



# Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

## Kathy Wine Exec. Director River Action



Kathy Wine is in the midst of her 40<sup>th</sup> year as Executive Director of River Action having started in April of 1984. Much has changed and great progress has been made during her tenure. River Action strives to foster the environmental, economic, and cultural vitality of the Mississippi River and its riverfront in the Quad City region. The River Action webpage state their vision is realized by collaborating and partnering with people who appreciate and understand the importance of the Mississippi River and its place within the Quad Cities region. By Advocating for the protection and enjoyment of the Mississippi River for people within the Quad Cities region and developing and presenting programs, activities and projects that positively impact the people of the Quad Cities region and provide opportunities to enjoy the Mississippi River. River Action works to educate people in the Quad Cities region about the history, environmental impact and uniqueness of the Mississippi River and teaches respecting the natural beauty and magnificence of the Mississippi River and recognizing those people who share this respect within the Quad Cities region. Kathy said River Action's goal is to connect people to the River. They accomplish that through education programs, a month long scavenger hunt throughout June, Channel Cat Explore the River outings every Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9am, and narrated River Walks. Check out the River Action webpage for full details, [www.riveraction.org](http://www.riveraction.org). River Action also obtains funding and spearheads projects throughout the upper Mississippi Valley region. Most recently they have worked for safe and easy access to Sylvan Island noting that there are large numbers of children in the near neighborhoods that will have safe access to the Island park. They also worked on a pedestrian overpass on River Drive to get safe and easy access to River Heritage Park. River Action sponsors events including a cultural exchange celebrating food cultures with traditional Mexican corn and modern hybrid corn. River Action also educates and entertains through the Eddy Magazine published quarterly and through seminars and activities at the annual Upper Mississippi River Conference to be held at the Rock Island Holiday Inn October 18-19, 2023. Other educational projects include the Eddy Awards given annually to nominated individuals who act as an eddy, "going against the current" to provide "outstanding" riverfront activity or development in a well-designed and environmentally responsible way. Eddy Scholarships with funding from the Joyce and Tony Singh Family Foundation to students who display the qualities of the Eddy Awards. Other major River Action projects include "Floatzilla" an effort to set a World's Records for a joint canoe/kayak activity, which last year drew 1,650 participants. "Taming of the Slough" is another River Action race event involving kayaking, canoeing, biking, and running River Action also found the "Ride the River" project that has helped develop over 40 miles of bike and hiking path along the river. Kathy was excited to announce a new alliance with Ducks Unlimited with that organization agreeing to entirely fund the development of a new wetlands area near the Rock River – Mississippi River confluence. In all activities River Action stresses conservation best practices which even includes selling rain barrels to catch and use runoff rainwater. They have planted prairie grasses and flowers in the new East Moline Country Forest Preserve and have been instrumental in forming a 26-community alliance that has begun working with FEMA to obtain federal funding for improvements to parks, wetlands, and other environmental projects. We appreciate Kathy and her detailed and informative report.

### June = July Calendar

- June 12 - Board of Director Mtg.
- June 13 RYLA Returnees
- June 20 Nathaniel Kraft, Exec. Dir. Bix Beiderbecke Museum
- June 27 Rotary Year Wrap Up Cindi Gramenz, Pres
- July 4 Holiday: No Meeting
- July 11 - Board & officer Installation - Dist. Gov. Eave Emerick
- July 18 - Richard Hammar - Amateur Astronomy
- July 25 - Kathy Trone - Human Trafficking



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### Officers

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Rebecca Arnold, Director  
Amber Brummit, Director  
Rick DeVinney, Director  
David Hodge, Director  
Mariah Johnson, Director  
John Phillips, Director  
Monta Ponsetto, Director  
Kathy Trone, Director  
Bob Swanson, Sergeant at Arms

