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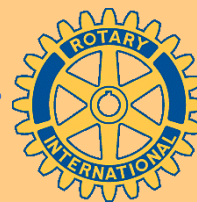
## Rock Island Rotary Rock Island, Illinois

# WEEKLY REVIEW

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Meeting Tuesdays at Noon – Quad City Botanical Center



## DARREN HART R. I. County EMA Director



Darren Hart is known locally as a long-time local police officer and more recently as the Rock Island County Sheriff. What many don't know is he serves and has important responsibilities as the Rock Island County Emergency Management Agency Director. That Agency is charged with vast responsibility. Mr Hart is a 26 year veteran of the Rock Island County Sheriff's Department and prior to that served as a city of Rock Island policeman. Emergency management today is a coordinated partnership involving local, state, and federal agencies as well as volunteer organizations and the business community. Within an integrated emergency management framework, these various entities assist their communities to prepare management structure that exists in the United States today has its roots in the civil defense efforts that arose during World War II in response to the possibility of an attack on the homeland. In the early 1951 Congress and President Truman formally created the Federal Civil Defense Administration with the prime task to provide the leadership and the planning and the impetus for a national system of civil defense which was manned by the States and cities. In the 1960s, the field of emergency management began expanding from defense planning in case of attack to the 1980s the when focus had widened to the multi-hazard approach that prevails today. The Agency plans, practices, and is ready to supervise emergencies in the Rock Island County from floods to air disasters, severe storms and industrial/chemical hazard situations. Terrorist attacks on prime targets in our county such as the atomic power plant and 3M's chemical plant. They are ready with preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation information for county businesses, schools, and care facilities. Mr. Hart stated that the County EMA regularly drills on responding to each of these types of disasters. The agency supervises the local response to natural disasters such as the recent tornados and the duracio. Health crisis as they did during the Covid pandemic handling security for all the vaccines in the area and bringing in household supplies when shortages occurred in local supermarkets including even a semi-load of dog food. The EMA also distributed thousands of face masks, hand sanitizers, and face shields. They also plan and prepare for airport power plant, and hazardous chemical and waster disasters. Director Hart stressed that the County EMA works hand-in-hand with the local cities and villages and has a strong working relationship with emergency agencies and planning on the Iowa side. He holds weekly meetings with all the police chiefs in the county to stay abreast of their needs and make them aware of issues and information received in his office. Since safety and security are closely related to both emergency planning and policing, Mr. Hart who is the elected Sheriff of Rock Island County also provided interesting information regarding the sheriff's department. Hart stated that his office has 186 employees which includes 65 officers, with over 40 having duties patrolling the county. 55 are correctional officers providing security in the county jail. 12 are communication specialists staffing the county's 911 emergency system. 12 work in maintenance, and 31 serve as court bailiffs. The office is charged with providing security for the court complex and all county offices. He stated that the county jail has a capacity of over 300 and is currently housing 219 prisoners. Among the prisoners are 15 from other jurisdictions that pay Rock Island County for housing their "overload" prisoners. Last year Hart said, Rock Island County brought in \$2 million in fees for housing prisoners from other jurisdictions. Darren was very proud that the Rock Island Sheriff's office is recognized as the most diverse sheriff's department in Illinois. The population his office serves is 30% non-white and his sheriff's department staff is 27% non white. He also noted that Rock Island county covers 451 square miles but because of its shape requires traveling 71 miles to go from one end to the other. We thank Sheriff/Director Hart for a highly informative presentation!

