



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



Rock Island High School Chamber Singers

The annual visit of the Rock Island Chamber Singers is always a Rotary highlight and a fantastic “kickoff” for the holiday season. The award winning group of talented high school vocalists did not disappoint! Taking us on a world tour of holiday music the choir began with “NOEL” An African Spiritual based on Kituba dialect from the Congo with accompanying drums. That was followed by a short novelty song with a great message “TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONE”. (We noticed a number of Rotarians reaching for their phones after this reminder). The next selection was “SING WE NOW OF CHRISTMAS” a Traditional French, 15th Century Christmas hymn. Moving across Europe to Germany the choir gave a spirit rendition of “O TANNENBAUM” frequently referred to as “O Christmas Tree”. Taking us back to France, the singers performed “BRING A TORCH, JEANETTE, ISABELLA” a Christmas carol which originated from the Provence region of France in the 17th century. The carol was first published in France, and was subsequently translated into English in the 18th century. The choir then performed “LO, HOW A ROSE E’ER BLOOMING” a Christmas carol and Marian hymn of German origin. The lyrics first appeared in print in 1599 and has since been published with a varying number of verses and in several translations. It is most commonly sung to a melody harmonized by the German composer Michael Praetorius in 1609. That was followed by a very contemporary version of *THE LITTLE DRUMMER BOY* (originally known as “Carol of the Drum”) is a popular Christmas song written by American composer Katherine Kennicott Davis in 1941. First recorded in 1951 by the Trapp Family. In this contemporary version the words were accompanied by very talented choir members adding vocal percussion, sometimes know as “beat boxing”. The next selection was *GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN* a traditional English Christmas Carol. The composer is unknown but there are records of it being sung within the Christian Church since the 15th century. The hymn was first put into print in 1760 but made available to a wider audience when William B. Sandy included a version of it in his publication *Christmas Carols Ancient and Modern* (1833). The version presented by the Chamber Singers was in the style of a round. That was followed by an upbeat version of *JINGLE BELLS*, one of the best-known and most commonly sung American songs. It was written by James Lord Pierpont and published under the title “The One Horse Open Sleigh” in 1857. The singers then performed Kelly Clarkson’s 2021 Christmas song *GLOW*. Next the ladies of the chorus took center stages with *SANTA BABY* first recorded by Ertha Kitt in 1953. The song was banned in a number of southern states as to “suggestive” for a Christmas song. Nationwide it was the best selling Christmas song of 1953 and had been since been recorded by scores of performers including Madonna, Kylie Minogue, Taylor Swift, Trisha Yearwood, Ariana Grande and Gwen Stefani. Not to be outdone, the chorus guys responded with their version of Billy Gilman’s *WARM AND FUZZY* in barbershop style. The group then performed the 2020 Pentatonix release, *THANK YOU*. The concluded with *ROUND THE GLORY MANGER* by contemporary American Composer K. Lee Scott. The singers received a standing ovation and blessed us with a very short encore, *FA LA LA LA LA LA*. As always the kids were great!

Dec. – Jan. Calendar

- Dec 7 - Rotary Circa 21
Holiday Party
- Dec 10 - Rotary Rings the Bells
for Salvation Army at
Rock Island HyVee
- Dec 13 - TBA
- Dec 20 - Ryan Wille – Quad
City Botanical Center
- Dec 27 - Club Assembly
- Jan 3 - TBA
- Jan 9 - MONDAY -State of
the City, Mayor Mike
Thoms
Monday with Kiwanis
- Jan 17 - Kai Swanson “A Trip
Through the South
- Jan 24 - John Deere &
Company
- Jan 31 - John Lohman - Quad
City Regional
Business Journal



