



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



Common Chord



Jesse Ricke and Wes Julian

In 2004, “River Music Experience” – a museum of American roots music first opened its doors in Davenport. Now, nearly twenty years later, the organization has evolved. They created a variety of diverse, accessible, community-oriented music programs and established the Redstone Room for large events, complete with state of the art sound system, lighting and digital projection screens. With that expansive evolution in programming and community impact, they decided it was time for their name to catch up to who they are today, not who they were nearly twenty years ago. Under the new name “Common Chord” our speakers today Wes Julian – InTune Program Coordinator and Jesse Ricke – Community Engagement Manager described the programming and many aspects of this Quad City cultural resource. Common Chord sponsors numerous education programs including **InTune**, a music mentorship program providing student-led music experiences in partnership with community centers and after-school programs throughout the Quad Cities; **Acoustic Music Club**, that provides music enrichment programs for youth and adults with disabilities. With a variety of partners, these programs allow participants to express themselves in new ways, help build social skills, and have fun in a lively, interactive environment! **RiverCurrents** offers an opportunity for students to explore American music through the lens of the Mississippi River. This interactive, lively program deepens students’ knowledge of music through the exploration of diverse American musical styles. Students learn about music heritage and how it influenced our community, experience the history of American music, and even write their own songs! Let’s Band Together, a program that puts instruments in kids’ hands, so they can learn the joy of music! Music should be accessible to all kids – regardless of financial means. Through Common Chord free instrument loans, students have the opportunity to experience music. Common Chord Camps **Kidstock** and **Winter Blues** music camps, allow young musicians ages 8-18 to join with their peers to participate in workshops lead by professional musicians, form a band with fellow campers, and put on a performance in the Redstone Room for their friends and family. Through the camps’ musical performances and collaboration, students develop skills in teamwork, public speaking, creative thinking, and confidence. In our., Onesound Piano Project brings music and art to cities throughout our region, activating public spaces and creating opportunities for connection and access to music! In 2022, ten pianos were painted by local visual artists and placed in public for anyone and everyone to play. One was at the entrance of the Botanical Center. The Echo. (www.theechoqc.com) a webpage created by Common Chord has one mission: Build our music scene. The site provides a concert calendar, news, interviews, articles, guides, concert reviews, and a directory of all local bands classified by their style of music they play all at one location. Common Chord also has an on site restaurant called “Zeke’s”, open to the public in the Common Chord building located at 129 Main Street in Davenport. We thank Jesse and Wes for an interesting program filled with lots of great information!

Jan.- Feb. Calendar

- Jan 9 - MONDAY -State of the City, Mayor Mike Thoms joint meeting with Kiwanis
- Jan 17 - Kai Swanson “A Trip Through the South”
- Jan 24 - Laura Eberlin & Brent VanDamme, Deere & Company
- Jan 31 - John Lohman - Quad City Regional Business Journal
- Feb 7 - Club Assembly
- Feb 14 - TBA
- Feb 21 - TBA



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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 we welcomed two guests to Rock Island Rotary. Mark Zimmerman was our visiting Rotarian today from the Davenport Club. Ellen McGlynn of Culver City, California was a guest of her mom and our Club secretary, Anne McGlynn. We love having guests at our meetings and encourage all members to invite a friend or colleague who might be a potential prospective member to an upcoming meeting.
- ❑ **NEXT WEEK** our meeting will be on MONDAY, January 9th. We will meet jointly with the Kiwanis club to hear the 2023 State of the City Address by mayor Mike Thoms. There will be no Tuesday meeting next week.
- ❑ **GREETERS NEEDED** for February and beyond. New members have told us that one of the reasons they were attracted to our Club was the friendly welcome they received when arriving for a meeting. If you haven't taken a shift recently, please sign up at the Sergeant's table.
- ❑ **REINDEER RAMBLE SHIRTS AVAILABLE** – Last chance! President Cindi has a limited supply of long sleeved Reindeer Ramble Tee Shirts in a variety of sizes. They feature the attractive Rotary Reindeer Ramble logo designed by our own Kimberly Calhoun. See President Cindi to get yours. S,M,L at \$10, XL & XXL are \$12. It's a great shirt and good way to promote Rotary and our dedicated sponsors!
- ❑ **ANNUAL ROTARY RAFFLE COMING SOON!** – For the past several years our wine raffle has been a major club fundraiser, largely responsible for funding our "Service Above Self" scholarship for Rock Island High School students. How about helping out and joining the committee. Plans are being made, will we raffle wine or something else. Help us decide. Let President Cindi know you are interested and join the committee!. The meeting will be this Thursday at 7pm via ZOOM so you can join from the comfort of your home!
- ❑ **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's Foundation Raffle featured a 50/50 cash drawing and a bottle of fine wine. Our guest Ellen McGlynn acted as our drawing official and the first ticket she pulled belonged to Tammy Weikert. Tammy with little hesitation, took the wine. The second winning ticket was held by Pete Wessels who opted for the cash and donated his winnings to Rotary's Polio Plus campaign. Thanks to all who participated in the raffle. Proceeds go to our International Foundation account.



