



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING MONDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

Hannah Carr YouthHope



In addition to being one of our newest members of Rock Island Rotary, Hannah Carr is the Director of Development for YouthHope, a position she has held for the past six years. Hannah received her Bachelor's Degree from Winona State University with a double major in Music and Environmental Science. YouthHope has had close ties to Rock Island Rotary for many years and has had a representative in our club for decades. Prior to Hannah we had David Hodge, and before Dave there was Chris Britton. YouthHope was founded in 1936 as the Christian Friendliness Association, affectionately known by many as "CF". The founders were four amazing women, from a small Bible study group from Rock Island! These remarkable women provided food, clothing, friendship, and hope through the Word of God to those in need in our community. With financial assistance from Rock Island Rotary, the Rock Island Youth Center was opened in 1995. More recently our club provided computers for the YouthHope tech lab.. Just a few months ago we dedicated our District Grant project to YouthHope and helped fund the design and painting of the huge side of building mural at the Rock Island YouthHope Center. Today Hannah gave us an exciting update on YouthHope activities and programs. The YouthHope webpage says, "We bring youth HOPE! Kids and teens learn purpose, build character, and grow in faith at YouthHope." Hannah says the staff at YouthHope work at building relationships and to empower youth by positive emphasis on the god given talents and skills. She added, every kid needs a champion and the YouthHope staff and many volunteers serve that purpose, giving support and acting as role models for the kids. YouthHope kids are exposed to new opportunities and get to explore their personal potentials in multiple areas. Hannah said, "We don't care how they came here, whether they are hungry, wanted to be around cute girls, or just wanted to play games and relax. We care how they leave here!" Through their two Youth Centers, one in Rock Island and one in Moline, Youth Hope serves approximately 250 kids each week ranging from kindergarten to high school senior. Through their camps and retreats they reach well over 400; and through their food pantry reach as many as 8,000 each year. YouthHope not only offers programs and activities at their Centers, but they also have a vibrant community outreach program taking activities to schools and neighborhoods. Hannah said all of their programs offer food, snacks, or beverages for the kids. They also don't want transportation to be a barrier and have two busses and many 15 passenger vans that provide rides each day so kids can attend YouthHope. At the Moline Center YouthHope has a Creative Studio Program that offers training in art, sculpture, dancing, baking, cooking. The Rock Island Center has a recording studio and offers programs in Hip Hop, dance, and music in general. YouthHope also has a Reimagine Gun Violence Prevention Program led by a survivor of gun violence. Kids learn that guns don't need to be the alternative to conflict. Anger management training is included in the program. Activities including volleyball, soccer, basketball, reading, tutoring, and having a mentor are also provided at YouthHope. A children's library is well stocked and thousands of books are given to kids each year. Hannah closed her presentation with some sobering statistics. 1) The poverty rate in the Illinois Quad Cities is higher than in Chicago and New York city. 2) 25% of kids in Rock Island County live in poverty. 3) 20% of kids don't have adequate food. 4) 7% of girls in poverty have a baby by age 18. 5) Those in poverty dropout of school 8 times more than children not in poverty. One of YouthHope's rules is, "You must go to school to participate". Thanks Hannah for a great program and for YouthHope's service to our community!

Mar. – May Calendar

- Mar 28 - Jeff Coussens - Penguin Project
- Apr 4 - Laura Mahn – NEST Cafe
- Apr 11 - Bert Blood Scholarships
- Apr 18 - Rotary Awards Luncheon
- Apr 25 - Dr. James Patterson "Getting to Yes or No"—negotiating skills
- May 2 - Mary Ann McLeod - "Living in the 4th Quarter with No Regrets"
- May 9 - Sara Leonard - Earl Hanson School
- May 16 - Ed Tibbetts – Community Journalism
- May 23 - Sara Cross - First Tee Quad Cities update.
- May 30 - The I-74 Bridge Demolition - Image Consultants



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Dec-Jan	- John Wetzel
Feb-Mar	- David Hodge
Apr-May	- Gary Rowe
Jun-Jul	- Tom Hammar

Club Notes & Announcements!