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2022-23

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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 Rock Island Rotary welcomed visiting Rotarians Duncan Cameron from the Naples, Florida Club and Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport Club.. Also, guests today were four Jr. Rotarians from Alleman High School, Jack Mihm, Ouentin Fonseca, Brooke Cunningham, and Emma Sottos. Virginia Houlton was a guest of husband Fred Houlton, Judy Norquist was a guest of hubby, Dr. Jim Nordquist, and Dick Fislar was a guest of wife Mary Fislar. Rock Island Rotary is always pleased to welcome guests. Our Club is known as “The Number 1 Club”, not just for being the first Rotary Club in the Illinois Quad Cities, but also for being the most welcoming, fun, and active club
- ❑ **ROTARY ANGEL TREE GIFTS DUE NEXT TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13th.** Members who took names from our Angel Tree are reminded that gifts wrapped and labeled are to be returned to Molly Shattuck on or before next Tuesday’s Rotary meeting. Molly has all 34 kids covered! Thanks for volunteering!
- ❑ **CIRCA 21 HOLIDAY PARTY** is December 7th. If you didn’t get your tickets today, email Bob at bobdebswanson@att.net to arrange to get them. **Our private Salon Party begins at 4:45pm**, dinner is at 6pm followed by the the Bootlegger’s pre-show and then the main Stage show, **WHITE CHRISTMAS**.
- ❑ **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! Time is 9am to 3pm.
- ❑ **REALLY, REALLY GOOD NEWS** – Our District Governor received notice from Wen Huang, editor in chief of the Rotary Magazine that our District Conference Service Project which raised \$15,000 to purchase books for Ukrainian refugee children who have poured into the Chicago area will be featured in an upcoming issue. We are also going to be a story in Rotary Voices – Rotary’s first-person blog!
- ❑ **HAVE ITEMS FOR OUR NEWSLETTER?** – Send to bobdebswanson@att.net The Weekly Review is distributed each Tuesday afternoon. To ensure inclusion in the next issues it must be received by 10am Tuesday morning.



FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Today our foundation raffle offered a 50/50 cash drawing, an Angela Campbell fabric bowl, and a bottle of fine wine.. The first lucky ticket drawn was held by Alleman Jr. Rotarian Emma Sottos., who took the money. The second winner belonged to Sue Rector who took the fabric bowl. The third and final winner was held by Jeff Dismer who took home a bottle of excellent wine. Thanks to all who participated! The club portion of the 50/50 drawing goes to our Rotary International Foundation account and is used to assist members striving for Paul Harris Fellow status.



FINES – HAPPY/SAD DOLLARS

To ensure adequate time for our Guest performers, the club omitted Fines and Happy/Sad Dollars this week due to a very busy meeting agenda. Members should bring their purses and wallets next week as 2nd V.P. Sue Rector will undoubtedly be eager to catch up!

ANGEL TREE GIFTS ARE DUE BACK NEXT TUESDAY!

ROTARIAN ARDO HOLMGRAIN HONORED

Rock Island Rotary visited Friendship Manor Thursday, December 1st to honor fellow Rotarian, Ardo Holmgrain. Holmgrain, a retired engineer from the Army Corps of Engineers, joined Rock Island Rotary in 1967 and served as our club's president for 1988-89. He was previously honored as a "Paul Harris Fellow +7" in recognition of his generous donations to the Rotary International Foundation. Mr. Holmgrain was instrumental in the creation of the club's highest honor, the A.T. Peara Award named in honor of Absolom T. Peara. The Award is a lifetime award and may be won just once by each recipient. It is presented to the Rock Island Rotarian deemed to best represent the ideals of Rotary International, which are summed up in the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self", and in Rotary's "Four Way Test" which states, "In the things we say and do: Is it the Truth, Is it Fair to All Concerned, Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships, Will it be Beneficial to all concerned". Holmgrain was also a key figure in founding the Rock Island Summerfest an annual event previously held in downtown Rock Island. He was named a "Friend of Rotary International" in recognition of his financial commitment to Rotary philanthropy. Ardo and his wife Carolyn served as a host family for a visiting Rotary Youth Exchange student and sponsored their daughter's participation as an outgoing exchange student to Australia. Mr. Holmgrain was surprised by the visit of a select group of his closest friends from Rotary who came to present Mr. Holmgrain with three more honors: He received a Certificate of Recognition listing his many accomplishments and service in Rotary; a pin recognizing him for 50 years of perfect attendance to weekly Rotary meetings, and elevation of Holmgrain to "Honorary Member" status. Honorary Status is achieved only by vote of the club's Board of Directors in recognition of a member's commitment to the Club over their years of membership. It is a rare and unique award and has been bestowed only a handful of times in the club's more than 108 years of existence. In making the presentation, Eric Westphall, our incoming president stated, "Honorary Membership in Rotary is a privilege, which we believe you have earned. As an honorary member you are exempt from paying dues; you are entitled to attend all meetings and enjoy all other privileges in the club. I now present you with the lapel pin by which your fellow Rotarians and the public at large will recognize you as an honorary Rotarian. We trust that you will take the opportunity to continue to enjoy the fellowship of Rotary and assist our community in service through Rotary". Holmgrain, who will celebrate his 95th birthday February 4th was humble and a bit emotional in his acceptance of the honors he received, thanking all who came to the presentation, saying "I will proudly wear this pin and deeply appreciate the honor."

