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MEETING TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



Sarah Leonard Earl Hanson Principal And The Inspire Choir Return



May Calendar

May 16 - Ed Tibbetts – Community Journalism
May 16 - 1:00pm Membership/ Mentoring Committee Meeting
May 23 - Sara Cross- First Tee Quad Cities update.
May 30 - The I-74 Bridge Demolition- Image Consultants
June 6 - TBA

Always one of our most popular programs, today Sarah Leonard, principal of Earl Hanson Elementary School, gave her annual report on the school and our partnership with the students, faculty, and administrators there. As a special treat she brought with her student singers from grades 3 and 5 for some very special entertainment! Under the direction of Mr. Andrew Tadlock. The kids performed a medley of friendship and patriotic songs. It was great to once again hear the young voices echo through our meeting

room after 3 years of pandemic issues. Mrs. Leonard noted that Rock Island has been identified as the most diverse school district in the state of Illinois and Earl Hanson is the most diverse of all schools in the district. Not



only does Earl Hanson house the neighborhood children from around the school, but is also the host site of the District's Elementary School Gifted Program and the host site of the District's Elementary ED and BD programs (Emotional Disturbance/ Behavior Disorder). A total of just under 300 students attend Earl Hanson. Mrs. Leonard then gave a month-by-month update of school activities. Starting in August she thanked Heidi Huiskamp Collins for generously funding a complete new playground for the school. Rotary Birthday Books also began in August with our club presenting books as presents to all children having birthdays each month. In October Rotary provided the Pumpkin Palooza field trip for all first and second grade students, taking them to the Corn Crib pumpkin patch and play area where each received a pumpkin, tee shirt, and books funded by Rotary. We also participated in the Earl Hanson "Trunk or Treat" project. In December we again did the Earl Hanson Angel Tree providing Christmas presents for three dozen students identified by their teachers as "in need". In April Rotary member helped with the "Donuts with Grownups" serving juice, coffee, and donuts to parents, staff, and kids. Mrs. Leonard also noted that after losing their funding for the Lights On For Learning program, Rotary stepped up with major funding to obtain Spring Forwards Learning Center after school programs for the school. She said that in the program over 35 students needing extra support were served; 30 students received swimming lessons; 25 received advanced coding education; 25 were able to tour the museum at Augustana College; and 24 were able to visit and build a Bumble Bee habitat at the Nahant Marsh. Ms. Leonard said that this summer faculty members will be going to Dallas to receive training in the "AVID" Program. The program prepares students in the middle (with academic potential) for success in advanced/honors high school classes and in college. We thank Principal Leonard for another excellent school update. We highly value our partnership with the school and look forward to continued collaboration.

Rotary

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Club Notes & Announcements!

WELCOME GUESTS – We were pleased to welcome many guests today. Jr. Rotarians from Alleman, Andrew Torres was accompanied by sponsor Lindsey Honert. Greg Hampton in addition to being interested in Rotary came to hear his daughter sing and was a guest of Dave Hodge. Jennifer Heckenkamp and Katy Saucedo, faculty sponsors of the Joran Earlyact Club joined us today and brought four Club officers. A very special guest was Virginia Johnson wife of Don Peterson. We also had two visiting Rotarians today. Duncan Cameron a member of the Naples, Florida Club returned for the summer and Gary Francque a member of the Moline Rotary joined us. He is the father of Earlyact Club sponsor Jen Heckenkamp. We love having guest visit the No. 1 Club! We hope you enjoyed your visit and will come back to see again!

ROTARY RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE! – The Big day when the five winners will be drawn is fast approaching! 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! Winners will be drawn at our regular meeting on May 23rd. See page 6 for more details..

NOTHING READS LIKE A BOOK CHALLENGE – President Cindi “Walked the Walk and Talked the Talk” today making a personal donation toward our District Project to provide 1 book per Club member to help stock the new Rock Island 30th Street Branch library with quality children’s books; AND she challenged all to match her! We currently have 93 members (5 Honorary, 24 corporate, and 64 individual) so we need a minimum of 93 books! The donation box will be out next week so come prepared!

MEMBERSHIP / MENTORING COMMITTEE will meet immediately after our Club meeting next Tuesday, May 16th. We have several important decisions to make and urge all committee members and any other interested club member to attend.