- ❑ **WELCOME GUESTS** – Today we were pleased to welcome two visitors. Aubrey Barnes, CEO of “Young Lions Roar” and “Aubs” was a guest of Tracy Pugh. Mike Aguilar who recently moved to the Quad Cities from California was a guest of his loving mother-in-law, Ruth Lee. Mike is an elementary school teacher in Silvis. Rock Island Rotary loves to welcome guests and we hope you enjoyed our meeting and will join us again soon.
- ❑ **BIRTHDAY BOOKS DATE CHANGE** – With school closed for Spring Break, Birthday Books at Earl Hanson school will be postponed one week. Help will be needed Thursday, March 30th at 2:15. Just enter the school and tell the secretary you are there for Rotary Birthday Books. Go up the stairs just across from the secretary’s window and enter the first door on the left side of the 2nd floor hallway. The books and cookies will already be there. You just greet the kids and help them select books. Autograph the book and Enjoy the kids!
- ❑ **ROTARY AWARD NOMINATION FORM** – Is included on the last page of today’s newsletter. Please copy as many as you need and NOMINATE! You can return them to Bob Swanson or Sarah Gorham or, if you prefer, return the form via email to Sarah Gorham, sgorham@sbirlawfirm.law. We will also have copies available at the Sergeant’s table. **Next TUESDAY IS THE FINAL DAY TO NOMINATE.**
- ❑ **ANNUAL ROTARY RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE!** – Get your raffle tickets from Gary Rowe. Proceeds fund our “Service Above Self” scholarship for Rock Island High School students. Tickets are \$5 or 5 for \$20. There are FIVE prizes, each for a \$200 gift card for a local Wine & Dine establishment! See page 5.
- ❑ **ROTARY’S 2nd ANNUAL ROCK N ROLL BINGO** – is set for **THIS FRIDAY** at the Rock Island Holiday Inn Ballroom. **SAVE THE DATE and SIGN UP NOW.** 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! **See Page 3 for tickets!**
- ❑ **HAVE ITEMS FOR OUR NEWSLETTER?** – Send to bobdebswanson@att.net
The Weekly Review is distributed each Tuesday afternoon.



FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Today’s raffle featured a 50/50 cash drawing, a hand made fabric bowl, and a bottle of fine wine. Bill Stengel had the first winning ticket and took the cash and donated his winning to Polio Plus. Bud Phillis had the second winner and took the bowl (see his motive below). The final winner taking home a bottle of wine was Gary Rowe. Thanks to all who participated!



JOHN WETZEL ADDS ANOTHER PAUL HARRIS FELLOW!

In naming his sister Vicky, a Paul Harris Fellow, John was unsure if this was his 10th or 11th Paul Harris honor but said he wants to bestow the honor on all of his family members. John is one of our most generous and faithful members and next year will celebrate 50 years of Rotary membership! Congratulations John and Vicky! We appreciate your many years of generosity and service to Rock Island Rotary!



ALWAYS WISHED YOU HAD AN ANGELA CAMPBELL FABRIC BOWL?

Today Bud Phillis was the raffle winner of the beautiful hand made by Angela Fabric Bowl. He took it with an underlying and philanthropic motive! Bud plans to offer the bowl up for bid at next week’s meeting. Whatever he gets for the winning offer he will donate to the Rock Island Library Foundation. It’s a chance to get the bowl you’ve always wanted and to contribute to a great cause at the same time!





THIS FRIDAY

RI Rotary Fundraiser-

Holiday Inn, Rock Island,

6pm start

R & R BINGO 🍷🥳

Bring your own food/snacks. Beverages must be purchased at the event.

invite friends and if you want to sit together "purchase" a table for 8. Others are seated on a first come basis. There are no teams, everyone plays on their own.

The cost per person is \$20 which includes two Bingo Cards. A table for 8 is \$125 with 2 cards for each person.

Unlike Bingo Cards, these cards have song titles listed rather than numbers.

