



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

NarrativesQC with Dr. Annette Clevenger



Dr. Annette Clevenger is the President and Founder of NarrativesQC, based in Rock Island. Dr. Clevenger received her Doctorate degree in Clinical Psychology from Wheaton College and also studied at Illinois State University where she earned a bachelor's degree in Psychology and Sociology. Annette is a native of Rock Island and graduated from Rock Island High School in 1995. Upon completion of her doctorate degree, Annette returned to the Quad Cities and established her own business, Terry Psychological Consultants, PC. For the past seventeen years Dr. Clevenger (previously Dr. Terry) has strived to provide quality services to adults, children, couples and families in our community. She has a heart for bringing quality services to underserved populations and believes everyone should be entitled to the resources that allow them to better themselves. Annette continues to make Rock Island her home with her husband, daughter, stepdaughter and their two dogs. When asked why she established NarrativesQC, Dr. Clevenger said, "The transition from adolescence to adulthood can be difficult - especially when you don't have a high school degree, can't find a good paying job, or don't have any supportive role models in your life. Narratives believes everyone should have access to trained life-coaches and mentors to better their life, regardless of their ability to pay."

NarrativesQC provides access to life-coaches for young adults, ages 17-24, that have a sincere desire to get their life on-track. The life-coaches (paid, trained staff) do this by working with the client to create a personalized plan for success. Additionally, life-coaches help the client increase their social capital by connecting them with others, such as mentors and volunteers, that can help grow their network of support.

Although there is currently no waiting list for a life-coach, NarrativesQC has grown exponentially. It is one of the only non-profits that can take clients from both sides of the river. Rotary's own, David Hodge, is the only paid staff while the organization gets up and running. They recently purchased a new location on 11th

February - April Calendar

- Feb 21 - Tia Farrah-Edwards, Thurgood Marshall Learning Center
- Feb 28 - Amy & Liam Haskill, Closet 2 Closet
- Mar 7 - Laura Eberlin, Deere & Company
- Mar 14 - Jerry Jones, West End Revitalization
- Mar 21 - Juan Valtierra, YouthHope CRE8 Studios
- Mar 28 - TBA
- Apr 4 - Laura Mann, NEST Café
- Apr 11 - Bert Blood Scholarships
- Apr 18 - Rotary Awards Luncheon

n-NarrativesQC
writing a better story with our lives

Our Vision

We want to empower Quad City young adults (ages 17-24) to find their purpose and path in life. We believe when they succeed we all succeed.

Our Mission

Narratives connects young adults with trained life coaches for individualized support based on their strengths, weaknesses, and life goals.

Our Values

We value the next generation, compassion, leadership development, cultural competency, and community partnerships.

www.narrativesqc.org

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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 – We had 3 Alleman students with us today! (Those Alleman students really know how to tell a joke!) Additionally, Duncan Cameron, our Rotarian friend from the Naples, FL, club joined us via Zoom; prospective member, Rachel Price of the Two Rivers YMCA Nourish Program and guest of Kathy Lelonek; and Jen Osing, prospective member of Youth Hope and guest of David Hodge.

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. The committee has come up with some new and exciting details for this year’s raffle. Thanks to Kim Calhoun for designing the tickets and flyer!

ROTARY’S 2nd ANNUAL ROCK N ROLL BINGO – is set for Friday, March 24th at the Rock Island Holiday Inn Ballroom. Details will be coming so SAVE THE DATE. It is a fun filled, fast paced evening that everyone can enjoy. You don’t have to be a music trivia buff to participate and compete for prizes! You just need to enjoy having fun and raising money for Rotary projects and grants! You don’t even need to have a full table! Talk to Kathy Trone for more details.

ROTARY AWARDS CEREMONY COMING SOON! The Rotary Awards Ceremony will happen at our regularly scheduled meeting on April 18th. You will soon be asked to nominate a fellow Rotarian and/or Community Member for one of many prestigious awards. Keep an eye on your email for more information.

BE A RECRUITER – We all are aware of the great work Rotary does worldwide promoting peace, eradicating disease, fighting illiteracy, and building economies. We are sure you have friends and associates that would enjoy being part of our organization, fellowship, and friendship. It is important to Rotary and our Club to continue growing. The Pandemic took a toll on many clubs. Fortunately our Club came through stronger than ever. Invite a guest to lunch!

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.

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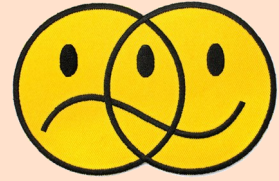
Street in Rock Island so they can be imbedded within the community they serve. As Dr. Clevenger explained, “Some of these young adults are around peers and family who are not good and that are bringing them down.” She told a couple of stories to help illustrate the power of life-coaching and mentoring. One of the stories was about an 18 year old male who dropped out of high school. After going through the program he was able to secure full-time work, with benefits. However, after awhile, hanging around the wrong people got him into trouble again and he’s now in jail. As she said, “The reality is, life happens and we [NarrativesQC] are not giving up on him. He truly was in the wrong place at the wrong time.” She said she tells this story because it teaches a very important lesson about how relationships really *do* matter. “Positive relationships with peer groups and adults in the community *can* make a difference.” She likened this statement to Rotary and how that we, as a club, are successful because we understand the power of building relationships throughout the community, and leaning on one-another for help. It was an excellent and informative presentation about the great work NarrativesQC is doing for Quad Cities’ youth. Thank you!