### Program Chairs 2022-23

July	–	Tom Hammar
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** – Today was a rare day with no guests or Visiting Rotarians except for our speaker and a donation recipient. How long has it been since you invited a friend or colleague to join you for lunch at Rotary? The lifeblood of our Club is our members, being active members and welcoming new members is critical if we are to continue our service to our community and through Rotary, worldwide.
- ❑ **ABSOLUTELY YOUR LAST CHANCE** – Today was the final opportunity to fill out and return your committee preferences to President Cindi. If you missed it you can email her TODAY or TOMORROW at the latest. Cindi's email is [cgramenz15@gmail.com](mailto:cgramenz15@gmail.com). A list of our committees is attached for your use in deciding and sending your email. Thanks to all who filled out and returned your preference sheet. All members will be assigned to at least two committees.
- ❑ **INTERESTED IN LINING UP PROGRAMS** – We are doing it a bit different this year. Rather than 2 months, you can volunteer to be program chair for one month. Keep in mind that in some months there are traditional programs that are scheduled annually such as the State of the Schools, State of the City, Bert Blood Scholarship, Awards Banquet, and others. One month might involve getting five programs or as few as two programs. If interested in taking a month, email President Cindi at [cgramenz15@gmail.com](mailto:cgramenz15@gmail.com). We have a program chairman's guide to help you and answer questions you might have. Months are assigned on a first come basis so if the month you request is taken, Cindi will suggest an alternate month.
- ❑ **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING DATE CHANGE** - Our Board customarily meets the third Monday of each month. Because of the new Juneteenth National Holiday on June 19<sup>th</sup>, the Board will meet on June 12<sup>th</sup> rather than the 19<sup>th</sup>. We meet at Jeff Dismer's office, our usual location, 124 Arts Alley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference room, Rock Island at 11:45am. The agenda packet will be sent to all members later this week. Meetings are open to all Rotarians.
- ❑ **HAVE ITEMS FOR OUR NEWSLETTER?** – Send to [bobdebswanson@att.net](mailto:bobdebswanson@att.net)  
The Weekly Review is distributed each Tuesday afternoon.

### HAVE YOU JOINED THE POLIO PLUS SOCIETY?

Foundation chair Sue Rector reminded us that about a year ago 25 of our members were "charter members" of Rotary's Polio Plus Society. To join one must only agree to donate \$100 per year to Polio Plus for as long as it takes to eradicate the disease from planet earth. Hopefully that will be soon! If you didn't join last year, you can still be a part of the Society. Just see Sue and make your \$100 per year commitment.



### NEXT TUESDAY THE LAST DAY FOR BIRDIES PLEDGE

**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, and the income earned from the Foundation investments will fund major Club Grants for the betterment and benefit of Rock Island and its citizens.

Our club's Foundation Directors meet to discuss the many worthwhile projects that submit requests for funding. The criteria used by our Foundation in evaluating proposals is 1) It must be for the betterment of Rock Island and its citizens 2) It must provide visible and lasting recognition of Rotary; and 3) It should provide a major impact to our community. The Birdies program is one of the major sources of continuing growth of the Foundation and because of the Deere Foundation bonus, it is the best way for each of us to support our Rock Island Rotary Club Foundation. Chairman Kevin Koski reports that pledges have unexpectedly slowed and with just two weeks to go we are far from toward our goal of 40 member pledges and \$4,000 in total monetary pledges. We now have 32 pledges for a total of \$4,543. **NEXT TUESDAY, IS THE FINAL DAY OF OUR 2023 CAMPAIGN!. COME PREPARED TO PLEDGE!!**



## Silent Auction on our minds!

As you do your late spring cleaning - or find things that are just don't seem right for that summer garage sale - or just have some gift cards that you can't seem to remember to use - or have that bottle of wine or spirits that you really don't care for and will never use - PLEASE think about your Rotary Club and the fall Trivia Night Silent Auction instead of parting ways with them elsewhere. I've cleared a spot in our spare bedroom to take items off your hands anytime you want. I will even pick things up if you need me to do that. So, the message is, if you have items you don't need or won't use that would be great silent auction items for our fall fundraiser, please let me know - or bring them to Rotary. We hope to have a better than ever silent auction and Trivia night this fall - with your help! Contact Sue Rector at [srector3614@gmail.com](mailto:srector3614@gmail.com) or 563.3437985. Thank you!



## FOUNDATION MINUTE

### RI's Month of Rotary Fellowships.

A 2021 report from the World Health Organization showed that less than 10% of women in Egypt had cervical cancer screenings in the previous five years and, of those diagnosed with the disease, more than half die from it. Ninety percent of deaths from cervical cancer occur in low- and middle-income countries, where cancer screenings and routine HPV vaccinations aren't available and cultural misconceptions may deter women from seeking care. United to End Cervical Cancer in Egypt, an initiative to reduce the number of cases while raising awareness and improving women's access to preventive care, is the recipient of \$2,000,000 Rotary's Third Annual Programs of Scale Award. Rotary International President Jennifer Jones announced the Rotary Foundation Grant at the Global Network's Annual Convention in Melbourne, Australia. According to an online report by Etelka Lehoczky, the four-year program in and around Cairo will vaccinate more than 30,000 girls ages 9-15, provide cancer screenings for 10,000 women, and launch a public awareness campaign to reach 4 million people.

