connects the Black community to external groups, and in-turn provides access points for non-Black communities to experience the rich Black culture of the Quad Cities. *Connections - We bridge people and organizations together that typically would not connect. We connect those who enact policy decisions to undervalued community members to ensure the needs of all Quad Cities residents are heard and addressed. *Sense of Belonging - We give the Black population of the Quad Cities a strong sense of belonging to this area by providing unique opportunities. A strong sense of belonging is known to bring better collaboration, population retention, and increased overall standard of living. *Hope - While we are not a faith-based organization, we work to instill hope in the hearts and minds of all in our community. We ensure hopefulness by making success available to one of the most impacted communities within the Quad Cities. *Safe Haven - We understand there are many dangers in the world. We work to be a constant safe haven for our youth, families, and community. We provide a protected, non-violent environment to ensure learning and empowerment can be done in peace. *Economic Empowerment - We understand there are current economic disparities present in the Black community of the Quad Cities. Through our work and community partnerships, we work to alleviate these disparities and empower businesses across the Quad Cities. Ms. Singleton listed an impressive number of services provided by the Lincoln Center including: a Learning Center with full Library; a Career Center; a Meeting Room available for community use; a Business Center equipped with computers and printers for public use; and an on site Notary Public. They house 20 black owned business and not for profit organizations, and offer an array of programs including "Cops & Kids" that provides books for squad cars and encourages police to give them to children they meet in their daily routine; parenting classes; sports referee training & license assistance; and monthly health programs on all aspects of health. When asked what her greatest challenge was in getting the Lincoln Center up and successfully running, Ms. Singleton said, "You may not believe this, but the toughest challenge was earning the trust of the Black community. They have been promised so much and seen so many programs, they needed to see that we were going to do what we said we would. We stick to that to this day, we do everything we promise to do, and have earned their trust." Thanks you Tracy for a very enlightening program.

Nov. – Dec. Calendar

- Nov 17 - November Birthday Books at Earl Hanson Elementary.
- 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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Program Chairs

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. Tammy Weikert had 3 very special guests, her son Kyle Wilson, his wife Alessia Saracino, and Alessia's mother Luciana Strano. Kyle, Alessia, and Luciana live in Sicily and are here for a visit with Tammy. Eusi Fraser, a member of the East Moline Correctional Center staff was a guest of Tracy Pugh. Welcome to all!
- ❑ **ROTARY REINDEER RAMBLE IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th.** We are looking for runners, walkers, and workers! Contact Chair Kathy Lelonek or Holly Sparkman to sign up! The entry form to run or walk is in this newsletter on page 4. Fill it out and get entered today. If you prefer to help in registration and packet distribution, starting line, race course helpers, after race refreshment help, handing out awards, or clean up, email Kathy at kathylelonek@mchsi.com. Please spread the word. We need runners & walkers!
- ❑ **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 Bob at bobdebswanson@att.net to sign up. **We need payment for all reservations no later than Tuesday, November 22nd.**
- ❑ **CLUB MEMBERS WILL BE RINGING** the Salvation Army Bells at HyVee on December 10th. If you didn't volunteer to help, be sure to stop by, say hello, and drop a donation into the kettle in support of our members who are giving their time as volunteer bell ringers!
- ❑ **WINTER NIGHTS – WINTER LIGHTS** – We received notice late Friday evening that hanging and placing lights at the Botanical had gone so well that the work was finished prior to our scheduled volunteer shift. Therefore our work session scheduled for this past Sunday afternoon was cancelled. Thank you to those few hearty souls that had volunteered to work in what turned out to be a very chilly and windy day! The Botanical Center appreciated our offer to help!
- ❑ **NEWSLETTER** – Send items for our newsletter to bobdebswanson@att.net. Committee chairs be sure to send notification of upcoming meetings

FRANK LAMBERT AWARDED HIS 12th PAUL HARRIS FELLOW!

But It was actually his 14th, but Frank says, Who's Counting! His generosity and support of the Rotary Foundation is an inspiration to all of us. Frank is among ten of our members who have set up an automatic monthly withdrawal for his Foundation contribution. Frank dedicated today's honors to granddaughter, Corbyn Lambert. Frank urged fellow members to continue their Paul Harris Fellow contributions and noted that he has more grandchildren to honor!