### Aug – Sept Calendar

- Aug 19 - M.L. King Center  
Fun Day Parade 10am
- Aug 22 - Brian Baxter –  
QCSO Exec. Dir. –  
Pops Concert and  
2023-24 season
- Aug 22 - Rotary Foundation  
Committee Meeting  
1pm
- Aug 29 - Patrick Allie – Rock  
Island Arsenal  
Museum
- Aug 31-Sept 4 – Milan Harvest  
Festival mden Park
- Sep - 4 State of the Schools  
Alan Boucher, Interim  
Superintendent

# Rotary

Club of Rock Island



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## Officers

Cindi Gramenz, President  
Sue Rector, 1st Vice Pres.  
John Olinger, 2nd Vice Pres.  
Anne McGlynn, Secretary  
Tom Hammar, Co-Treasurer  
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Bob Swanson, Sgt. at Arms

## Board Members

Rebecca Arnold, Director  
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Ruth Lee, Director  
John Phillips, Director  
Tracy Pugh, Director  
Molly Shattuck, Director/Co-Treas.  
Tyla Sherwin-Cole, Director

## Program Chair 2023-24

Rebecca Arnold

### Presenters

July: Tom Hammar  
August: Kai Swanson  
September: Rebecca Arnold  
October: Holly Sparkman  
November: Rebecca Arnold  
December: Bob Swanson  
January: John Wetzel  
February: Kai Swanson  
March: Angela Campbell  
April: Gary Rowe  
May: Gary Rowe  
June: Tom Hammar

# Club Notes & Announcements!

- ★ **WELCOME GUESTS** – We had just one guest today, in the person of visiting Rotarian. Duncan Cameron from the Naples, Florida Club. It is odd to have just one guest. Club members are urged to invite a friend or colleague who might be a prospective member to visit Rock Island Rotary for a complimentary lunch. We are on the doorstep of 100 members, who will be responsible for bring in number 100?
- ★ **NEW CLUB DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE.** Each member is entitled to take one. If you didn't get yours be sure to stop at the Sergeant's table next week and get a copy. Be sure to check page 35-38 to see your committee assignments. Every member is on at least one Club committee, and most are on two or more! Your help is needed to make committees successful!
- ★ **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CENTER "FUN DAY" PARADE SATURDAY!**  
It begins at Frances Willard School 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 9<sup>th</sup> Street at 10am on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Rotary will have a car and walkers handing out candy. Put on your Club shirt and join the parade! It's just a bit over a mile and ends at the King Center. If walking is not your "bag" there might be room in the car! Support Rotary and the King Center. Four of our members (Jerry Jones, Rebecca Arnold, Kristia LeShoure, and Carlos Jiménez) work at the King Center! This year's \$20,000 Club Foundation Grant went to the King Center to build the new "Rotary Outdoor Classroom" at the Center.
- ★ **BIRTHDAY BOOKS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR** – Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2:15pm at Earl Hanson School. We need lots of help for celebrating kids with July and August Birthdays! Rotarians will assist kids in selecting their free "Birthday Book", will share a singing of Happy Birthday, and cookies are also part of the celebration! It will take only about a half hour of your time!
- ★ **ROTARY AT THE BALL PARK** – It was a beautiful evening; the game was close and the fireworks impressive. Unfortunately, the River Bandits came up a run short in a game that saw several homeruns, a bench clearing incident, and good food and beverages! Rock Island had 69 in our group, the largest of any individual Rotary Club. We saw many Rotarians from Clubs from all over the Quad Cities area. New District Governor Dave Emerick and wife Lorraine were among the large Rotarian crowd. If you missed the fun, be sure to join us next year!
- ★ **HAVE ITEMS FOR OUR NEWSLETTER?** Send to [bobdebswanson@att.net](mailto:bobdebswanson@att.net). The newsletter goes out each Tuesday afternoon.

## The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

**FIRST:** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

**SECOND:** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

**THIRD:** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

**FOURTH:** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

## The Four-Way Test

(of the things we Think, Say or Do)

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

## AUGUST MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Mark Poulos	Aug 3	Tracy Pugh	Aug 17
Monta Ponsetto	Aug 4	Yolanda Pugh	Aug 18
Char Flickinger	Aug 7	John Daly	Aug 19
Dan McNeil	Aug 9	Duncan Cameron	Aug 19
Jennifer Hirsch	Aug 10	Jim Nordquist	Aug 21
Marcy Bell	Aug 11	Carrie Crossen	Aug 25
Mary Fislar	Aug 11	Julie Gelaude	Aug 29
Bud Phillis	Aug 12	Bruce Peterson	Aug 30
Amber Brummit	Aug 17		

# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION MINUTE

## Welcome to Week 2 of RI's Month of Membership & Extension.

In honor of the on-going FIFA Women's World Cup in Australia and New Zealand, the news this week is about a brand-new Rotary Foundation Grant approved by the Trustee of TRF. According to an online report, "The Rotary Foundation has just introduced a new kind of grant for deployment in Australia and Brazil – Corporate Social Responsibility Grants, or CSR Grants.