HAVE ITEMS FOR OUR NEWSLETTER? – Send to bobdebswanson@att.net

JORDAN EARLYACT PAYS US A VISIT



Today was a great day confirming our commitment to literacy and youth. In addition to a program presented by the Earl Hanson Elementary principal and students, we also welcomed the officers and teacher/sponsors from the Jordan EarlyAct Club. Sponsored by our Rotary Club, the Jordan EarlyAct Club was established in 2014 and in 2016 purchased the first water filter kicking off our Kenya Water Project. Through the years the Club has fundraised and carried out numerous projects benefiting both Jordan, our community, and those less fortunate around the world. After the pandemic the Club had to be reformed and this year they are back, strong as ever. Here (from R-L) are Club President Rachel Duple, Vice-President Ainsley Leischner, Treasurer Rowan Happ, and Secretary Lucy Trefry. They presented a colorful PowerPoint slide show highlighting their projects and activities which among many others including wrapping Angel Tree gifts for three area parishes and selling suckers to raise money. Money was used to fund projects as school and in our community.

This Event is Open to All Rotarians in the Quad Cities – Please Join the Fun & Spread the Rotary Word!

HAPPY HOUR *with* ROTARY

JOIN US FOR
NETWORKING, BREWS & CAMARADERIE

Thursday, May 11th

4:00 - 7:00 PM

at

Crawford Brew Works
3659 Devils Glen Rd Bettendorf, IA 52722

ALL AREA
ROTARIANS
&
GUESTS
WELCOME

Boogie's
Bread & Such
Food Truck



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BIRDIES FOR CHARITY IN FULL SWING

YOUR PLEDGE IS NEEDED. Every dollar pledged by Club members is returned to Rock Island Rotary with an added bonus from the Deere Charitable Foundation, guaranteed to be at least 5%. Last year the bonus was 7%. All pledges will be invested in our local Club Foundation. The principal is never spent. The income earned from the Foundation investments goes toward major Club Grants for the betterment and benefit of Rock Island and its citizens.

Pledge forms were emailed to all members and are available in this newsletter. Return your completed pledge to Kevin Koski or to the Sergeant's Table. For your convenience you can call or email Kevin, and he will fill out and submit the pledge form for you. You will receive an invoice for your pledge. Call Kevin at 788-6007 or email kevinkoski3@gmail.com. Our goal this year is pledges from 40 members (that's less than half our membership!) and a total of \$5,500 in pledges. This is the best way to support our Club Foundation whether \$10 or \$1,000!

Nothing Reads Like a Book!

2022-2023 District-Wide Service Project

For the 2022-2023 Rotary year, our District-wide service project extends the good work of our District and Club's Literacy Committees by asking each Rotarian in our District to donate one new book to a local library. Rock Island Rotary decided to donate our books to the children's book section at the new 30th Street Rock Island Public Library Branch. By purchasing the needed books through the Library we get the best price per book, so cash donations go farther than book donations. We will have a donation box out periodically at our upcoming meetings to accept your donations. You can donate via check payable to Rock Island Rotary noting "Library" on the memo line. Those can be given to Treasurer Carrie Crossen anytime.



President Cindi made her donation and Challenges each of us to match it (or at least donate something, more or less!)

FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Today our raffle included a bottle of fine wine and a 50/50 cash drawing. The first ticket drawn was held by John Wetzel who opted for the wine. The second lucky winner was Doug Hultquist who took the cash and donated it back to the Rotary International Foundation. We appreciate all those who invest in the Raffle drawing. Proceeds raised go to support the International Foundation and all the good work it does around the globe! Thanks for participating!