FINES & HAPPY/SAD DOLLARS

Rotarians In & Out of the News:

The Rock Island Public Library and Foundation were in the news *a lot* over the past week. Both Angela & Kathy paid \$5 each. Kevin Koski was also at the ribbon-tying event and begrudgingly paid money (begrudgingly because he had just sat down to eat.)



Happy/Sad Dollars:

- John Phillips was happy and paid a fine because we had a record-breaking 20 people participate in the blood drive!
- Cindi Gramenz paid a happy fine for the approximately \$30,000 raised at the Christian Care annual fundraiser! Thanks to everyone who participated and donated!
- Char Flickinger paid a happy fine for the \$2 million investment happening at the Sala Flats.
- John Wetzel paid a fine because he was happy spring was coming, which means baseball!
- Sue Rector paid 2 fines - \$66 to the Club Foundation in honor of her birthday last Tuesday (Happy Birthday, Sue!); and a \$5 fine for CASI's 50th Anniversary, which had more than 275 people attend!



The Rotary Blood Drive in Action!

FOUNDATION RAFFLE REPORT

- Red Wine - Cindi Gramenz
- White Wine - Pete Wessels
- \$36 to the Club Foundation - Cindi Gramenz
- Valentine's Bowl - Cindi Gramenz
- Valentine's Treats - Mark Mayeski (so he'd have something to give his wife for Valentine's Day!)

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



Photo of Cindi's loot!

Pete Wessels Earns TWO PHF in One Meeting!

Congratulations to Pete Wessels. His end-of-the-year donation earned a Paul Harris +2 and +3! During his brief comments he announced that our club alone has contributed more than \$750,000 to the Rotary Foundation, with more than 465 PHF in the books. Thank you, Pete, for being such a great Rotarian!



ARE YOU PLAYING ROTARY TRIVIA?



You can join the fun with just a \$1 contribution. See Vice President Sue Rector to get your Trivia Questions each week. Those who enter will get a sheet with several multiple choice trivia questions. Players will complete the sheet and turn it in to Sue before the end of our meeting. Participants agree "on their honor" to do their own work and not seek or accept help from others, google, etc. Sue will keep a tally of correct responses for each player. There will be 6 weeks of play. Questions will be a mix of American and Rotary Trivia. The winner(s) will spin the prize wheel after the sixth week. All proceeds will go to the Rotary International Foundation. Be sure to ask Sue for your sheet.



The Rotary Membership Committee is meeting!

Tuesday, February 21, at 1pm

following our club meeting.

All are welcome!

Please come share your thoughts and ideas.

A cartoon illustration of a woman with blonde hair in a bun, wearing a patterned top, shouting into a blue megaphone. The background is yellow with colorful geometric shapes and confetti.

SAVE THE DATE! March 24th

RI Rotary Fundraiser-
Holiday Inn, Rock Island,
6pm start

R & R BINGO 🥳 🥳



Kiwanis Club of Rock Island, IL

QUAD CITIES KIWANIS CLUBS
ANNUAL ROSE DAY • APRIL 26, 2023
PLEASE PRINT

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ADDRESS _____

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EMAIL _____

PICKUP LOCATIONS (circle one)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

SELLING MEMBER _____

Kiwanis Rose Day

IN HONOR OF
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S DAY

PLEASE BRING THIS RECEIPT when you pick up
your roses. Your purchase supports Quad-Cities
area youth programs.

Our Kiwanis Club Sincerely Thanks You!

TO BE PICKED UP ONLY ON
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023
AT LOCATION MARKED
BETWEEN 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM

- 1) ☐ COLMAN FLORISTS, 1203 Jersey Ridge Rd, Davenport IA
- 2) ☐ FLOWERS BY JERRI, 616 W Kimberly Rd, Davenport, IA
- 3) ☐ MEL FOSTER, 2300 Cumberland Square Dr, Bettendorf, IA
- 4) ☐ HIGHLIGHT'S FLORISTS, 367 Avenue of the Cities, East Moline, IL
- 5) ☐ WHARTON FIELD HOUSE, 1800 20th Ave, Moline, IL
- 6) ☐ COLMAN FLORISTS, 1623 2nd Ave, Rock Island, IL
- 7) ☐ STECKER GRAPHICS, 2215 4th Ave, Rock Island, IL

**FAILURE to pick up Roses on the pickup date
will result in the flowers being given to a
local nursing home.**

ALL LOCATIONS WILL FOLLOW COVID SAFETY GUIDELINES

\$20.00 Per Dozen

Help us to Serve the Children of the World, One Child, and One Community at a Time!