The emcee plays the music and if you have that song on your card you mark it. You don't have to be a music trivia buff. You are told what you need to know about the songs. Five in a row up, down, across, or diagonal wins prizes! It's fun! You hear lots of your favorite music, socialize with friends, and there are fun side contests mixed in throughout the evening.

you can sign up by scanning one of these Codes →

OR, email Kathy Trone to sign up: Kathy@wesselspc.com

Table of 8-two cards each



Single Player-two cards



FOUNDATION MINUTE

RI's Month of Water and Sanitation

Twenty per cent of the Northland, New Zealand population under the age of 15 have had a mood or anxiety disorder diagnosed as of 2021, according to Northland District Health Board. On the first week of March, Manaia View School in Whangārei hosted the launch of the Rotary Te Tai Tokerau Tamariki Mental Wellbeing Project. the first of its kind in New Zealand. The project's purpose is to support teachers and provide them with the necessary resources and training to address the rise of mental illness in children.

Chief executive of Think and Be Me, Cat Levine, created the organization in response to the growing rate of mental health issues among youth. "They call it this youth mental health pandemic, but what are we doing? We're obviously not doing something right," Levine said.

Levine was working for free in the mental health space with children when Rotary came along and sponsored her to do a two-year well-being project. Northland Tamariki will be taught the skills to cope with mental illnesses under a mental health project that has just been launched. TRF sponsored the Global Grant at the cost of \$600,000 USD. Levine and her team of experts and volunteers will train 450 teachers in more than 60 Northland primary schools over two years and will visit each school three times delivering educational mental health presentations, resources and fun activities for the children.

Rotary Tai Tokerau Tamariki Mental Health chairman Peter Smith said the project had been brewing in the background after a conference looking at why Northland is behind in its health and education.

"There's no real support for kids in primary school, so when they're angry or sad, and they know they are, but they don't know why...This program tells them to sort of take a breath and understand why I am sad, why am I angry, what can I do," said Smith.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!! YES, ROCK & ROLL BINGO IS THIS FRIDAY – BUT ...
YOU CAN STILL SIGN UP! – CALL OR EMAIL KATHY TRONE
kathy@wesselspc.com or 309-794-9400 OR JUST BE A STICK IN THE MUD!



Earl Hanson BIRTHDAY BOOKS!



NOT Thursday



The kids are out on spring break and return to school on the 28th. This month Birthday Books will be on the 30th. Last month we were really short of help! Rotarians are needed at 2:15pm on the 30th. If you can spare 30 minutes, please do!

FINES – HAPPY/SAD DOLLARS

VP Sue Rector had a great day today. She began with own FIVE happy dollars for Iowa Women's Basketball making the Sweet 16 in the National Championship Tournament and for a successful (but cold) CASI St. Patrick's Day 5K fundraiser with more than 500 runners! John Wetzel was fined for appearing in the news regarding the new Rock Island Branch Library. He ratted our Angela Campbell and Kathy Lelonek who were also at the event. Ruth Lee paid \$1 for husband Dan's recent newspaper column. Jeff Rose paid a dollar for being quoted in a recent article about the banking system in light of recent bank failures. Kimberly Calhoun paid a happy (or was it sad?) dollar for missing last week's meeting. She was the guest speaker at the North Scott Rotary who meets at the same time and day as our meetings. They fined her for being a Rock Island rather than North Scott Rotarian! Kevin Koski paid an embarrassed happy dollar for Finland being named the "Happiest Country in the World" for the 6th straight year. Some say that's because Kevin moved here! Monta Ponsetto had 4 Happy/Sad dollars: Her son is back from deployment (happy), Purdue Men's Basketball Lost (sad), Indiana Men's Basketball Lost (sad), and 67 cents was left in a tip bowl (happy). She mentioned if everyone left 67 cents each week, think how much that would be! Ruth Lee offered another dollar, sad, because the American Kennel Club named the French Bulldog as America's most popular dog breed, ending the 31 year reign of the Labrador breed. Ruth owns a Lab! Mark Mayeski had a happy dollar for his Alma mater, Gonzaga University making the NCAA Men's Basketball Sweet 16 for the 8th consecutive year. Char Flickinger had a happy dollar for a fully renovated Wilson Lofts opening in Clinton after nearly 10 years of work. Finally, Dave Hodge had a happy dollar for completing 50 miles of swimming during the past year. His goal is to do 200 miles next year. Not a bad day for fining, celebrating, and mourning! Thanks to all who joined in.