FINES & HAPPY/SAD DOLLARS

2nd V.P. Sue was unable to be with us today, so 1st V.P. Eric filled in and did a nice job of soliciting Happy / Sad Dollars from the audience. Amber Woods paid \$2 in happiness for the recently completed and very successful SAL Community Services Golf Fundraiser. She reported \$35,000 was raised through the event! Greg Hampton, a visitor at today's meeting offered a happy dollar for being at the meeting and getting to hear his daughter sing with the Earl Hanson Elementary singers. Tom Hammar had a happy dollar in celebration of his grandson playing in a baseball tournament in Peoria, going undefeated, and winning the championship! Not to be outdone, Justin Peterson had his own happy dollar in celebration of his son playing in a baseball tournament in Muscatine and also bringing home the championship trophy! Last, but definitely not least, Frank Lambert offered a happy dollar in celebration of his daughter Erin's graduation from the Drake University School of Law with her Juris Doctorate degree. After taking his seat V.P. Eric had an untimely cell phone "beep" which President Cindi heard. Eric fessed up and added his dollar fine! Congratulations to one and all for your celebrations, good news, and fines!

REMEMBERING DON PETERSON



Today Virginia Johnson, wife of Don Peterson was a guest of the Club. Don joined our Club in 1967 and served as our President for the 1989-90 Rotary year. He and Virginia were both recognized as Paul Harris Fellows. In 1999 he received our Club's highest honor, The A.T. Peara Award. He served as the Club's Sergeant at Arms for many years. In passing he remembered Rotary with a generous bequest to the Club. We miss Don and were pleased to welcome Virginia today so we could express our appreciation for all Don did for Rock Island Rotary!



ROTARY TO THE RESCUE!

As you might guess in a school of 300 students there are numerous staff, parent, and guest events throughout the year. So, when the old coffee urn at Earl Hanson school gasped its last perk at their recent Donuts With Grownups event a shudder of panic spread through the Hanson PTO. Word got to our liaison with the PTO, Sue Rector and after consulting with President Cindi and receiving approval from our Board, Rotary provided a new large Urn for Earl Hanson. So, the next time you attend an event at the school and enjoy a cup of coffee, you can take pride in knowing we had a role in making that possible! Thanks to Sue for bringing this need to our attention and to Cindi and the Board for taking quick action to help!

FOUNDATION MINUTE

Rotary's Youth Service Month

Happening Just across the River from us! At the Rotary District 6000 conference, held this past April, it was announced that one of its members and a Rotarian from District 5970 would depart in a single-engine plane, on a goodwill mission-trip around the world aimed at raising not just awareness of, but funds for Polio Plus. In a massive plan that would see these two Rotarians flying on behalf of The Rotary Foundation to Maine, Newfoundland, Greenland, Iceland, Europe, the Middle East, India, Southeast Asia, Australia, the South Pacific, Hawaii, California and Denver, before returning to Cedar Rapids around mid-July, the seasoned pilots would have covered more than 19,000 miles, made 33 landings in 25 countries and an estimated 135 in-flight hours.

This twofold journey, flying out in a 1977 Cessna T210M single-engine airplane at 9 a.m. May 5 from The Eastern Iowa Airport, intends to raise awareness and \$1 million for Rotary International's three-decade quest to eradicate polio. The Gates Foundation is adding a 2-for-1 dollar match toward reaching that goal. The two pilots are paying for the flight out of their own pockets and have some equipment grants, so all money donated by the public will go to the Rotary's international polio initiative. Peter Teahen, 69, of Robins, and John Ockenfels, 70, of Shueyville, also will join the roster of the 700 pilots who have flown around the world in a single-engine plane. Of those daring pilots since the beginning of aviation, 300 are alive today.

Au revoir, Rotarians Teahen and Ockenfels!

For more detail, information about these Iowa Rotarian Pilots and to Follow the flight that began on Friday, control/click on: <https://www.flighttoendpolio.com/>

Donate to help on: <https://www.rotaryfoundationpolioflight.com/donate>



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



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.

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

5 Tickets for \$20

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SIGN UP STARTED TODAY AT ROTARY!

Rock Island Rotary has arranged a totally FREE event for All Rotarians in the Quad City Area.

ROTARY NIGHT AT THE BACKWATER GAMBLERS! Sunday, June 25th

Inclement Weather Date Sunday, July 15th

THIS IS PURELY A ROTARY SOCIAL EVENT TO LET OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS SHARE IN THE FELLOWSHIP OF ROTARY. THERE WILL BE NO FUNDRAISING OR PLEAS. JUST FUN IN THE SUN!. NO CHARGE FOR ADMISSION OR PARKING!