"As a cancer survivor, I am proud that we are supporting this project — and especially gratified that we are taking such an important step to support women's health," Jones said. "By providing preventive care, we can empower women and girls with the knowledge and resources they need to stay healthy and thrive. This program is further proof that Rotary is capable of creating large-scale, meaningful projects that create lasting change." In his own speech, Amal El-Sisi, a professor of pediatrics at Cairo University and a member of the Rotary Club of El Tahrir emphasized how the program would improve community health in Egypt. "As we gather data for the first time on the HPV and cervical cancer burden in the greater Cairo area, we are gaining crucial insights into the overall prevalence in Egypt." (source: <https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-awards-us2-million-grant-fight-cervical-cancer-egypt>).

## FOUNDATION RAFFLE



Today's raffle featured a 50/50 cash drawing and a bottle of refreshing Sauvignon Blanc wine! Bud Phillis supervised pulling the tickets. The first lucky winner was Doug Hultquist. He took the cash and donated it back to the Club Foundation. Our second winner was lucky Frank Lambert who took home the wine! All proceeds from our weekly raffle go to support the Rotary Foundation. We appreciate all who play!



### HOW ABOUT JOINING THE RAFFLE TEAM?

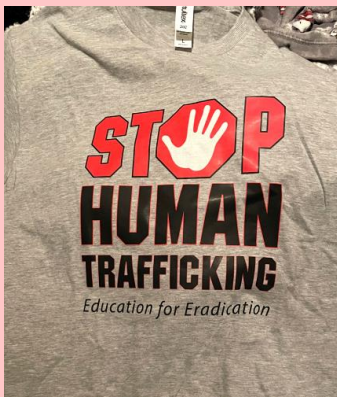
We need some Rotary International Foundation Raffle assistance. Please consider volunteering to join Bud Phillis or Sue Rector to sell raffle tickets one week each month. The third Tuesday is covered by Anne McGlynn and Tammy Weikert. Please let Sue know if you can help staff the raffle table the 1st, 2nd, or 4th Tuesdays of each month, -or if you could be a sub if needed. It is an easy job and a fun way to meet and greet fellow members!



## FINES & HAPPY/SAD DOLLARS

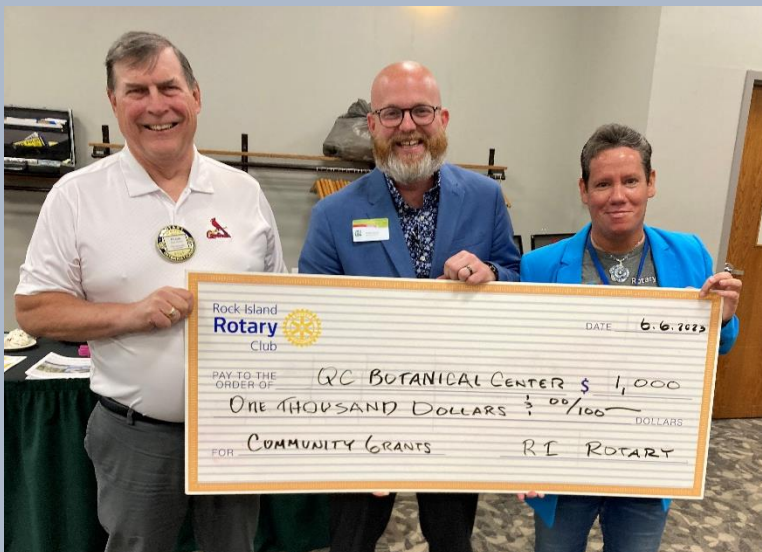
V.P. Sue received scattered “Boos” as she stepped to the microphone to levied fines. Bud Phillis was first on the list for a recent Letter to the Editor published in the Times. Kai Swanson and Dan McNeil were fined for needing to leave early today. Then Bud Phillis, Kevin Koski, and Bob Swanson were fined for not wearing their Rotary name badges today. Turning to Happy/Sad Dollars, Ruth Lee noted the celebration last week of husband Dan’s 78<sup>th</sup> birthday and the couples 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Congratulations Ruth & Dan! Dan McNeil offered his donation in celebration of Spring Forward Learning Center being named the “Organization of the Year” by the Rock Island Community Foundation. John Phillips also had a happy dollar for being named the “Philanthropists of the Year” by the Foundation. Gary Rowe then stepped up with his own happy dollar for being the guy (Executive Director of the R.I. Community Foundation) who caused the other guys to owe their Happy dollars. Rebecca Arnold had a happy dollar for her son Darius Tongo’s graduation from Rocky and moving on to St. Ambrose to play football, run track, and get a good education. Amanda De La Cruz had a happy dollar for her daughter Emma graduation from Northern Illinois University and having a job all lined up! Thanks to everyone who joined the fun this week!

