

## Rock Island Rotary Rock Island, Illinois

# WEEKLY REVIEW

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Meeting Tuesdays at Noon – Quad City Botanical Center

## PATRICK ALLIE Rock Island Arsenal Museum



Patrick Allie is a Museum professional specializing in 19th and 20th century American military material culture. Background includes work in museums both large and small and extensive work in archives. Experience in historical research, artifact interpretation and identification, and exhibits. He earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in History at The University of Kansas and his Master of Arts in Liberal Studies from the University of Oklahoma. Prior to taking his current position as Director of the Rock Island Arsenal Museum in August of 2018, he served as Curator of the military and arms collection at the Missouri Historical Society. Before that he was Curator of the National Airline History in Kansas City, Missouri. He got his start in museum work as an Archives Aid working for the National Archives in Kansas City. He is the author of the 2018 released book, *St. Louis and the Great War*, which chronicled how World War I affected countless Missourians in ways big and small. The Rock Island Arsenal Museum is based around the history of Rock Island. It is part of the "Army Museum Enterprise," of which there are 32 museums coast to coast, including 1 in South Korea and 1 in Germany. The contingent of museums hold more than 550,000

July 4, 1905, making it the 2nd oldest in the country, behind the West Point Museum. The RI Arsenal Museum began with a letter and 15 boxes of stuff sent to the Arsenal. The Arsenal had numerous displays featured at the 1904 World's Fair and Exposition in St. Louis. Those artifacts were bundled up and sent back to the Arsenal Museum for display, including a taxidermy horse. At the beginning of the 20th Century, the Arsenal was the top producer of leather goods in the world, which is why it needed life-size horses to fit saddles and harnesses. Other interesting artifacts in the collection: Models of the Col. Davenport House and of the original Fort Armstrong. Over the years the museum has undergone extensive renovations. The Museum was closed during WWI and WWII to make room for munition production. It reopened in 1948 and was rebranded in 1950 as the John M. Browning Memorial Institution (interestingly, John M Browning has never visited Arsenal Island. It was rebranded again in 1980 and reverted to the Rock Island Arsenal Museum and focused on: History of the Island, Commands, People, products, and processes of the RI Arsenal - a smaller, but more focused scope. There used to be 1,224 guns on display, but not all were produced on the Island. They now display fewer guns, but all the guns on display reflect the mission of the museum and the local ties. The museum closed again in 2020 because of COVID, and during that time, underwent a complete renovation - the first in 80 years. They are very proud of their installations that show how they made things on the island. Mr. Allie said, the RI Arsenal is where the Army develops things and problem solves. They never really made things in bulk, and that their biggest export was expertise. Many of the workers were sent to one of 150+ private companies during WWII to make the items developed on Arsenal Island in bulk. John Deere was one such company that produced armaments during the War. Mr. Allie closed with the saying that the Rock Island Arsenal Museum is the Front Porch to the public to learn this history. Visit the Museum's webpage <https://arsenalhistoricalsociety.org/> for details on how you and your family can visit the museum. Admission is Free! They are open Tuesday – Saturday 10AM – 4PM/ Rotary thanks Patrick for an outstanding and very informative presentation.

### Aug – Oct Calendar

- Aug 31 - Sept 4 – Milan Harvest Festival Camden Park
- Sep 5 - State of the Schools Alan Boucher, Interim Superintendent – Joint meeting with Kiwanis.
- Sep 12 - Dave Emerick Rotar DG District 6420
- Sep 19 - Dr Yolanda Grandberry-Pugh - How to improve students' academic performance
- Sep 26 - 100 Things to do in the Quad Cities Before You Die
- Oct 3 - Julie Larson, New Rock Island YWCA
- Oct 10 - Club Assembly – Led by President Cindi Gramenz
- Oct 17 - Edwin Salazar, The Place2Be

# Rotary

Club of Rock Island



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## Officers

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## 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!

## Quick Summary of the Week

★ **WELCOME GUESTS** – We were pleased to welcome several guests to today's meeting. Samantha Gange, Rock Island City Clerk and a Black Hawk College Trustee and Jeremy Thomas, new President of Black Hawk College were guests of Mike Thoms. Patrick Doherty was a guest of Anne McGlynn. We had one visiting Rotarian, Duncan Cameron a member of the Naples, Florida Rotary Club. We hope you enjoyed our meeting and will visit us again.