Performing on the scenic waters of the Rock River the Backwater Gamblers are a Nationally Recognized, Award-Winning Ski Team. If you've seen or heard of the Tommy Bartlett Water Ski Show at Wisconsin Dells, or the Cypress Gardens Water Ski Show at Winter Haven, Florida, the Backwater Gamblers are equivalent in talent and thrills! Bleacher seating will be provided, and ROTARY will have center seating right up front! There is NO COST for the show, or parking. Concessions will be available, and they do "pass the hat" for support. The fun in the late afternoon sun is outstanding! There is a mixture of thrills, beauty, comedy, costumes, and speed from high pyramid skiing to barefoot racers, and high in the sky ski jumpers! There is also on shore comedy skit entertainment that everyone will enjoy! Everyone loves the Backwater Gamblers! Multiple times National Ski Champions -- year after year in the National Finals! Rotary seating will be a large section, seats by "first come." **The show begins at 6:30pm.** Parking opens at 5:30.



The BACKWATER GAMBLERS perform on the Rock River at beautiful Ben Williamson Park in Rock Island, 5000 44th Street. Go south off John Deere Road on 44th Street and you will come directly into the parking area. The ski show grandstand seats over 1,300 on the sandy beach of the river.

This event is open to all club members, our families, and our friends. Invite anyone you think might enjoy the show and Rotary fellowship. Prospective members would be outstanding guests to invite! All we need from you is the number of seats you wish to have held for you and your guests. Sign up at the Sergeant's table or email Bob Swanson bobdebswanson@att.net. We have invited all area Rotary Clubs, so wear your Rock Island Rotary shirt, cap, or whatever you have and let's make a "SPLASH"!

HAVE SOME FUN & SUPPORT FELLOW MEMBER JOHN PHILLIPS

THE BUCKTOWN REVUE



John Phillips (Brian Fry photo)



John Phillips: From Otter Creek to Bucktown

Singer/songwriter John Phillips has been involved in music since childhood. “Music was a big part of my life growing up,” John said. Born and raised on a small farm north of Maquoketa in a place called Otter Creek, music mattered. “My father had a beautiful tenor voice and was very supportive of any musical endeavors of the family. I sang and played for many, many weddings in churches throughout the Dubuque area. I also had a great opportunity to learn more about music in high school participating in variety shows, choral groups and so on.”

John is the featured singer/songwriter at the May 19th Bucktown Revue

As musical inspirations, John lists some of America’s best-loved songwriters: John Prine, Willie Nelson, Steve Goodman, Merle Haggard, and John Fogerty. John is the retired Rock Island city manager and former city administrator in Rockford, IL. When he’s not writing songs or performing, John serves on several non-profit boards. He’s also an advisor for the International City/County Management Association. But mainly, John said, he is “always working on a song.”

Bucktown returns 7 p.m. Friday, May 19, to Davenport Junior Theater, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, Iowa.

Guests include singer/songwriter John Phillips, the Miracle Bluegrass Band from Geneseo, and Turas, the great Irish band from Peoria.

[Click here to reserve tickets.](#)

Two hours of happiness guaranteed. Rated E for Everybody. Music, humor & variety. Special thanks to our season sponsor Picture Perfect Travel.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – MEMBERSHIP/MENTORING COMMITTEE MEETING NEXT TUESDAY

There will be an important meeting of the Membership/Mentoring Committee **Tuesday, May 16th** immediately after our regular Club meeting. Members Howard Beck, Marcy Bell, John Daly, Tom Hammar, Anne McGlynn, Gary Rowe, and Bob Swanson are urged to join Chair Mary Fislar for this meeting. There are several; important items that need to be finalized. All interested club members are welcome to sit in.

HEAD “BIRDIE” GIVES UPDATED REPORT



Kevin Reports after getting off to a great start with 15 pledges for a total of \$2,200 pledged in the first week, things have slowed! Our Goal is 40 pledges for \$5,500. During the past week Kevin received just a couple of pledges and our pledge total sits at just over \$2,300. So, we still have a long way to go! Every

dollar pledged is sent back to Rock Island Rotary along with a Deere Charities bonus of no less than 5% No matter the size of your pledge, it comes back to us -- plus more! All will go to our Club Foundation where the principal will be never spent, and the income earned will fund our major service projects for the benefit of Rock Island and its citizens. In the past we have funded lights for the Rock Island Girls Softball complex, a public shower for Christian Care, and helped fund the new Rock Island 30th Street Branch Library.