The goal is to attract financial backing for Rotary projects from for-profit organizations. CSR Grants is a standalone program of The Rotary Foundation (the "Foundation") and its associate foundations intended to help for-profit corporations achieve their social responsibility goals. Projects funded through CSR Grants will be implemented by host clubs or districts, with funds contributed by corporations. The corporate contribution must be paid to the Foundation or the local associate foundation to fund the grant. Currently, CSR Grants is available only to for-profit corporations incorporated in Australia or Brazil. A similar program is available in India, subject to separate Terms and Conditions. The Foundation may modify the terms and conditions of CSR Grants at any time to clarify them or to reflect policy changes. CSR Grants combine the simplicity of a District Grant and the scale of a Global Grant. The minimum contribution from the corporate is \$35,000 (Aust.) and there is no upper limit in the value of the gift. The corporate's contribution can also be supplemented by cash from clubs and other sources. In Australia, the CSR program is being run by the Foundation's local arm, Rotary Foundation Australia (RFA).

Source: <https://rotarydownunder.com.au/2023/07/07/foundation-announces-new-type-of-grant>



## FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Today's Foundation Raffle offered a 50/50 Cash Drawing and a bottle of fine wine. Tammy Weikert handled the tickets and called on relatively new members to do the drawing. She got their names backwards when asking them to draw. A fine next week? Jeff Dismer won the cash and donated his winnings to the Rotary Foundation. Jeff Rose won the wine and asked for a corkscrew! Thank you to everyone who bought tickets!



## SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED



November may seem far in the future, but our Trivia Night Committee is working hard to ensure the 2023 event has the best Silent Auction ever! If you have items to donate for the Auction, please contact Sue Rector and she will arrange to get or pick up anything you have and store it until auction time. Baskets need to be created, items photographed, and descriptions prepared for advertising. That all takes time and "time flies". So, it is not too early to take inventory of those gifts you received and done need or use, and purchased you made and never put to use. Contact Sue at [srector@gmail.com](mailto:srector@gmail.com) or 563-343-7985 and she will gladly arrange to take it off your hands.

## FINES & HAPPY/SAD DOLLARS

V.P. John Oliger again handled tapping our wallets for charity with fines for those in the news and dollars from those with happy or sad announcements. Staring with the fines, John fined himself for needing to leave early today and then fined our club president, Cindi Gramenz for taking her badge home last week. Angela Campbell and Kathy Lelonek were each fined for a recent newspaper article regarding 150<sup>th</sup> year celebration for the Rock Island Library. Angela got her money's worth putting in for the Library's joint project with the Parks Department to shine a light on a once beloved tradition in Rock Island, the Lighted Lantern Parade. The two departments are partnering to bring back this event as part of the library's 150th anniversary and the parks department's Party in the Park. The vintage lantern parade will wrap up the free Party in the Park event to be held Wednesday, Sept. 13, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Lincoln Park in Rock Island. All Quad City Bank Rotarians were fined for being named the area's Number 1 Bank by the Quad City Business Journal. Doug Hultquist and Bett Kauzlarich were there to carry the load for the Q.C.B.T people. Mayber they can coax a reimbursement contribution out of Amber Brummit and Miranda Marshall! Kai Swanson was fined for a recent newspaper article, "Lessons Learned from the Old Court House". Some good thoughts in that piece. Cindi Gramenz was fined for her photo and recognition appearing in the Quad City Business Journal for being selected District 6420 Rotarian of the Year. (See Page 9 for a reprint). Gary Rowe paid a Happy Dollar for the Rock Island Community Foundation being recognized in the Business Journal for recent grants of \$99,000. Thank you Gary and the Foundation! Jim Moran had a happy dollar in honor of John Oliger for organizing a very fun outing to the River Bandits last Friday. Sue Rector joined that happiness and put in her own dollar. Duncan Cameron had a happy dollar reminding Cub and Cardinal fans that the Brewers are still in 1<sup>st</sup> Place!! Finally, Kathy Trone had \$2 happy dollars for having 5 Human Trafficking speaking visits upcoming at District Rotary clubs.



