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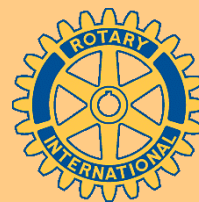
Rock Island Rotary Rock Island, Illinois

WEEKLY REVIEW

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Meeting Tuesdays at Noon – Quad City Botanical Center



David Emerick Rotary District Governor 2023-2024



David L. (Dave) Emerick, Jr. has been a member of the East Moline/Silvis Rotary Club since 2002. During this time, Dave has served as a member of the Board of Directors, Program Chair, Membership Chair, Foundation Chair and Club President in 2008-2009 and 2019-2020.

He has served as Assistant Governor, Assistant Governor Coordinator and a member of the Finance Committee of Rotary International District #6420. Emerick is a member of the Paul Harris Society, Polio Plus Society, a major donor and is a benefactor to the Rotary International Foundation. Governor Emerick is a Vice President with Blackhawk Bank & Trust and has been in the banking industry for over 40 years. He graduated from Northern Illinois University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science including an emphasis in Public Policy. Dave has taught American Institute of Banking courses at Black Hawk College and has served on several panels and been a guest speaker on banking and business related topics. Dave is also very active in his community, serving on several boards and commissions. He is the Treasurer of the Black Hawk College Foundation, Treasurer of School Health LINK, Treasurer, of Arrowhead Youth Services. Emerick also is a member of the Board of Directors for the Genesis Health Services Foundation, Rock Island Housing Authority, Community Housing Partners, Rock Island County Council on Addiction and New Kingdom Trailriders. Dave has lived in the Quad Cities his entire life (primarily in Rock Island) and has been happily married to Lori for 30 years. They have one daughter, Jordan Marie. They belong to St. Pius X Catholic Church in Rock Island, Illinois. During his leisure time, you will find Dave spending time with his family in their travel trailer exploring points of interest and sightseeing. He also enjoys collecting antiques and trying to get in a round or two of golf. Today was Governor Emerick's "Official Visit" to Rock Island Rotary and his opportunity to lay out his vision for District 6420, recognize the achievements of our Club and District, and present the goals and hopes of new Rotary International President, Gordon R. McNally of Scotland. He began by quoting President McNally who at the Rotary International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, said, "Rotary must capture the World's attention!" McNally then unveiled his presidential logo "Bright & Bold" saying that what Rotary is and what it must be. He followed that up with his Presidential slogan, "Create Hope in the World". Governor Emerick said Rotary must restore hope where there is none and help with recovery from areas of turmoil. Emerick then went through the principal goals of the 2023-23 Rotary Year as set forth by International President McNally. They are 1) Mental Health - noting that more and more people are suffering from mental health issues and yet a stigma remains that creates resistance to seeking help. 2) Promoting Peace – stating that we must continue our humanitarian support for those suffering in areas of conflict and turmoil. 3) Empowerment – by ensuring that past established Rotary initiatives to empower women and girls, and promote inclusiveness and tolerance are continued and continuity maintained. Governor Emerick then turned to Rotary's ongoing campaign to eliminate polio. Once again he said we have polio isolated to just two countries in the world. Pakistan and Afghanistan are the only nations not declared "Polio Free" and the effort in those countries has been stepped up to the point where Emerick said the World Health Organization is considering reducing the time a country must have no reported cases of polio from 3 consecutive years to 1 or 1½ years. That is only possible because of Rotary's huge campaign to provide immunization to the millions of children in those two countries. If that change is made, it is very possible we will see a polio free world in the very near future!

Sept – Oct Calendar

- Sep 19 - Dr Yolanda Grandberry-Pugh - How to improve students' academic performance
- Sep 19 - Reindeer Ramble Committee Meeting at 1pm
- 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
- Oct 24 - WORLD POLIO DAY Joint Evening Meeting
- Oct 31 - TBA
- Nov 7 - Laura Kann, District Rotary Foundation Chair

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Rotary

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Molly Shattuck, Director/Co-Treas.
Tyla Sherwin-Cole, Director

