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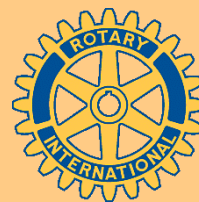
Rock Island Rotary Rock Island, Illinois

WEEKLY REVIEW

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Meeting Tuesdays at Noon – Quad City Botanical Center



WORLD POLIO DAY SPECIAL EDITION

There was no regular Rock Island Rotary Club meeting today since we met last night in a joint meeting with all other Quad City area Rotary clubs to celebrate World Polio Day and Rotary's incredible and successful campaign to rid the world of the dreaded killer andcrippler of thousands, including mostly children. Club officers and representatives from all over the area attended the event hosted by our club at the Quad City Botanical Center.. This special Edition of the Weekly Review will provide pictures and highlights of a wonderful evening. We had Rotary members from virtually all area Rotary Clubs with representatives from the Moline, Iowa Quad Cities, Muscatine, Quad Cities Illinois, Rock Island, Twin Rivers RAH, and North Scott Clubs all taking an active role in the festivities. In addition we had District Governor Dennis Drager and his wife from District 6000 (includes the Iowa Quad Cities area), Governor Carole Bernhard from District 5970 (all of northern Iowa), and Governor Dave Emerick from our own District 6420 on hand and each spoke briefly about Rotary's efforts to end Polio. The food was outstanding starting with hors devours of fresh bruschetta with French bread, fresh fruit, assorted cheeses and crackers, Swedish meatballs, and Chicken drumettes. The buffet dinner consisted of fresh garden salad, selected melons and grapes, marshmallow fluff, Caribbean blend veggies. loaded mashed potatoes, creamy baked chicken, and carved roast top sirloin with au jus & horseradish sauce. Coffee, tea, and lemonade rounded out the delicious dinner. The Botanical Center also did a beautiful job of decorating the entrance walkway, the lobby where our check-in table and raffle ticket sales were set up along with a well stocked cash bar. To accommodate the large crowd, the hors devours were set up in the dining room across the hallway from the lobby. Decorative arched lights made the hallway into the dining room seem special.

Guest speakers for the evening were **John Ockenfels** and **Peter Teahen**. Peter and John have been friends for years through their shared passion for aviation and are also cousins through marriage! Though both Peter and John have myriad hours of flight experience, this will be their first trip around the entire globe. Amazingly, only 700 pilots have ever flown around the world and fewer than 300 of those people are alive today. This trip puts John and Peter in unique and incredible company. Upon considering the idea of this daunting endeavor, Peter lightheartedly says that he thought, "One of the things I hadn't done yet was fly around the world!". Peter and John agreed that polio eradication would be the benefactor of their flight. Polio eradication has been a primary focus of Rotary for over 35 years and continues to be a major initiative. While the end of polio may be near, no child anywhere is safe until every child has been vaccinated. Ending polio is only a flight away! John has been piloting small aircraft for over 43 years. He maintains antique training airplanes from World War II in his free time and is the proud owner of a WWII war bird aircraft.

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Sept – Dec Calendar

- Oct 31 - Interact Update-
Lonnie Behnke AND
Aaron Baker, Educa-
tion and DEAI Coordi-
nator for the German
American Heritage
Center
- Nov 7 - Laura Kann, District
Rotary Foundation
Chair
- Nov 14 - Janessa Calderon
QC Hispanic Chamber
of Commerce
- Nov 21 - Patrick Olson
Toastmasters
- Nov 28 - Dr Sharon Varallo
Augustana's Prison
Education Program
- Dec 5 - RIHS Chamber
Singers
- Dec 12 - Kevin Koski - "Your
Mother (and Lots of
Other People) Were
Wrong"
- Dec 19 - Rock Island Rotary's
Kenya Water Project
- Dec 26 - NO MEETING
- Jan 2 - NO MEETING



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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

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

For October, we are collecting SPAGHETTI SAUCE, CEREAL, AND CANNED FRUIT for Heart of Hope! We are striving to collect 20lbs of food for every member of our club.

Since we aren't meeting today, next week will be our final collection for Heart of Hope.

Please bring your donation to Rotary next Tuesday and Cindi will weigh and record your items and see that they are delivered to Heart of Hope.

If you need assistance or special arrangements or have any questions, please contact Danielle Scott or Cindi Gramenz.

Our next food collection will be in January for – Project NOW

LET'S END POLIO ONCE AND FOR ALL!



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?