**SAVE THE DATES – TWO IMPORTANT AND FUN UPCOMING ROTARY EVENTS! – \*TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 24<sup>th</sup>, WORLD POLIO DAY GALA CELEBRATION.** No regular meeting that day. Evening banquet, and guests welcome. – **\*SATURDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>, ROTARY HOLIDAY PARTY AT CIRCA 21.** Salon Party, Dinner, and Mainstage Show, *"A Christmas Story"* Guests welcome.

★ **BIRTHDAY BOOKS – THIS Thursday**, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2:15pm at Earl Hanson School. We need help for kids celebrating 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! Meet Molly in the school library.

★ **TIME IS NOW CRITICAL FOR HARVEST FESTIVAL SIGN UP!** Our food booth opens this Thursday. If you have not yet signed up to help with a shift for staffing the tent, please do so quickly. Please email Bob Swanson for available timeslots. [bobdebswanson@att.net](mailto:bobdebswanson@att.net).

★ **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** WE have lots of candy for the Rock Island Labor Day Parade next Monday, but very few Rotarians signed up to walk with our float and pass the candy to kids along the route. We all can use a bit of exercise and there is nothing as rewarding as a big smile from a child, thrilled to get a free piece of candy! We will be lining up at 9am on 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue near Washington Jr. High School. Whether you signed up or not, please show up and help with this project!

**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		

## DISTRICT SERVICE PROJECT FOR 2023-24

Help End Hunger With This Year's District-Wide Service Project!

District Governor David Emerick has asked every Rotarian in all District clubs to donate 20 lbs. of food in the year. Over the past several weeks President Gramenz invited Club members to suggest food pantries and meal sites to receive the items our Club donates. At our last Director's meeting the Board voted to support Christian Care, SAL Community Services, Project Now (Head Start), World Relief, and Heart of Hope Ministries, each had been recommended by one or more Club members.

Thanks to Danielle Scott for volunteering to coordinate the project. To make this as easy as possible for everyone involved, we will be designating a recipient at certain times throughout the year and will ask members to bring in your food donation, to help meet the specific needs of that organization.

**For September**, we will be collecting CANNED FRUIT ONLY for Christian Care! Bring in one large can of fruit (approx. 5 lbs.) or small cans if that is easier to any Tuesday meeting in September and Cindi will help manage the delivery of those items. Larger cans are preferred due to their can opener. You can also drop off at Christian Care, but please email Cindi so she can count it! We want to for sure make the goal of 20lbs per member.

If you need assistance or special arrangements or have any questions, please contact Danielle Scott or Cindi Gramenz. Thanks again to Danielle, one of our newest members for offering to coordinate the project!

## FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Today's Foundation Raffle offered a 50/50 Cash Drawing and a bottle of fine wine. The first ticket drawn was held by Ruth Lee who took the Bottle of Wine. Continuing his multiple weeks run of winning, Jeff Dismar had the second ticket drawn and took the money and promptly donated it back to the Rotary Foundation. Thanks to everyone that participated. The funds raised go toward the matching portion of the Paul Harris Fellow award provided by our club.

## FINE\$ & HAPPY/SAD DOLLAR\$

Like Micheal Jordan, "He's Back"! After a one-week absence VP John Oliger was back in fine form raking in the dollars. Angela Campbell paid \$1 to leave early. John admitted to taking his badge home and paid \$1. Duncan Cameron was fined under the Austin Rule because there was a recent article featuring movie director, James Cameron. Bud Phillis was in a watermelon seed spitting contest at Friendship Manor, and it was shown on Facebook. He didn't win and paid his fine.

John Oliger paid a happy dollar because he's really excited for the Iowa Football games that are happening soon. Kai Swanson imposed a fine on Mayor Thoms because he did not introduce his guests and their positions. Apparently Kai also paid. Frank Lambert paid \$1 my spy didn't hear why. It had something to do with Modern Woodmen? Tracy Pugh had a happy dollar because his nephew, Aubrey Barnes, was honored at the 40 Under 40 event AND was named a Rock Island Citizen of the Year. Monta Ponsetto paid a happy dollar and announced that Daivari Rogers a 2023 Rocky graduated received won the McKenzie Foundation & Uncharged Learning 2023 GritGrant award, a national award for his outstanding work in the INCubatoredu at Rocky. The ward included a \$2,500 grant. John Wetzel paid \$1 for the Cubs losing, and an extra few dollars for their future games against the Brewers. Duncan Cameron paid \$1 for the Brewers beating the Cubs and announced they were starting their best pitchers the next 2 nights. Kathy Trone paid \$1 on behalf of herself and Julie Gelaude, who presented Trafficking information to the Princeton Rotary Club, where 5 people signed up for the upcoming "Walk for Freedom" (more than our club currently!).