Program Chair 2023-24

Rebecca Arnold

Presenters

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| 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** – Rock Island Rotary was pleased to welcome Tia Steele a prospective new corporate associate member from Augustana College. Tia has also agreed to serve as the Augustana Rotaract Club advisor. Visiting Rotarians present were Bill Tubbs from the North Scott Rotary Club, Eldridge, IA, and Duncan Cameron from the Naples, FL Club. We had two Jr. Rotarians from Rock Island High School, Jamie Pearson and Kai Boswell. Both helped us in the Labor Day Parade. Because of our busy agenda today, they will be formally introduced next week. We love having guests and urge our members to extend an invitation to colleagues and friends to visit Rock Island Rotary.
- ★ **REINDEER RAMBLE COMMITTEE** – Will meet immediately after next week's Rotary Club meeting (September 19th). Clarence Darrow, Tammy Weikert, Bob Swanson, Kathy Lelonek, Kimberly Calhoun, and Bruce Peterson please join Chair Holly Sparkman for an important meeting. All Club members are welcome to join if interested in helping. There is much to discuss from promotion to prizes, shirts to food, and sponsors to volunteers for race day.
- ★ **WINE & DINE RAFFLE COMMITTEE** – Please meet with Chair Ruth Lee at the Rock Island Ale House (at the Rock Island Holiday Inn) Thursday, September 28th at 5:00pm. What better way to discuss a Wine & Dine raffle than over a beverage and appetizer! Members of the committee are Tammy Weikert, Sue Rector, Justin Peterson, Rick Emery, Randy Hurt, Jerry Jones, Bob Swanson, and Ruth. Any other club members interested in helping are urged to attend.
- ★ **SAVE THE DATES – TWO IMPORTANT AND FUN UPCOMING ROTARY EVENTS!** – ***TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 24th, WORLD POLIO DAY GALA CELEBRATION.** No regular meeting that day. Evening banquet, and guests welcome.
***SATURDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 9th, ROTARY HOLIDAY PARTY AT CIRCA 21.** Salon Party, Dinner, Bootlegger pre-show, and Mainstage Show, *"A Christmas Story"* Guests welcome invite your friends to join you!
- ★ **HAVE ITEMS FOR OUR NEWSLETTER?** Send to 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?

SEPTEMBER MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| Tammy Weikert | September | 2 |
| Molly Shattuck | September | 4 |
| Kai Swanson | September | 13 |
| Rebecca Arnold | September | 20 |
| Arron Southerland | September | 21 |
| Father Dan Mirabelli | September | 24 |
| Bill Groh | September | 26 |
| John Slover | September | 28 |
| Hannah Carr | September | 30 |

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Turning to our District, Governor Emerick noted that in early June he emailed a copy of the District's Strategic Plan to every Rotarian in the district (those that have provided an email address). He said that the District leadership takes the plan very seriously and periodically does a careful review of progress being made toward the goals set out in the plan. He said **Membership Goals** for this year are a net gain of 10 members district wide. 1 new club chartered, 1 new Rotaract Club, a 10% increase in female membership, and a 10% increase in members 40 years and under. **Foundation Goals** are a 10% increase in contributions to the International annual fund and a 5% increase in donations to the Polio Plus fund. Goals for **Public Image** include doing a better job of promoting what we do. He noted we don't do it for self promotion, but to attract new members and community support we must make the public aware that Rotary is the source of the energy and funding of our programs and projects. The goal for **Service** is to continue an annual District Project, this year's effort to fight hunger and malnutrition by collecting 20lbs of food for every Rotarian in the district. If that goal is achieved Rotarians will have raised and donated **14.4 Tons** of food to food pantries and meal sites throughout our District. Finally in the area of **Rotary Operations** Emerick said the goal is to hold the line as best they can on district dues. He said our District dues have been \$42 per member per year for many years. Because of rising costs there is a possibility of an increase but said if so he believes the increase can be held to no more than \$1 for the year. He also noted that during the Covid pandemic a number of district events and training sessions were not held, and the money usually spent for those events was saved. Those surplus funds are being returned to the clubs in the district via District Grants. An increase of almost \$500 per grant by using surplus funds was approved for 2023-24. Our Club has received District Grants each year for at least the past 4 or 5 years. Concluding, Governor Emerick announced that our District Conference for 2023-24 will be held in Moline, April 26-27, 2024. Thank you Governor for your visit and excellent presentation!

SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR BUD PHILLIS

Governor Emerick added a very special surprise to his visit today by calling forward Dr. Bud Phillis. He praised Bud for his commitment and dedication to Rotary noting the many offices Bud has held and the work he has done both for our club and for District 6420. He said Bud has set an example for all to follow and then presented Bud with a lapel pin signifying **35 years of perfect Rotary attendance!** Bud joined Rotary in 1983 and is now in his 40th year of dedicated membership. He has led our Polio Plus Campaign for years and is a polio survivor!



SEPTEMBER COLLECTION FOR DISTRICT SERVICE PROJECT IS FRUIT FOR CHRISTIAN CARE

For September, we are collecting **CANNED FRUIT ONLY** for Christian Care! Bring in a 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 weigh it! We want to make sure we reach the goal of 20lbs per member. With nearly 100 members, that will put us just short of ONE TON OF DONATED FOOD.

If you missed this week's collection, be sure to get your cans in a row for next week! Danielle Scott is coordinating the project. Direct any questions to Daniell or Cindi Gramenz.

FOUNDATION RAFFLE



Today our raffle offered a 50/50 cash drawing, a Halloween Themed fabric bowl made by Angela Campbell, and a bottle of delicious Pinot Blanc wine. The first ticket drawn was held by Tracy Pugh who took the wine for his darling wife. Mark Mayeski had the second winner and grabbed the bowl. Dr. Bud Phillis had the third ticket drawn and took the cash. Congratulations to everyone who played, and Thank You!