Peter is an experienced pilot and has been piloting small aircraft for over 47 years. He is a member of the Cedar Rapids West Rotary Club and of the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians. He is a Funeral Director and President of Teahen Funeral Home in Cedar Rapids, IA. Peter is an author, and a mental health professional. He was awarded the designation of Diplomat from the National Center for Crisis Management and the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress. Peter serves on the faculty at the University of Iowa and is the founder of the Cedar Rapids Freedom Festival. He has served in leadership roles on sixty-seven major disasters throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, Sri Lanka, Haiti, and the Darfur Region of Sudan. He responded to the September 11th World Trade Center attack, Hurricane Katrina, Indonesian Tsunami in 2004, and the Haiti Earthquake in 2010. He is recognized for his work on aviation disasters and is internationally known for his work in critical incident stress management and the psycho-social impact of disasters. He has served as a volunteer for 19 years as national media spokesperson for the American Red Cross. He has been interviewed on Good Morning America, Oprah, Weather Channel, Fox News, the British Broadcasting Company, and Aljazeera. Peter is the recipient of numerous national awards of distinction that includes the National Public Spirit Award. American Legion Auxiliary. Previous recipients include Ronald Reagan, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Ann Landers, and Dr. Robert Schuller. We were thrilled and privileged to have Peter and John with us “live and in person” for our 2023 World Polio Day Gala.

The Task is to fly around the world in a small single engine airplane. The primary focus of this flight was to bring awareness to the suffering caused by the highly infectious polio virus and to raise funds to help eradicate polio around the world. We are grateful for the efforts and leadership provided by the Rotary Foundation and the 2:1 match by The Bill Gates Foundation. The flight has raised \$1.5 million to date and is likely to reach \$2 million to end polio forever.



The Airplane Peter and John flew was this 1977 Cessna T210M single engine airplane. They flew more than 30,000 miles and the trip took three months to complete. This includes a 14-16 hour flight from Hawaii to California which was near the end of the trip. When the flight was originally scheduled to take off in 2020 (the pandemic sidelined these plans, pushing the takeoff to May 5, 2023), a Piper Lance II was the designated aircraft. With the reschedule and downtime due to the pandemic, Peter and John joined together to purchase this Cessna T210M. The Cessna can go faster and fly higher - up to 27,000 feet! The Lance capped out at 13,000 feet. This allows for a new flight route (with an additional 5,000 miles when compared to the original route), higher fuel capacity, and a safer trip. There's more instrumenta-

tion on the Cessna, the aviation panel is more modern and redundant, and there's a door on both the pilot side and the co-pilot side, adding additional safety should the need for evacuation occur. More upgrades include heated propellers which will melt any ice the pilots may encounter, and side heaters help to de-ice the windshield. With the Cessna John and Peter had the capability to adjust the fuel mix to burn less fuel and control the fuel burn, depending on the distance of any particular flight leg. In the time prior to takeoff, Peter worked to get as many flight hours in as possible, in between the time the Cessna was undergoing maintenance and the seats being removed to make room for an additional fuel bladder. John owned an identical Cessna just like the T210M and has 28 YEARS and over 2,500 hours of flight time on it. The 1977 Cessna Turbo Centurion model T210M is registered as N7323WP. The Centurion is a single engine, high wing retractable landing gear, and all metal airplane. Dual flight controls are provided as standard equipment. It has seating for up to six occupants and a one-hundred-pound luggage compartment. Each wing contains a fuel tank holding 45 gallons. The standard fuel capacity of the Centurion is 90 gallons, of which 89 are usable. The fuel is Avgas 100 LL. The typical fuel burn of 17 gallons per hour allows for a 4.5-hour flight with a 45-minute reserve. N732WP has been modified with tip tanks on each wing with will provide an additional 33 gallons of available gas in the wings. A 165-gallon capacity “TurtlePac” fuel bladder has been installed specifically for the flight and brings total fuel capacity to 281 gallons or approximately 19 hours of flight time. From Wingtip to Wingtip the plane measures 40 feet,. From Nose to Tail, it is 28 feet. Its overall height is 9 feet. The ENGINE, a Teledyne Continental TSIO-520R is turbocharged, direct drive air cooled, horizontally opposed, fuel injected, six-cylinder engine with 520 cu. in. displacement. The engine has a maximum power of 310 rated BHP at 36.5 inches Hg and 2700 RPM. The maximum continuous power is rated at 285 BHP at 35 inches Hg and 2600 RPM. The front seats are adjustable for and aft, recline, and have armrests & headrests. The plane can average 165 knots/190mph and burns through 14.5 gallons per hour. Peter and John took off from Cedar Rapids, Iowa May 5, 2023. Making 39 stops as they circled the globe, they encouraged support for ending polio forever throughout the world. They were greeted by Rotarians and numerous world dignitaries and, health officials. When planning the flight way back in 2019, Teahen said they thought they might be able to raise \$10,000. Thanks to a 2-for-1 match from the Gates Foundation, they had hit the million-dollar mark by the time they took off!