Ardo is pictured with his long-time lunch buddies who typically sat together at Table 3 for Rotary meetings. L to R John Wetzel, David Parker, Sam Doak L to R Seated Fred Houlton, and Ardo.



Here Ardo is pictured with the entire Rotary Club contingent that attended the presentation of honors given Ardo L to R Standing: Frank Lambert, John Wetzel, Sue Rector, David Parker, Eric Westphall, Sam Doak, Anne McGlynn, Rick Devinney, Tom Hammar, Dr. Bud Phillis, Bob Swanson Seated: Fred Houlton, and Ardo.



DECEMBER ROTARY BIRTHDAYS

Kathy Lelonek December 9
Mark Mayeski December 15
John Phillips December 26

Amber Wood December 11
David Parker December 18
Jeff Whitaker December 29



ROCK ISLAND ROTARY SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING SCHEDULE

ROCK ISLAND HYVEE – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

<u>Time</u>	<u>West Door</u>	<u>East Door</u>
9-10am	Cindi Gramenz Jim Moran	Gary Rowe Bud Phillis
10-11am	Mark Mayeski Kim Mayeski	Sarah Gorham John Phillips
11-12pm	Rick Devinney Kimberly Calhoun	Amber Wood Marcy Bell
12-1pm	Howard Beck Avalon Thomas-Roebal	Angela Campbell Dan Campbell
1-2pm	Tom Hammar Molly Shattuck	Sue Rector Dan McNeil
2-3pm*	Kai Swanson Jenni Swanson	Kevin Koski Jim Nordquist



*Last shift-Please leave the bells, bucket, and apron. Salvation Army will pick up later.

Issues with Salvation Army- Christy Dalberg 816-682-1712

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FOUNDATION MINUTE

“We should not live for ourselves alone, but for the joy in doing good for others.” Arch Klumph, founder of The Rotary Foundation. As we move from November, The Rotary Foundation’s Month, let us remind ourselves of the main facts about this most charitable organization.

- The Rotary Club of Kansas City, MO made the first contribution to TRF in the amount of \$26.50 in 1917
- In 1947, Rotarians contributed \$1.3m in memory of Paul Harris.
- In 1979, TRF began immunization of 6 million children in the Philippines against Polio.
- In 1980, Rotary committed to eliminating Polio through immunization.
- During the past 100 years, TRF has spent \$4 billion on life changing, sustainable projects around the world.
- TRF is Rotary’s own and only charity delivering our vision of a better world.
- TRF is supported solely by contributions from the public, Rotary members, and friends of the Foundation.
- Those contributions, gifts and donations are transformed into service projects that change the lives of thousands of people across the world.
- With 91% of funds spent on the programs and projects it delivers, TRF, based at the Rotary Headquarters in Illinois, USA, is globally recognized for its financial efficiency, accountability, and transparency.
- Each year, TRF gives \$70 million worth of grants to Rotary clubs throughout the world for humanitarian projects, vocational training, and scholarships in Rotary’s cause areas.
- Ranging from small-scale, short-term activities to large, international projects, Rotary grants strengthen global partnerships and provide sustainable and measurable benefits to communities.
- Grants from TRF support over 1,000 projects every year.