HELP STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING



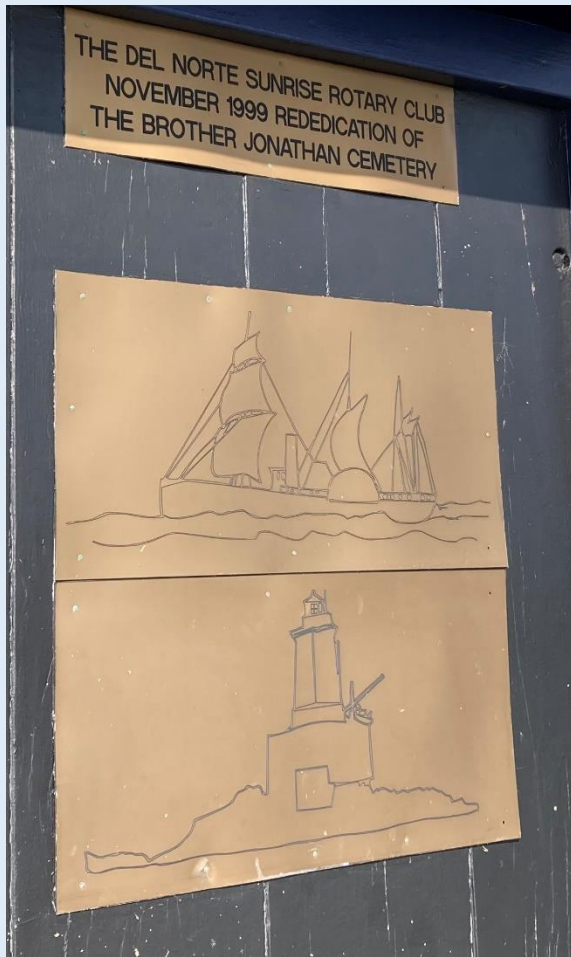
Kathy Trone, our District Human Trafficking Task Force chair is taking orders for the new “STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING” tee shirt. In addition to the message on the front, there is a District Rotary Logo on the sleeve. Rotarians may purchase shirts for \$25 with proceeds going to the Anti-Trafficking Task Force. The funds raised will be used to provide education on recognizing human trafficking and what to do when it is identified. The influx of immigrants and the ruthless involvement of cartels and gangs has brought about a nationwide increase in the prevalence of trafficking. Our help is needed to free many from a life of misery and enslavement. It is a great cause, and we hope many members will support the effort and purchase a shirt. Kathy is taking orders. You can email Kathy at kathy@wesselspc.com and she'll order one (or more) for you. Be sure to indicate the size needed. Kathy will also take orders in person at upcoming meetings.

MORE EARL HANSON SINGERS –



THE INTERESTING THINGS TRAVELING ROTARIANS SEE

Club Secretary, Anne McGlynn and husband Fred are currently traveling in Crescent City and Anne emailed that within an hour of arriving they ran across this Rotary connection:



That of course piqued our curiosity, and this is what we discovered: Brother Jonathan was a paddle boat steamer. Built in 1851. She was 220 ft 11 in long and 36 ft across the beam. Her depth was 21 ft. In 1856 she was renamed the Commodore and in 1861 was renamed the Brother Jonathan. Her original owner was Edward Mills. In 1851 he sold the ship to Cornelius Vanderbilt. Vanderbilt sold her in 1856 to John Wright who owned the ship until 1961 when he sold her to the California Steam Navigation Company. The ship powered by sails and steam struck an uncharted rock near Point St. George, off the coast of Crescent City, California, on July 30, 1865. The ship was carrying 244 passengers and crew, with a large shipment of gold. Only 19 people survived, making it the deadliest shipwreck up to that time on the Pacific Coast of the United States. Based on the passenger and crew list, 225 people are believed to have died. Its location was not discovered until 1993 and a portion of the gold was recovered in 1996. The ship was also instrumental in setting off the 1862 Pacific Northwest smallpox epidemic, which killed thousands of Indigenous people in the region. Its original owner, Edward Mills, a New Yorker operated a shipping business during the California Gold Rush, and named the ship after Brother Jonathan, a character personifying the region of New England. When built in 1851, its route was from New York to Chagres, Panama, and on its first journey set a record for the then-fastest round-trip – 31 days. Passengers would cross the Isthmus of Panama and make their way north to California via another ship. In 1852 the ship was purchased by Cornelius Vanderbilt, who operated a competing line, to replace one of his ships that had been wrecked. Vanderbilt had Brother Jonathan sail around Cape Horn and used it on the Pacific side of the route.