POLIO FACTS A SILENT AND DEADLY KILLER

Poliomyelitis, commonly shortened to polio, is an infectious disease caused by the poliovirus.

*Approximately 75% of cases are asymptomatic *Symptoms may be mild can include sore throat and fever *In some cases more severe symptoms develop such as headache, neck stiffness, and paresthesia. Symptoms may pass within one or two weeks. *The disease can cause permanent paralysis, and death.

Poliomyelitis has existed for thousands of years, with depictions of the disease in ancient art. The disease was first recognized as a distinct condition in 1789 and the virus that causes it was identified in 1909. Major outbreaks started to occur in the late 19th century in Europe and the United States, and in the 20th century, it became the most feared diseases in the United States.

In 1952 there were 20,000 cases of paralytic polio in the United States. *Rotary launched PolioPlus in 1985 a commitment to end polio worldwide. *In 1988 Rotary was a founding member of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. At the time there were an estimated 350 000 cases in more than 125 countries including the United States. **1,000 children were dying of polio each day.**

*Rotary has contributed more than \$2 billion and countless volunteer hours to immunize more than 3 billion children in 122 countries.

*Today the incidence of polio has been diminished by 99.9 percent worldwide. *Polio now exists only in Pakistan and Afghanistan with just 7 cases reported thus far in 2023. Those cases, two in Pakistan are isolated in one district and five in Afghanistan are isolated in one province.

We truly are closing in on the disease and have it contained in two areas. We are making the final push to raise the funds necessary to provide vaccine, medical personnel, and the logistics to reach those last two isolated areas.

*Experts say if we were to stop now, within 5 years there would be a resurgence of the disease, with as many as 200,000–300,000 new cases worldwide every year..

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to Week Three of RI's Month of Economic & Community Development

This is also the week we celebrate World Polio Day, which happens every October 24.

The news this week is a kaleidoscope of the good things TRF, along with the World Health Organization, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and other entities are doing to eradicate Poliomyelitis. Like Iowa Rotarians, Peter Teahen and John Ockenfels, who flew over 25,000 miles to more than 22 countries in their bid to raise awareness of polio, Bashar Asfour, a member of the Rotary Club of Tbilisi Ambassador, Georgia, embarked on a European tour in a Volkswagen bus, starting in Berlin on 31 August. His aim was to raise awareness, gather donations, and inspire new volunteers to fight polio. He visited 16 countries and attended meetings in 38 cities. The journey culminated in Chemnitz, Germany, on October 20 and 21, which coincide with the main Rotary event for World Polio Day in the region.

From Colombia we learned how Rotarians Sonia Uribe and Alberto Londoño launched El Zoo del Amor (stuffed animals wearing shirts with the Rotary logo) to provide comfort to terminally ill children. The project has raised about US\$260,000 that will be spent on polio eradication efforts and vaccinations for more than 76,000 children, nurturing children's lives and creating a polio-free world.

The Rotary Club of Antananarivo-Mahamasina organized the sixth running of the Urban Trail, uniting clubs in Madagascar's capital. With more than 4,000 participants on 7-km and 14-km (4.3-mile and 8.7-mile) routes, this event coincided with African Vaccination Week. The initiative aimed to raise awareness about the PolioPlus program and the importance of vaccination. On the Korean island of Jeju, Rotary members in District 3662 and the Sehyang Orchestra organized a concert of traditional Gugak music. This concert was a rare treat for Jeju residents, who have limited access to such events. It was attended by 400 people and raised 16 million won (about US\$12,000) for the PolioPlus Fund.

The 2023 Rotary World Polio Day Gala

John Ockenfels and Peter Teahen brought their message home in a very clear way saying "We don't have hope that Polio will be brought to an end. We BELIEVE Polio will be brought to an end through the efforts of Rotary and its partners." They say their flight has changed the discourse from a hope to a firm belief. They summarized their presentation noting that they flew over 30,000 miles. The trip took 90 days and over 180 hours of flight time. They made 37 landings in 19 countries and participated in 24 fundraisers. To say the least, it was a very dangerous undertaking and one that just 702 people have accomplished. John and Peter financed all expenses of the flight and made it very clear that 100% of all funds they raised and will raise from the more than 50 presentations on their future schedule, will go to End Polio. Now, here are some views of what those in attendance experienced.