Promoting peace, Fighting disease, Providing clean water, Sanitation and Hygiene, Saving Mothers and Children, Supporting education, Growing local economies, Protecting the environment...These are our noble causes.

REINDEER RAMBLE – A PERFECT DAY FOR RUNNING!

Sunday, December 4th was a beautiful sunny, but cool day with moderate winds and clear skies. That was the scene when 80 participants in our Reindeer Ramble approached the starting line. Registration and check in took place in the Circa 21 Speakeasy which was beautifully deck out with holiday decorations and poinsettias. Holly Sparkman handled registration and Cindi Gramenz, Cathy Lelonek, and Kimberly Calhoun prepared servings of various pies, bananas, coffee, and hot chocolate. Jim Moran had dozens of award plaques laid out and ready to go and Marcy Bell was the official race shirt distributor. Bob Lelonek, Amber Wood,, Bob Swanson, and Mark Mayeski we on site for cleanup[duties. At 8:45 Holly announced it was time to move to the starting line in Schwiebert Park. There we were greeted with music playing and a master of ceremonies announcing the many youth projects and needs the race will help fund. A few minutes before 9am President Gramenz gave a few words of welcome and wished everyone a fun and safe race. With little ado, the start said “Runners Ready! ... “Go!” and like Rotarians headed for the buffet table they were off. Just over 15 minutes later our grand champion crossed the finish line. Below find race results and photos of the 2022 Reindeer Ramble.

Award Winners

+Overall Male – 1 Rick Pahl Muscatine IA 15:34

Overall Female – 1 Cynthia Reade Geneseo IL 25:34

M[14 & Under] – 1 Perry Lehman West Liberty IA 28:25

F[14 & Under] – 1 Sonia Williams Rock Island IL 26:29

2 Ariana Williams R+ock Island IL 28:19

M[15-24] – +1 Gabriel Esparza East Moline IL 16:19

2 Ben Milner Rock Island IL 17:31

3 Colton Laymon Muscatine IA 32:58

F[15-24] - 1 Lily Schoeck Rock Island IL 27:16

2 Lexi Shields Aledo IL 29:05

3 Makynzii Murley Andalusia IL 31:35

F[25-34] 1 Julie Churchill Rock Island IL 28:34

2 Elvira Toledo-Mar Davenport IA 31:54

M[35-44] 1 Andrew Brown Rock Island IL 23:26

F[35-44] 1 Paige Andersen Moline IL 26:49

2 Jessica Jones Galesburg IL 27:40

3 Susana Williams Rock Island IL 29:28

M[45-54] 1 Billy Butler Moline IL 17:43

2 Robert Beem East Moline IL 20:07

3 Alfred Keith Bettendorf IA 26:54

F[45-54] 1 Angela Reese Moline IL 27:09

2 Karla Krogman Davenport IA 29:16

3 Lori McFate Bettendorf IA 29:31

M[55-64] 1 James Schoeck Rock Island IL 26:07

2 Bob Egan Milan IL 30:09

3 Matt Voelcker Moline IL 37:18

F[55-64] 1 Mary Toohill Davenport IA 25:34

2 Peggy Bailey Muscatine IA 25:58

3 Lora Earnest Wapello IA 28:37

M[65-74] 1 Robert Thompson Davenport IA 24:52

2 John Phillips Rock Island IL 27:47

3 Carroll Lulay Morton IL 29:12

F[65-74] 1 Jean Bermel Wapello IA 34:01

2 Nancy Nelson Wilton IA 41:39

M[75 & Over] 1 James Knorr Milan IL 33:50

F[75 & Over] 1 Marianne Schroede Bettendorf IA 30:11

All Participants

Plc M\F Division Age Name City St Chip mpm Gun mpm

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3 3 2 M15 16 Ben Milner Rock Island IL 17:28 5:37 17:31 5:38

4 4 1 M45 46 Billy Butler Moline IL 17:40 5:41 17:43 5:42

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10 3 2 F55 64 Peggy Bailey Muscatine IA 25:57 8:21 25:58 8:21

11 8 1 M55 56 James Schoeck Rock Island IL 26:04 8:23 26:07 8:24

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