FINE\$ & HAPPY/SAD DOLLAR\$

V.P. John Oliger was greeted with one of the most enthusiastic chorus of "BOO"s in recent recollection. He then announced that he didn't think we would be fining today and had left all of his "materials" in his office. [Sounds like that is worth a fine!] However, he quickly recovered and noted that Bud Phillis, Kimberly Calhoun, John Daly, and Angela Campbell all needed to leave early today and therefore were fined \$1 each. After collecting those John closed the book on today and will come fully "loaded" next week. Thanks to those who contributed their dollars.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to Week 1 of RI's Basic Education & Literacy Month.

As millions of children all over the globe are returning to school for a new academic year, it pays to remember that more than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. That's 17 percent of the world's adult population. The goal of Rotary International is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. The Rotary Foundation supports education for all children and literacy for children and adults through scholarships, donations, and service projects around the world. Some of the ways TRF is helping improve basic education and literacy all around the world include, among numerous others:

- Opening schools: In Afghanistan, Rotarians opened a girls' school to break the cycle of poverty and social imbalance.
- Teacher Training: Through TRF, Rotarians share their knowledge and experience with educators and other professionals who work with vulnerable populations.
- Teaching adults to read: Rotary members in the United States partnered with ProLiteracy Detroit to recruit and train tutors after a study showed that more than half of the local adult population was functionally illiterate. Over 500 adults raised their reading levels by three grades during the program.
- Making schools healthy: Rotarians are providing clean, fresh water to every public school in Lebanon so students can be healthier and get a better education. So far, at least \$100million has been spent by TRF to get clean water in Lebanese schools.
- In 2021-2022 fiscal year, \$104 Million was spent on Basic Education and Literacy Projects by TRF.

Source: (<https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/rotary-foundation>)

During September, Rotarians in more than 46,000 clubs from 529 districts are encouraged to participate in one literacy project so as to further the mission which emphasizes the provision of quality education in its bid to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace.

A poster for the 'Walk for Freedom' event. It features a black and white photo of people walking on a crosswalk. Text on the poster includes 'OCTOBER 14 2023', 'WALK FOR FREEDOM', 'JOIN US AS WE WALK FOR THE MILLIONS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIMS ACROSS THE GLOBE.', and 'A21.ORG/WALK'. A red arrow points to a button that says 'Click to Register'.

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 14th 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

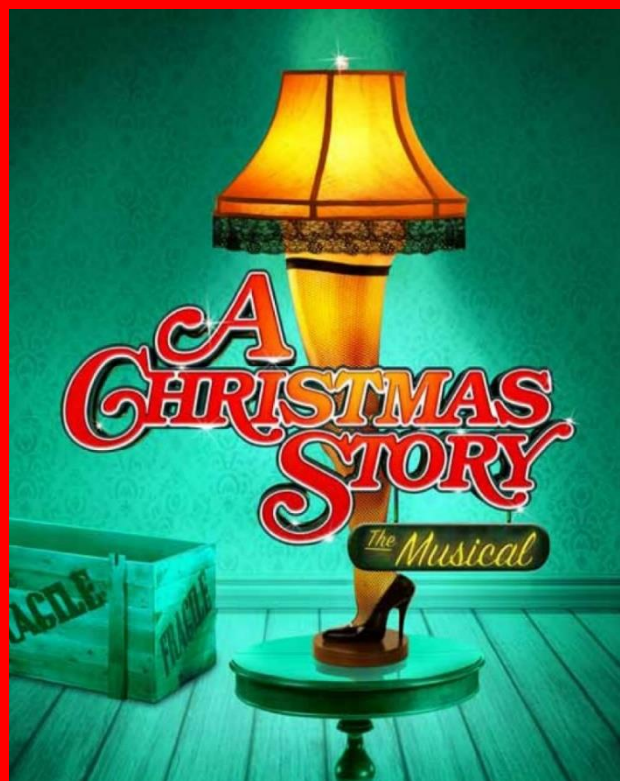
SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED



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 or 563-343-7985 and she will gladly arrange to take it off your hands

ROCK ISLAND ROTARY

HOLIDAY PARTY 2023



Circa 21 Presents the classic holiday movie is brought to life in this delightful Tony-nominated musical Set in the 1940s in the fictional town of Hohman, Indiana, the musical follows 9-year-old Ralphie and his quest for the Holy Grail of Christmas gifts — an Official Red Ryder carbine-action 200-shot Range Model air rifle. Rebuffed at every turn with a similar echoing response, Ralphie plots numerous schemes to achieve his desperate desire for the coveted BB gun. All the iconic scenes from the movie are here: from the leg lamp to the bunny suit!

**Tickets include a private pre-show Party
with Complimentary Hors D'oeuvres and Cash Bar (5:00-6pm)
Buffet Dinner (5:45-7:00pm)
Bootleggers Warm-up Show (7:15pm)
Mainstage Show – *A Christmas Story* (7:30pm)**

GROUP RATE

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| ONE ADMISSION | \$58.90 |
| TWO ADMISSIONS | \$117.80 |

*Tax & Tip included (not including deserts & bar)

Circa Subscriber? Pay Just \$3.50 per person for gratuity!

Reserve Seats at Rotary Starting September 19th, Pay Later