NEW MEMBER APPLICANT



An application for membership has been received from Danielle Scott. Danielle is sponsored by Angela Campbell. Danielle is the owner of Black Bear Marketing, a free lance marketing firm operated from her home. She also is employed by Vistex as a writer of software solutions. Danielle lives in Port Byron and is married to Shane. She has worked in several marketing positions over the past 18 years and had provided almost 10 years of volunteer service for the Humane Society of Scott County. She is a graduate of the University of Iowa with a degree in journalism/English/Theater. Please direct any comments to President Cindi Gramenz cgranenz15@gmail.com or membership chair Mary Fislar mlfrlf1315@yahoo.com.

Wine & Dine Raffle

5 Prizes! \$200 gift certificates will be awarded to one of the following:



Bayside
Bistro



Skylight
LUXURY LOUNGE

Tickets: 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20

Drawings will be held May 23, 2023

Proceeds go to the Fred Houlton Service Above Self Scholarship

Rotary



Rock Island



1 ticket: \$5



5 tickets: \$20

**Purchase tickets by scanning the QR Code of your choice,
OR Email us at rotaryclubrockisland@gmail.com, OR
control/click the link of your choice below.**

1 Ticket for \$5.00

<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/PEB6ZBFH2TVTE/checkout/FXUGYO74Y25BCKJBBX7EWDVK>

5 Tickets for \$20

<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/PEB6ZBFH2TVTE/checkout/FT7I5FEJZUD2OHZNADQHZM2P>

ROCK ISLAND ROTARY CLUB 2023 AWARDS NOMINATION



Rock Island Rotary's annual Awards Luncheon is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 18th**. The Awards Committee seeks nomination for the following awards:

1. **Excellence:** Recognizes distinction or superiority in a field of endeavor. This can be for a single accomplishment or for achieving high standards of achievement or performance over a sustained period of time.
2. **Community Service:** Recognizes individuals or organizations who have worked effectively for the betterment of our community.
3. **The Luckenbill-Wray Award:** Recognizes a current Rock Island Rotarian for outstanding service and dedication to our club over the past year.
4. **A. T. Peara Award for Service Above Self:** Recognized the Rock Island Rotary member who has exhibited the dedicated service and faithful commitment to the ideals of Rotary that were personified by A.T. Peara, for whom the award is named.

The first two awards are **open to any individual or organization** that has demonstrated excellence or worked for the betterment of the Rock Island community. The Excellence Award applies to all lines of work and to all ages.

The **Luckenbill-Wray and A.T. Peara awards are limited to current members** of Rock Island Rotary. The A.T. Peara Award is a one time, life-time recognition, previous winners are not eligible for that award. See list on back of this form.

To ensure that our committee has adequate time to evaluate, consider, make the selections, and have awards prepared, the **deadline for nominations is Noon, Tuesday, March 28th**. Please consider making one or more nominations using the lower portion of this form. Additional copies are available if you need them, or feel free to print your own. We greatly appreciate your participation and assistance.

Submit nominations to Sarah Gorham: sgorham@sbrlawfirm.law

NOMINEE NAME: _____ **Your Name:** _____

____ EXCELLENCE AWARD ____ COMMUNITY SERVICE ____ LUCKENBILL-WRAY ____ A.T. PEARA AWARD

Reasons in support of your Nomination:

The following Club Members are Previous A. T. Peara Award Recipients and are not eligible for that award.

Dr. Tricia Barron 2015	Tom Hammar 2004	Anne McGlynn 2013	Gary N. Rowe 2000
Stan Coin 1998	Fred Houlton 1984	Jim Moran 2022	Molly Shattuck 2021
Carrie Crossen 2020	Frank Lambert 2002	Steve Morenz 2018	Holly Sparkman 2012
Jeff Dismer 2010	Ruth Lee 2009	John Phillips 2019Dr.	Bob Swanson 2014
Mary Fislar 2006	Mark Mayeski 2020	Richard (Bud) Phillis 1991	John Wetzel 2011