## 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](mailto: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.

## ROTARY SUPPORTS BOTANICAL CENTER



Community Grants Chairman Frank Lambert had the honor of presenting a \$1000 Rock Island Rotary donation to Quad City Botanical Executive Director Ryan Wille. The funds will be used to purchase 1000 books through the Rock Island Public Library to be given to the first 1,000 children that visit the brand-new Botanical Center “Storybook Gardens” opening next month. The new

Storybook Gardens was a \$750,000 project expanding the Botanical Center’s facilities and also providing a new tool for promoting literacy and engaging children. It is a great fit with Rotary’s emphasis on literacy and our District’s current “Nothing Reads Like a Book” campaign which asked all Rotary clubs in district 6420 to provide one new book to the library or organization of their choice for each member of their Rotary Club. With this donation and our previously collected books and donations it is likely that our club will end up with more than 15 books per member! In accepting the check Director Willie thanked Rotary for our ongoing support of the Botanical Center including our weekly meetings at the facility and our previous \$1000,000+ donation for the original construction of the children’s garden.

## Happy Birthday June Rotarians

Amanda De La Cruz	June	2
John Oliger	June	4
Mike Oberhaus	June	7
Emily Roach	June	8
Pete Wessels	June	10
Linda Golden	June	11
Sarah Gorham	June	14
Jeff Dismer	June	15
John Wetzel	June	16
Justin Peterson	June	20
Dave Hodge	June	27
Erin Williams	June	28
Anne McGlynn	June	29



## Frank Lambert Makes it 15!



Foundation Chair Sue Rector called Frank Lambert forward to receive his 15<sup>th</sup> Paul Harris Fellow Award. Frank said that about 30 years ago Bud Phillis approached him about supporting the Polio Plus Campaign (the original Rotary effort to eliminate polio from the earth). He said he authorized a relatively small automatic withdrawal from his bank account and really doesn't miss it. But over the past 30 years that small bi-weekly donation has multiplied into Paul Harris Fellow honors for Frank, his wife, his children, his parents, and with today's achievement, his 15<sup>th</sup> Paul Harris Fellow award in honor of his grandson Maxwell, he has just one grandchild to go. Then no doubt he'll start on other relatives and favorite people. Frank is a dedicated and generous Rotarian. But most of all he understands that giving a little over a long span of time will add up to a lot! It will impact lives, bring honor and appreciation to loved ones, and ultimately will help

reach the goal of a polio free world. In brief comments upon receiving the award, Frank urged all members to get involved with the Paul Harris Fellow Program and support the Rotary International Foundation. You can be a Paul Harris "sustaining Member" by pledging as little as \$100 per year. That's less than \$2 a week. Thank you Frank and congratulations!

## SWANSON WINS FIRST ROUND OF THE SPINNER GAME!

V.P. Sue Rector is bound and determined to reach her goal of \$2,000 from her fining/games portion of each week's program. So, she created one final game for us, and Bob won the first week's edition of the game. Each week Sue will offer 16 chances to win a Gift Card valued no less than \$15 up to \$25. You buy a chance for \$2. As said, just 16 chances will be sold, so as soon as you enter the room see Sue to get a chance before they are gone. Sue will then spin the wheel and one of the 16 players will WIN. That person WINS then will pick from envelopes each containing a gift card. Today there were five envelopes. Bob took envelope #3 and found his prize was a \$25 gift card for Buffalo Wild Wings! Not bad for a \$2 investment! Next week the first 16 to buy their \$2 chance will witness Sue spinning the wheel and one of the players will have the chance to select a prize from the four remaining envelopes. Good luck! Beware, Bob is planning to play again and hopes to "sweep" all five prizes!



You can use this list to see what committees are available, but you must email your choices to [cgramenz15@gmail.com](mailto:cgramenz15@gmail.com) today or tomorrow. After that you will be assigned to committees.