FOUNDATION MINUTE

Sometime in 2010, in Lakshadweep, an archipelago of 36 islands near Sri Lanka, a boat accident claimed the life of Neona, an 18-month-old girl. In memory of their daughter, her parents got together with The Rotary Club of Cochin and started Neona, a free heart surgery program for children with congenital heart defects in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Recently, five children from Colombo who were born with congenital heart defects were successfully operated on in Kochi under the program. The Rotary Foundation's sponsored project was jointly implemented by the Rotary Club of Cochin West and Rotary Club of Colombo West at a cost of Rs 2 crore (US\$243,955). According to The New Indian Express, in a report published on November 5, 2022, the heart surgery was done at Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Center, Kochi.

A total of 65 children will benefit from the project. Additionally, Sri Lankan doctors and nurses will be trained at Amrita Hospital. Rotary District 3201 Governor S Rajmohan Nair inaugurated the project at Panampilly Nagar KMA Hall.

November is Foundation Month. The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world.

FOUNDATION RAFFLE



Today our raffle featured a 50/50 cash drawing and a bottle of zesty, refreshing pinot grigio wine. The first ticket drawn was held by Trista Foster who took the cash and donated it to the Rotary Foundation. A second ticket was pulled, and the winner was 1st Vice President Eric Westphall who took the wine. All proceeds from our weekly raffle to the Club's Rotary Foundation Account. Today also was Foundation Tuesday and Bud Phillis had the opportunity to point out that in addition to all the wonderful things the Foundation does, it is also rated by Charity Navigator as one of the "Top 5" charities in the world based on efficiency and effectiveness. Less than 2% goes to administration!



FINES – HAPPY/SAD DOLLARS

There were "slim pickins'" for fines today, but with Happy and Sad dollars, VP Sue came out okay! She began with a \$1 fine for everyone who did not attend our Trivia Night last Friday. She fined herself for taking her name badge home last week. She then fined herself again along with Jim Moran for having to leave early today. The coffers then took a big positive step with Angela Campbell putting in \$150 happy dollars in celebration of the Rock Island Public Library's 150th Anniversary. Ruth Lee had a happy dollar in celebration of her daughter Elizabeth and family moving back to the Quad Cities from California. Her daughter accepted a position with the US Attorney's office in Rock Island. Maybe a future Rock Island Rotarian? Jr Rotarian Jason Bowker had a happy dollar announcing that he along with fellow Jr. Rotarians Annie Rouse, Kate Rector, and Charles Jagusah will all in the Alleman Fall Musical the *Little Mermaid* and invited us all to attend this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 7pm and Sunday at 2pm. You can buy tickets online at <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/67532>. Monta Ponsetto had a happy dollar for our Club Festival of Trees entry. If you go, please be sure to vote for our tree! Carrie Crossen had a very sad dollar for the loss of their long-time family dog who passed last week. Finally, Rebecca Arnold gave a "paid" announcement for the Martin Luther King Center's annual Thanksgiving Dinner give away. Starting Thursday anyone can drive through the King Center, ask for the number of dinners needed, and can take home a delicious Thanksgiving dinner. The King Center anticipates giving out 5,000 meals this year. Volunteer help is needed. If interested, email Rebecca at arnold.rebecca@rigov.org. Thank you to all who contributed!

LAST WEEK'S PICTURE OF THE WEEK WINNER ANNOUNCED

With a very busy agenda last week, there was not time to announce the picture of the week winner. So today President Cindi made that presentation. Our winning photographer was Jeff Dimer with his submission, "Jim Moran's Socks". Photos must be taken during our meetings and submitted to rotaryclubrockisland@gmail.com. The winner each week receives three free Foundation Raffle tickets the following week. This week's winner will be published in next week's newsletter. A bit of added fun was guessing who was wearing the pictured socks. Jim, you must have a reputation because it took just two guesses to put the socks on the right feet! Might be a tip for other members who would like to be pictured in the newsletter – wear something worthy of photography! Watch for next week's winner!



BIRTHDAY BOOKS -- THIS THURSDAY!



With Thanksgiving on the 24th, we're a week earlier than normal for our Earl Hanson Elementary School BIRTHDAY BOOKS for November. Help is needed to celebrate with the kids, help them select their Rotary gift book, and penning a short personal "Happy Birthday Message" from Rotary. There will be cookies and singing! Please join chair Molly Shattuck and help make the day a happy one for the kids! Arrive at the school by 2:15pm, check in with the secretary letting her know you are there for Birthday Books and head up one flight of steps to the school library. It is always fun, and gives you one of those warm, fuzzy, rewarding feelings!