FINES – HAPPY/SAD DOLLARS

After missing last week, VP Sue Rector made up for lost fines in a hurry. First president Cindi was fined for introducing Sue as "Sue Westphall". Apparently 1st VP Eric Westphall was on her mind! Sue then fined every member at the meeting who was not wearing their Rotary pin. That brought in a significant amount of money! Sue then asked for Happy/Sad dollars and Gary Rowe responded with a fine for a recent Letter to the Editor he and Tyla Sherwin-Cole co-authored. Unfortunately, Tyla was not present to share in the fine. John Wetzel then offered a very happy 14 dollars in celebration of his 14-year-old granddaughter successfully going through recent open-heart surgery! That's one we are all thankful for! Mark Zimmerman chipped in \$7 happy dollars in honor of the Iowa Hawkeye football offense who scored 7 points in their Music City Bowl 21-0 victory over Kentucky. Jim Nordquist a fellow Hawkeye fan joined the celebration and matched Mark's payment. Kathy Trone put in \$5 in honor of her grandson's 5th birthday. Finally, Rebecca Arnold had a happy dollar in recognition of her son, Darius Tongo, being selected by the Illinois Football Coaches' Association to play in the upcoming Shrine All Star Game! Congratulations to all and thanks to everyone who joined the fun!

FOUNDATION MINUTE

Happy New Year to all Rotarians and friends of Rotary all over the world!
Welcome to the First Foundation minute of 2023 on this Week 1 of RI's Vocational Service Month!

There is no better way to start this maiden issue of FM in 2023 than a message from Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair, Ian Riseley, published in the current issue of Rotary.

"A new year is upon us. As we look forward to new beginnings and experiences, let's think outside the box and find new opportunities to serve through Rotary. Consider taking up a community project this year. In this Rotary area of focus, we apply our professional experience by promoting the entrepreneurial spirit as we help communities help themselves in a suitable way. Community economic development projects, to paraphrase the universal adage, don't just give someone a fish today but teach them to fish so they can eat for a lifetime. These projects can be microloans to start up a livestock breeding business, or they might take the adopt-a-village approach in which Rotary works with communities on multipronged efforts to boost local economies sustainably. What experiences lie ahead for you in 2023? A district or global grant? Or possibly a visit to Melbourne, Australia...to make new friends, reunite with old ones, and find partners for projects during the 2023 Rotary International Convention?

Let us make a New Year's resolution to take advantage of opportunities to learn, grow, and serve. And let's have some fun in the process. This is Rotary, after all. So, my friends, let us go forth and carpe annum – seize the year."
(Ian H.S. Riseley, TRF Trustee Chair, Rotary, January 2023: 56)

JANUARY ROTARY BIRTHDAYS!

A very Happy Birthday to Club members celebrating birthdays in January. Here are our honorees:



Bryant Beal	January	1
Jeremy Richard	January	1
Randy Hurt	January	2
Trista Foster	January	12
Fred Houlton	January	17
Jeff Rose	January	21
Miranda Marshall	January	22
Bob Swanson	January	25
Mariah Johnson	January	28
Ted Kutsunis	January	29
Jim Moran	January	31

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

OUR NEWEST PAUL HARRIS FELLOW



Ellen McGlynn and her Rotarian mom, Anne McGlynn

Club secretary Anne McGlynn was honored today for earning her 3rd Paul Harris Fellow recognition, this time presenting the honor to her daughter, Ellen McGlynn. Ellen lives in Culver City, California and is an attorney specializing in international shipping, energy, industrial companies, and their underwriters on maritime, oil & gas and environmental law issues. She is spending time with her parents here in the Quad Cities between work travels representing Mediterranean Shipping Company S.A. (MSC) the world's largest shipping line and owner of MSC Cruises. Congratulations to Anne and Ellen!

RAFFLE COMMITTEE WILL MEET VIA ZOOM THURSDAY AT 7PM. ROTARIANS ARE NEEDED TO HELP MAKE CRITICAL DECISIONS REGARDING THIS YEAR'S FUNDRAISER. PLEASE EMAIL CINDI GRAMENZ PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT CGRAMENZ15@GMAIL.COM TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ZOOM MEETING!