## ROTARY APPRECIATED!

This short note was received with a request that it be passed on to our Club.

*Rotary friends,  
Thank you for the lovely flowers and the card.  
Thanks.  
Mary Fislar*

We hope to have Mary back with us soon!



## GREETERS NEEDED

We have frequently been told by our own members that one of the reasons they selected our club over the other area service organizations was the friendly greeting they received as soon as they entered our meeting room. Feeling welcome and appreciated is a major factor in joining an organization and Rock Island Rotary has long been noted as an extremely friendly and welcoming organization. Our current schedule of greeters came to a close at the end of July and we now are looking for as many different members as possible to volunteer to greet at an upcoming meeting. The signup sheet will be out at our next meeting, and we hope many will volunteer. All that is required is to arrive 15 minutes or so earlier than normal for one meeting, grab a "Greeters" badge and be at the door to welcome everyone as they arrive. Please add your name to the signup list!.



## MILAN HARVEST FESTIVAL

Just three weeks from Thursday the Milan Harvest Festival opens. Rock Island Rotary will have a food tent selling sliced fresh apples drizzled with warm caramel and walnut chips. We'll also have water and an assortment of soft drinks available. We have the tent, the tables, a storage trailer, and all the supplies and equipment ready to go.

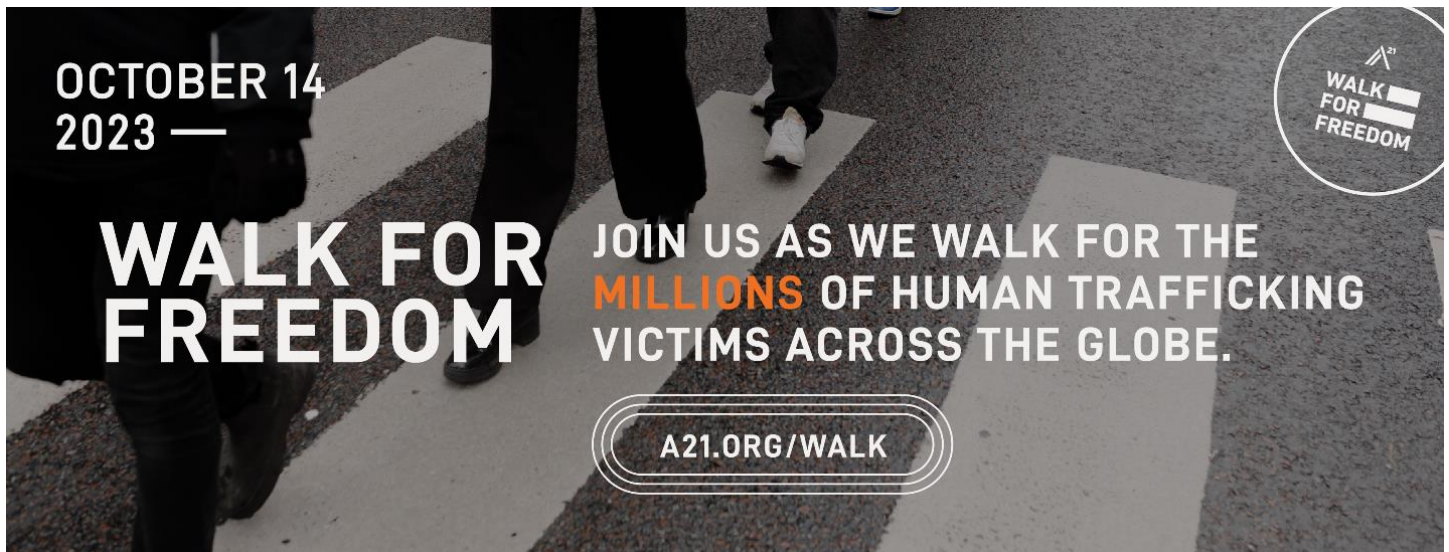
The missing item is YOU! We need Rotarians to step up and take a shift at the booth. You might be rinsing apples, using the slicer, taking orders, drizzling caramel, adding nuts, or taking money.