Sponsored by the Rock Island Rotary Club

Sunday, December 4, 2022 @ 9:00am

START & FINISH – CIRCA 21, 1828 3rd 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

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

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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!

OFFICERS & BOARD ELECTED FOR 2023-24

Today, in accordance with the Bi-Laws of the Rock Island Rotary Club, the Nominating Committee consisting of Chairman Gary Rowe, Ruth Lee, Anne McGlynn, and Amber Brummit presented the **SECOND READING OF THE COMMITTEE'S SLATE OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS FOR 2023-24**. Those nominated are show below.

For President
Eric Westphall



For 1st Vice-President
Sue Rector



For 2nd Vice-President
John Oliger



For Secretary
Anne McGlynn



For Co-Treasurer
Tom Hammar



For Co-Treasurer &
Past President
Cindi Gramenz



For Co-Treasurer &
Director 1 yr. Term
Molly Shattuck



For Director 1 yr. Term
Dave Hodge



For Director 1 yr. Term
John Phillips



For Director 1 yr. Term
Rebecca Arnold



For Director 2 yr. Term
Tracy Pugh



For Director 2 yr. Term
Amber Brummit



For Director 2 yr. Term
Ruth Lee



For Director 2 yr. Term
Tyla Sherwin-Cole



For Sergeant at Arms
Bob Swanson



Those elected will take office in July of 2023. Because the 4th of July falls on Tuesday, in 2023 it is likely that the installation of the new officers and board members will take place either at our last meeting in June or at our first meeting in July which will be on July 11, 2023.

We thank the Nominating Committee, Chairman Gary Rowe, Ruth Lee, Anne McGlynn, and Amber Brummit for their work in putting together the slate of nominees. We also thank each and every nominee for their willingness to serve our club for the 2022-23 Rotary year.

AFTER THE READING WAS COMPLETED PRESIDENT GRAMENZ ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR. HEARING NONE, GARY ROWE MADE A MOTION THAT NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED AND THAT A UNANIMOUS BALLOT BE CAST FOR THOSE NOMINATED BY THE COMMITTEE. JIM NORDQUIST SECONDED THE MOTION AND A VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN. THE NOMINEES WERE UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED! CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

Rock Island Rotary RECORD SETTING TRIVIA NIGHT!

The original goal was 20-25 tables but by the time Friday, November 11th rolled around Kathy Trone and her committee had 31 tables reserved. Even with 3 day of the event cancellations, Trivia Night broke all previous records with 28 tables of players That along with the largest selection of silent auction items in Trivia Night history put together by Sue Rector, made for a great evening. Nearly 300 participants packed the Holiday Inn Ballroom, it was fun, the competition was intense (but friendly), and the food and drinks were outstanding. Over \$5,000 was raised not counting sponsorship fees! Thanks to all who participated and encouraged friends, family, and colleagues, to join the fun. We had a great table of Earl Hanson teachers and a table of Rock Island High Interactors! A special thanks to Kathy, Sue, and Cindi for their work and dedication to the project. Check out some of the fun as President Cindi strolled around the room with camera in hand!



More Trivia Night photos on next page. Sorry we didn't get photos of the impressive Silent Auction items spanning the entire south end of the room and halfway around the west wall of the room. Over \$2,000.00 was raised by the auction. Steve Morenz sold \$720 in 50/50 tickets. Our half was \$360 plus half of the winner's share was donated back to the Club making the net from the 50/50 drawing \$540. A big thanks to Steve for his usual excellent sales ability!

MORE TRIVIA NIGHT FUN!



If you missed Trivia Night 2022, don't make that mistake next year. Mark it on your calendar now. Friday, November 10, 2023, Veterans Day 2023 -- Rock Island Rotary Trivia Night. Join us to help ensure that we again "Break the Record" for the most tables sold and the most money raised by Rotary's Trivia Night.

ROCK ISLAND ROTARY HOLIDAY PARTY 2022



**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 7th**

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!

2022 PUMPKIN PALOOZA PHOTO ALBUM

A Huge "Thank You" to Sue Rector, Pumpkin Palooza Chair for organizing an amazing day for the 1st and 2nd grade Earl Hanson Students. As you can see from the photos below, the children had great fun and a super experience. . Thanks to Earl Hanson teacher, Bailie Vandygriff, for the photos!