Governors Emerick and Dager & wives





Club of
Rock Island

Rotary Reindeer Ramble 5K Run/Walk

9:00 a.m. Sunday, December 3, 2023

START & FINISH Schwiebert Riverfront Park Bike Path.
Course is out and back; wheeled distance.

RUNNER'S AWARDS Overall male and female top 3 finishers. Age group awards 0-14, 15-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75+

COMPETITIVE WALKER'S AWARDS Overall male and female top 3 finishers. Age group awards per age groups 0-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+

REGISTRATION \$25 Pre-registered before Nov 19; \$30 after Nov 19.

PACKET PICKUP & REGISTRATION 7:45 to 8:45 AM RACE DAY Sunday, December 3 @ Holiday Inn, downtown Rock Island, 226 17th Street, Rock Island, IL 61201

**Proceeds benefit Rock Island
Rotary Youth Programs!**



< Register

www.GetMeRegistered.com/RotaryReindeerRamble

NEW MEMBER APPLICANT

An application for associate corporate membership has been received from the Quad City Bank & Trust. They have one open seat in their corporate membership and propose that Christine Murdock be admitted to membership to fill that position. Christine's title is Executive Administrative Assistant. She joined Quad City Bank & Trust in 2010 with a degree in Business. She supports the Executive Vice President of the Wealth Management Division; she also assists with the Investment Team serving as the liaison with clients and producing reports used in connection with marketing and investment presentations. She has over 20 years of customer service experience. Christine is committed to our community as a volunteer with United Way, Junior Achievement, Orion Athletic Booster Club, The American Red Cross, and her church.. Amber Brummit is her sponsor.



Please address comments if any, to Cindi Gramenz cgramenz15@gmail.com or Sue Rector srector3614@gmail.com.



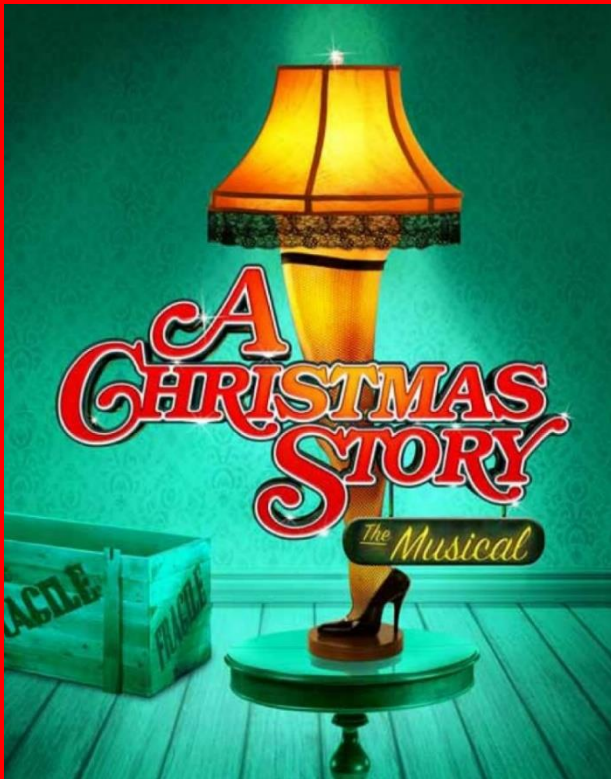
BIRTHDAY BOOKS THIS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26th

Rotarians are needed Thursday, October 26th to help with our Birthday Books at Earl Hanson Elementary School. Arrive at 2:15pm, let the secretary know you're a Rotarian there for Birthday Books and go up the stairs and enter the Library via the first door on the left side of the hall. The Books will be there, and the kids will be coming. Help them select books, enjoy a cookie, and join in singing "Happy Birthday"!

THIS WEDNESDAY – October 25th – TRUNK OR TREAT at Earl Hanson Elementary
Be in the school parking lot by 4:45pm

ROCK ISLAND ROTARY

HOLIDAY PARTY 2023



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 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)
Plated Dinner (5:45-7:00pm)
Bootleggers Warm-up Show (7:15pm)
Mainstage Show – *A Christmas Story* (7:30pm)**

GROUP RATE

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

SIGN UP AT SERGEANT'S TABLE!

Mark Your Calendars!

Rock Island Rotary's

Trivia *Night*

Friday, November 10 - Rock Island Holiday Inn

Doors Open at 5:30pm, play begins at 6

Contact Kathy Trone to register or donate to the Silent Auction!