This might be one of our biggest fundraisers ever, but only if we're there to do the work. Three-to-four-hour daytime and evening shifts are available Thursday, August 31st through Monday, September 4th. Spouses and family members are invited to help!

**Please sign up at the Sergeant's Table!**

## WHAT YOU THINK MATTERS!

The Program Committee is committed to bringing you a wide range of presentations that are informative, entertaining, and inspiring. We would love your suggestions for future programs – perhaps a topic or theme you're interested in, or an outstanding speaker that you know of (a talented storyteller can make any subject interesting). Please send your ideas to committee chair Rebecca Arnold at [arnold.rebecca@rigov.org](mailto:arnold.rebecca@rigov.org)



**What:** Rotary District 6420 Task Force Against Human Trafficking is hosting an A21 Walk for Freedom. This is a WORLDWIDE event, single file, silent walk. We encourage walkers to wear black. We will have signage and posters available to take on the walk. T-shirts are available to purchase online when you register for this FREE walk.

**When:** Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

**Where:** Start at the base of pedestrian walkway in Moline OR Bettendorf and walk across the new 74 bridge. You can go one way or both, your choice. Each way across is 1-mile.

**Why:** Awareness is key for eradication of this heinous crime. Please join us to help spread awareness throughout the Quad Cities and surrounding areas. Your attendance is all that is needed- no fees to walk!

Please register today for this FREE walk:

[A21.org/moline](https://a21.org/moline)

***ROCK ISLAND ROTARIANS, HOW ABOUT JOINING KATHY TRONE AND JULIE GELAUE TO SUPPORT A CRITICAL ROTARY CAUSE AND HAVE SOME OUTDOOR FUN TO BOOT!***



# *CARAMEL APPLES*

*Nuts Optional 50¢*

**\$4**

**\$4**



**Fresh and Delicious**

**MAJOR ROCK ISLAND ROTARY FUNDRAISER - SIGN UP  
TO HELP STAFF THE MILAN HARVEST FESTIVAL TENT**



# Rock Island Rotary

## Caramel Apple Fund Raiser

### Labor Day weekend

### Donation Request



If you can't physically help at the Festival, you can still be an important part of the success of the fundraiser. Donations to purchase the food products we will be selling will reduce the expenses we must take from our total income. In lieu of your physical help, please consider donating a case of apples, a can of caramel, or a bag of chopped nuts. Every donation will be appreciated.

Help us maximize our income from this event by making donations for supplies. If each member will make a small commitment to this event we will be able to fund several Rotary projects.

Supplies	Cost/unit	#units	Total for donations
Case of Apples	\$60.00	_____	\$ _____
6# can of Caramel	\$36.00	_____	\$ _____
2# bag chopped walnuts	\$10.00	_____	\$ _____
Total amount of your donations			\$ _____

Please fill in the number of units you agree to fund and fill in the total of your donation in the right hand column. We will add that amount to your next dues statement, or you can return a check with this form.

Thank you for your support! Receiving many small donations will ensure a large success for this event.