Vanderbilt also had the steamer modified to accommodate more passengers. Vanderbilt's company had had an exclusive contract ferrying passengers across the isthmus through Nicaragua, but in 1856 the Nicaraguan government cancelled the agreement. The ship was then sold to Captain John Wright, renamed Commodore, and put on West Coast routes, including from its new home port of San Francisco to British Columbia, as gold prospectors travelled to the Fraser Canyon Gold Rush. The ship played a small but symbolic role in the history of the state of Oregon. After President James Buchanan signed the bill admitting Oregon to the Union on February 14, 1859, the news was wired to St. Louis, carried by stagecoach to San Francisco, and loaded on Commodore on March 10. On March 15, the ship docked in Portland, delivering the official notification of statehood to the people of Oregon. By 1861, the ship was sold to the California Steam Navigation Company, who retrofitted it, restored the original name of Brother Jonathan, and kept it on the northward route from San Francisco to Vancouver via Portland, allowing prospectors to work the Salmon River Gold Rush. Over the next several years, the vessel gained a reputation as being one of the finest steamers on the Pacific Coast, being the fastest ship to make the run, sixty-nine hours each way. When Brother Jonathan traveled north from San Francisco and arrived in Victoria, British Columbia, on 12 March 1862, it brought along a miner infected with smallpox. When the disease began to infect indigenous people camped around Victoria, colonial authorities forced them to leave but as they made their return trip home, they spread the disease throughout the Salish Sea area and Pacific Northwest, from Puget Sound to southern Alaska. According to historian John Lutz, "The citizens of Victoria, one could say, panicked. Or, one could say, with a less charitable view, that they deliberately drove the Indigenous people out of town, and that spread the disease back to their home communities up and down the coast." Estimates of the death toll vary. Portland State University anthropologist Robert T. Boyd suggests that, by the end of 1862, 14,000 indigenous people along the coast had died from the outbreak. Other estimates suggest that, over the next year, at least 30,000 indigenous people in the region died. At least half of the population of indigenous peoples along the coast died, leaving behind "mass graves, deserted villages, traumatized survivors and societal collapse" that facilitated the colonization of the area. On its last voyage, the ship had been heavily loaded and when it came time to depart, the bottom of the ship had sunk into the mud, and they had to wait until high tide for a tugboat to pull her out. The load was less than 700 tons, well below its 900-ton carrying capacity.

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Brother Johnathan Continued -

Within hours of leaving San Francisco Bay for Portland and Victoria, it ran into a gale. Most of the passengers became seasick and stayed in their cabins. Early on Sunday morning, July 30, 1865, the steamer anchored in Crescent City harbor on the first leg of its trip. After leaving the safety of the bay that Sunday afternoon, the ship encountered more stormy conditions. The seas were so bad near the California/Oregon border that the captain ordered the ship turned around for the harbor of Crescent City. Fifty-five minutes later on that return and close to port, the ship struck a rock, tearing a large hole in the hull. A heavy ore crusher had been loaded in the cargo hold and smashed through. Within five minutes, the captain realized the ship was foundering and ordered the passengers and crew to abandon ship. Although there were enough lifeboats to hold all of the people on board, only three boats could be deployed. Acts of courage and desperation, fear, and self-sacrifice, were numerous. The rough waves capsized the first lifeboat that was lowered and smashed the second against the vessel's sides. Only a single surfboat, holding eleven crew members, five women, and three children, managed to escape and make it safely to Crescent City. Four boats in the harbor tried to reach the sinking ship but were forced to turn back by the storm. And now, thanks to Anne McGlynn, you know "The Rest of the Story."