MORE PUMPKIN PATCH PHOTOS



One of the teachers shared that the kids had the best time and several said it was “their best day ever”. Pat yourself on the back! This wouldn’t happen if Rotarians didn’t organize and support our Club fundraisers that provide the funds for activities like this. Note the tee shirts that our Club purchases and gives to every student! Thank you!

PATIENCE IS A VIRTUE!

Last May Bud Phillis and Bob Swanson were invited to make a presentation about our Kenya Water Project to high school students attending the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) Camp in Lowden State Park near Oregon, Illinois. There were about 50 students from all over our Rotary District in attendance. Bud and Bob made the trip taking our Water Filter and the Power Point Presentation they have shown to dozens of Rotary Clubs over the past three years. In August we received notice that the Interact Club at Rocky want to purchase a filter as their International Project for 2022-23. Five of their members were at RYLA and said they remembered the presentation about the filters but didn’t remember that it was our Club that founded the project. This past Wednesday we received the following email:

“Hello! I’m Samantha Sanford. I’m on the board of the Rochelle Township High School Interact Club. I listened to you speak at RYLA in May this year, and our Interact Club is interested in raising money to help fund the water filters. Is this still a project you are working on, and would this be a project we could do through you?”

Needless to say, we welcomed the Rochelle Interact Club into our project and have provided them with brochures, photos, and a power point presentation. We have received confirmation that they are definitely “IN” and have begun fundraising to purchase at least one, if not more, water filters.

When we made the drive to Oregon we had no idea if any of those in attendance would be motivated to join our project. It took three months to hear from the first group from RYLA who wanted to join the effort. It was six months for Rochelle, the second student group from RYLA to join. PATIENCE IS A VIRTUE! Two more filters mean 140 more children will be saved from water borne disease. The most common waterborne diseases are Typhoid Fever, Cholera, Giardia, Dysentery, Escherichia Coli (E. coli), Hepatitis A, and Salmonella. All can kill and all are preventable. We are eagerly waiting for the third group to call! Think it is not a significant problem in 2022? Check the next page!

These are not photos from 20 or 30 years ago. They are current!



Each year, waterborne diseases afflict hundreds of millions of people, primarily those living without safe, accessible water in developing countries. Of the seven most common waterborne diseases in the world (listed above), diarrhea is the central symptom. The latest research shows that diarrhea is the second leading cause of death for children under the age of five, causing more childhood deaths than malaria, AIDS, and measles combined. That's hundreds of thousands of deaths. Think it's not a problem in the United States? The CDC estimates that waterborne pathogens cause approximately 7.2 million illnesses, 118,000 hospitalizations, and 6,630 deaths every year **in the United State**. In addition to the health burden, waterborne diseases account for \$3.33 billion annually in direct healthcare costs. Globally, 785 million people lack even a basic drinking-water service. That's over twice the population of the United States! Drinking contaminated water can transmit diseases and back in 2017 nearly 1.6 million people died from diarrheal diseases. Our project has now reached 19,000 children, a great accomplishment, but only a small dent in the challenge of providing safe water to those who need it.

ROCK ISLAND ROTARY JOINS “FESTIVAL OF TREES”

November 19-27, 2022

RiverCenter, Davenport, IA

Festival of Trees, where holiday magic comes to life each year in downtown Davenport!

Featuring over 150 designer displays, fun-filled attractions, special events and the largest helium balloon parade in the Midwest, join us as we welcome back this 10-day holiday extravaganza in-person, bigger and better than ever before!

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OPENING DAY | November 19: 9 am – 7 pm

Helium Balloon Parade | 10 am in Downtown Davenport, IA

November 20: 10 am – 7 pm (Military Day)

November 21: 9 am – 7 pm

November 22: 9 am – 7 pm

November 23: 9 am – 7 pm

CLOSED THANKSGIVING DAY | November 24

November 25: 9 am – 7 pm

November 26: 9 am – 7 pm (Family Day)

CLOSING DAY | November 27: 10 am – 4 pm

*Proceeds from Festival of Trees support Quad City Arts*



*Thanks to Sue Rector for heading up this new Club Project. Thanks to Rotarians Beth Kauzlarich & husband Jason, Monta Ponsetto, Bob Swanson, Lonnie Behnke, and Kathy Trone for helping decorate the tree and the students at Earl Hanson School, Rocky Interact, and all Rotarians that made ornaments!*

*Be sure to visit Festival of Trees and check out the ROCK ISLAND ROTARY TREE!*