It appears taking a week off didn't cause John to lose his touch in tapping members for their generous contributions. Thanks to everyone who contributed and to John for his ability to bring in the fines while keeping everything fun and good natured. [Even when the Cubs lose!]

## **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. The signup schedule to be a greeter is at the Sergeant's Table. We are looking for as many different members as possible to volunteer to greet at an upcoming meeting. 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!.

## **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION MINUTE**

### **Week 4 of RI's Month of Membership & Extension**

**We hear the news, or watch the disasters as they unfold on TV; or some unlucky ones actually live through...and live to relay it. There is no denying the increasing evidence of something awry with the planet's climate. Three successive heatwaves culminated in deadly wildfires in Greece; massive floodings killed over 1000 and left millions homeless in Pakistan; heavy rains and landslides killed almost 50 in Korea and more than 10,000 homeless.**

**Close to home in Hawaii, hundreds are dead and thousands missing following devastating wildfires in Maui...the list goes on. Different regions of the globe have been through catastrophes terrible and apocalyptic in their degree of devastation, and as they happen, The Rotary Foundation, through its Disaster Response fund, has been providing relief. The Rotary Disaster Response Fund is launched by TRF to support relief and recovery efforts in areas that have been affected by natural disasters within the past six months.**

**Rotary Clubs in Greece, Pakistan, and Korea rushed to the aid of fellow human beings by collecting donations to support recovery and provide aid to those affected. Currently, Rotary District 5000 (Hawaii, USA) is collecting monetary donations to support response and recovery efforts. The Rotary Club of Kahala Sunrise, Hawaii, is asking for physical donations for those affected by the wildfires.**

**The Rotary Foundation added The Environment as its 7th Area of Focus in June 2020. More than \$18 million in Foundation global grant funding has been allocated to environment-related projects over the past five years..**

**Your support of the Foundation through our weekly raffle, donations on Foundation Tuesday, donations for Paul Harris Fellow Awards, and your end of the year and IRS required distributions donated to the Rotary International Foundation go directly into the ongoing work and make a huge impact across the globe!**

## **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

## **ROTARY WINE CELLER SUPPLY RUNNING LOW**

**We enjoy offering a bottle of wine as part of our weekly Foundation Raffle Drawing. Unfortunately, the cupboard is nearly bare. Please consider donating a bottle or two to help restock our supply. We're not picky about brand or variety. Just grateful to be able to include wine in our weekly raffle. Please bring your donation to any Tuesday meeting and give it to Cindi, Bob, Sue, Frank, Tracy, or Monta. It will be safely stored until presented to a lucky raffle winner at an upcoming meeting.**





## MILAN HARVEST FESTIVAL

THIS THURSDAY the Milan Harvest Festival opens. AND OUR CARAMEL APPLE food tent is a big part of the Festival and of our annual fundraising activities! Along with fresh apples drizzled with warm caramel and walnut chips, we will have water and a large 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 still open. Spouses and family members are invited to help!

**Check the signup and call/email Bob Swanson!**



**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!

## What We Are Vending This Year

*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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Date\_\_\_\_\_

**IF YOU CAN HELP IN PERSON - THAT'S OUR TOP PRIORITY!**

**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**  
**Anne McGlynn**

**9/2 Saturday Noon – 3:30pm**

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**Kevin Koski**  
**Jane Koski**

**9/4 Sunday Noon – 3:30pm**

**\*Kevin Koski**  
**Jane Koski**  
**Jim Nordquist**  
**Judy Nordquist**

**9/4 Monday Noon – 4:00pm**

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**Tracy Pugh**

**9/31 Thursday 7:30pm – 11pm**

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

**9/1 Friday 7:30pm – 11pm**

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**Ruth Lee**

**9/2 Saturday 3:30pm – 7pm**

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**Rick Devinney**  
**Nancy Devinney**

**9/3 Sunday 3:30pm – 7pm**

**\*Anne McGlynn**  
**Ruth Lee**  
**Danielle Scott**

**\*** 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 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**

**\*Amber Brummit**  
**Ruth Lee**

**9/3 Sunday 7:00pm – 11 pm**

**\*Amber Brummit**  
**Mike Brummit**  
**John Olinger**

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 Thursday! Please help.**

**CALL 309-738-3476 or EMAIL [bobdebswanson@att.net](mailto:bobdebswanson@att.net)**