A ROTARY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

From: **Chris VanSpeybroeck** The Children's Therapy Center
Dear potential volunteer,

Here are the details:

The iCan Shine Bike Camp is a five-day long camp that teaches children with disabilities to ride a conventional two-wheel bicycle through a specialized program. I can attest to the fact that this camp really works. Every time we've held it, 70% or more of the kids who participated learned to ride.

Next, and equally important - **I need volunteers!** Each rider requires two volunteer 'spotters' who walk/light jog alongside the rider providing physical, emotional, and motivational support to the rider. Volunteers have as much fun as the kids - maybe even more. It is best to volunteer for the same session every day, but we are thankful for all the help we can recruit. The link to volunteer is the same as above (just click the volunteer link):

<https://icanshine.org/ican-bike-east-moline-il/>.

Chris Van Speybroeck
Vice President of Development



Date
**JUNE 5-9
2023**

Fee
\$35

East Moline School District
3451 Morton Drive
East Moline, IL 61244

Registration Link
<https://icanshine.org/ican-bike-east-moline-il/>

More Information cvanspeybroeck@ctcqc.org | 309-798-4151

**THIS CAMP IS FOR KIDS WITH
DISABILITIES (AGES 8 AND UP)
75 MINUTE SESSIONS
MONDAY - FRIDAY**

**The camp is June 5th – 9th
Sessions are 75 minutes long**

Rock Island Rotary Club

CHARITY SOLICITED FOR

937

BIRD NUMBER

I PLEDGE TO DONATE:

\$ _____ to the charity noted above.
(one time, flat donation amount)

BIRDIES FOR CHARITY BONUS FUND

☐ Yes, I would like to make an additional donation to the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund in the amount of \$ _____, to help provide the minimum 5% match to all participating charities.

GUESS THE BIRDIES TO WIN A TWO YEAR LEASE ON A 2023 LEXUS!

I guess that _____ birdies will be made.
Only one grand prize will be awarded. Void where prohibited by law.

BIRDIES SCORED BY YEAR

2,040 (2014)	1,918 (2017)	N/A (2020)
1,990 (2015)	2,355 (2018)	1,905 (2021)
1,982 (2016)	2,091 (2019)	2,041 (2022)

PLEDGE & DONOR INFORMATION (please print)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE AND/OR EMAIL _____

Please include payment & make checks payable to:
BIRDIES FOR CHARITY

Chip in for your chance to win

When you chip in to help area charities, you could win! But your favorite charity will be the real winner. That's because participating charities receive 100% of the donations pledged to them in this program, plus a bonus from the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund, which is a guaranteed 5% match.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

Simply make a one-time flat donation and mail with payment to the Birdies for Charity office at
15623 Coalton Road, East Moline, IL 61244

To enter the contest, guess the number of birdies that will actually be made by PGA TOUR Pros during the tournament, Wednesday through Sunday. A grand prize will be given to one person who guesses the correct number. In case of ties, winners will be randomly selected.



GRAND PRIZE:
2 YEAR LEASE ON A 2023 LEXUS NX!

One lucky supporter of the
John Deere Classic's Birdies

LEXUS
SMART LEXUS OF QUAD CITIES
for Charity program will win a 2 year lease on a 2023 Lexus NX, courtesy of Smart Lexus of Quad Cities.

CONTEST RULES

- Only 1 grand prize awarded. Ties determined by random drawing.
- All guesses must be on an official pledge card and received at the tournament office by June 16.
- Rules are available at www.birdiesforcharity.com
- No pledge or purchase required. Need not be present to win.
- Pledges submitted after the JDC (after July 9, 2023) may be applied the following year.

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS AS YOUR RECEIPT

I pledged \$ _____ one-time donation.

I guessed _____ birdies would be made.

Payment was included with pledge

☐ YES \$ _____ ☐ NO

☐ CASH ☐ CHECK NO. _____

Please make checks payable to:

BIRDIES FOR CHARITY
15623 COALTOWN ROAD
EAST MOLINE, IL 61244



Quad Cities Golf Classic Charitable Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.
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CLASSIC
JULY 5-9, 2023