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Signature

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# MILAN HARVEST FESTIVAL

## WE MUST HAVE 2 PEOPLE FOR EACH SESSION AND PREFER 4

**8/31 Thursday 4:30pm – 7:30pm**

**\*Amber Brummit**  
Sue Rector  
Rick Rector  
Marcy Bell  
Jim Moran

**9/1 Friday 4:30pm – 7:30pm**

**\*Marcy Bell**  
Tom Hammar  
Tracy Pugh  
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**9/2 Saturday Noon – 3:30pm**

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Anne McGlynn  
Kevin Koski  
Jane Koski  
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**9/4 Sunday Noon – 3:30pm**

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**9/4 Monday Noon – 4:00pm**

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Tracy Pugh  
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**9/31 Thursday 7:30pm – 11pm**

**\*Tracy Pugh**  
Gary Rowe  
Kathy Ruggeberg  
Steve Morenz  
Kim VandeMoortel

**9/1 Friday 7:30pm – 11pm**

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**9/2 Saturday 3:30pm – 7pm**

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Rick Devinney  
Nancy Devinney  
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**9/3 Sunday 3:30pm – 7pm**

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Ruth Lee  
Danielle Scott  
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**\* If you sign in this spot you are volunteering to be crew captain. We really appreciate your service. see below for a short description of the anticipated duties. Don't be shy, we need your leadership!**

**Feel free to bring your favorite lawn chair.**

**9/2 Saturday 7:00pm – 11 pm**

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Ruth Lee  
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**9/3 Sunday 7:00pm – 11 pm**

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John Olinger  
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**\* Indicates Crew Captain – Help others learn what to do and assign stations. Including apple washing, slicing, caramel preparation, serving, keeping supplies (bowls, apples, caramel, nuts, utensils, napkins) available, and taking money, First crew each day will set up. Last crew will take down. Duties can rotate and trade off. We will have a brief training session for crew captains.**

If you can take a spot, please send a reply email to Bob Swanson stating the date and time slot you can cover. Your name will be added, and you will not need to visit the Sergeants Table to sign up next week. Time is short so please consider taking a slot or helping in some other way.

**This event starts two weeks from Thursday! Please help.**



In case you missed it, this article appeared in the Quad City Business Journal last Friday.

# RI Rotary's past president named district Rotarian of the Year

By **QCBJ News Staff** August 11, 2023



Rock Island Rotary captured two district awards recently. CREDIT ROCK ISLAND ROTARY

Cindi Gramenz, immediate past president of Rock Island Rotary Club 3093, received the District Rotarian of the Year award recently from former District 6240 Gov. Laura Kann.

Ms. Kann, who just completed her tenure as head of the district for the 2022-23 year, presented the etched-glass District Rotarian of the Year award at the group's weekly meeting at the Quad Cities Botanical Center in Rock Island on Tuesday, Aug. 8.



Cindi Gramenz

District 6420 is made up of 43 clubs in northwest Illinois and boasts more than 1,400 members. Ms. Kann, who is currently the District 6420 Rotary International Foundation chair, also presented the [Rock Island Club](#) with an award for achieving its membership goals for the past year. Only five of the northwest district's clubs received the award in 2023.

In accepting the District Rotarian of the Year Award, Ms. Gramenz credited Rock Island Rotary members for the Rock Island Club 3093's success.

In addition to her work with rotary, Ms. Gramenz is the operations manager for Christian Care in Rock Island.

AND IN CONCLUSION. CARRIE CROSSEN FOUND THESE ITEMS WHILE GOING THROUGH OLD CLUB FILES. BOTH LOOK TO BE VERY SPECIAL AND WE WOULD LOVE TO RETURN THEM TO THEIR RIGHTFUL OWNER. If they look familiar to you or belonged to a family member, please onctact Cindi Gramenz or Bob Swanson.

This one appears to be an Army Coin. It is heavy and is 2 inches in diameter and 1/8 thick. It is printed on both sides.



This one is also 2 inches in diameter and just under 1/8 inches thick. It is printed on just one side. The back is plain. Might be intended to be a paper weight or large golf ball marker?

If these belong to you or you know who the owner might be (or was) please let us know. If unclaimed we might do a charity auction for interested members.