## **ROCK ISLAND ROTARY 2023-24 COMMITTEE PREFERENCE/ASSIGNMENT**

### **Membership**

**Chair: Mary Fislar**

1. Marcy Bell
2. Gary Rowe
3. Anne McGlynn
4. Bob Swanson
5. Sue Rector
6. Cindi Gramenz
7. Dave Hodge
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### **Mentors**

1. Marcy Bell
2. Anne McGlynn
3. Sue Rector
4. John Oliger
5. Amber Brummit
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### **International Foundation**

**Chair: Sue Rector**

1. Bud Phillis
2. Sue Rector
3. John Oliger
4. Cindi Gramenz
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### **Early Act**

**Chair: Jim Moran**

1. Bud Phillis
2. Cindi Gramenz
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### **Interact/Ryla**

**Chair:**

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### **Rotoract**

**Chair:**

1. Bob Swanson
2. Justin Peterson
- 3.

### **Bert Blood Scholarships**

**Chair: John Wetzel**

1. John Oliger
2. Angela Campbell
3. Ruth Lee
4. Kathy Lelonek
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### **Awards Banquet**

**Chair: Bob Swanson**

1. Gary Rowe
2. Sue Rector
3. Jim Moran
4. Cindi Gramenz
5. Justin Peterson

### **Club Fellowship**

**Night at BP, CPR, Holiday Party**

**Chair:**

1. John Oliger
2. Bob Swanson
3. Anne McGlynn
4. Sue Rector
5. Cindi Gramenz
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### **Sgt At Arms Aids**

1. Frank Lambert
2. Tracy Pugh
3. Monta Ponsetto'
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### **Nominations**

**Chair: Gary Rowe**

1. Sue Rector
2. Ruth Lee
3. Anne McGlynn
4. Jeff Dimer
5. Frank Lambert

### **Youth Exchange**

**Chair: Jeff Dimer**

### **Blood Drive**

**Chair: John Phillips**

### **World Polio Day Event**

**Chair: Bob S& Cindi G.**

1. Linda Golden
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### **RI Club Foundation**

**Dev. Chair: John Phillips**

1. Sue Rector
2. Dave Hodge
3. Clarence Darrow
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**Grants Chair: Justin Peterson**

1. Cindi Gramenz
2. John Wetzel
3. Ruth Lee
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### **Community Grants**

**Chair: Frank Lambert**

1. John Oliger
2. Linda Golden
3. Dave Hodge
4. Ruth Lee-Clarence Darrow
5. Kathy Lelonek-Jeff Dimer

### **Public Image**

**Chair:**

1. Sue Rector
2. Kenda Burrows
3. Danielle Scott
4. Tammy Weikert
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### **RIHS-Entrepreneur**

**Chair: Monta Ponsetto**

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### **Salvation Army Bell Ringing**

**Chair: Mark Mayeski**

Anywhere you see a number next to a blank area, there is a spot available on that committee.  
**PRINT YOUR NAME IN THE BLANK AREA – FIRST COME!**

**Literacy-Little Libraries****Chair: Sue Rector**

1. Angela Campbell
2. Kathy Lelonek
3. Beth Kauzlarich
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**Festival of Trees****Chair: Sue Rector**

1. Beth Kauzlarich
2. Monta Ponsetto
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**EH Birthday Books/Angel Tree****Chair: Molly Shattuck**

1. John Oliger
2. Sue Rector
3. Erin Williams
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**EH Other****(Trunk or Treat/Family Night)****Chair:**

1. Sue Rector
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**Pumpkin Palooza****Chair: Sue Rector**

1. Angela Campbell
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**Heart of Hope Ministries****Chair: Steve Morenz**

1. Danielle Scott
2. Kai Swanson
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**Fundraising/Sponsors:****Chair:**

1. Kathy Trone
2. Sue Rector
3. Holly Sparkman
4. Kevin Koski
5. Mark Mayeski
6. Justin Peterson
7. Bob Swanson
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**Trivia Night****Chair: Kathy Trone**

1. Sue Rector
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**R&R Bingo****Chair: Kathy Trone**

1. Tammy Weikert
2. Rock & Roll Bingo
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**Rotary Ramble****Chair: Holly Sparkman**

1. Clarence Darrow
2. Tammy Weikert
3. Bob Swanson
4. Kathy Lelonek
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**Wine & Dine****Chair:**

1. Tammy Weikert
2. Sue Rector
3. Justin Peterson
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**Milan Harvest Festival****Chair: Bob Swanson**

1. Cindi Gramenz
2. Sue Rector
3. Tammy Weikert
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**Birdies for Charity****Chair: Kevin Koski****Global Projects****Chair: Bob Swanson**

1. Kai Swanson
2. Bud Phillis
3. Sue Rector
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**I invocations**

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August: 1.  
September: 1.  
October: 1.  
November: 1.  
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January: 1.  
February: 1.  
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# SIGN UP IS UNDERWAY!

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 25<sup>th</sup>

Inclement Weather Date Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>

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 44<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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"!



## 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 Coaltown 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.

### 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, EIN #93-1332421, doing business as John Deere Classic & Birdies for Charity.



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

One lucky supporter of the  
John Deere Classic's Birdies



**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](http://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.



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