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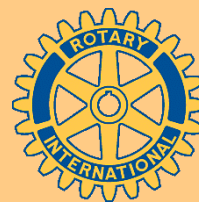
Rock Island Rotary Rock Island, Illinois

WEEKLY REVIEW

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Meeting Tuesdays at Noon – Quad City Botanical Center



The New Rock Island YWCA QC Julie Larson



Julie Larson brings a plethora of experience to her position as YWCA Quad Cities President and CEO. She received her BS degree in Management from Purdue University Krannert School of Management and holds a Master of Business Administration degree from St. Ambrose University MBA program. Julie has embodied the mission of the YWCA for over 25 years, working to improve the lives of women, girls and communities of color through advocacy, local programming and services. She has been instrumental in growing and expanding the organization through strategic planning, budgeting and forecasting and grant writing. In 2019, Julie led a capital campaign initiative and raised \$19.75M for a new 54,250 sq. ft. facility in downtown Rock Island. She has served on numerous boards in the QCA and has received multiple awards for her contributions to the community. Julie enjoys traveling and spending time with her husband Kevin and their 6 children.. Julie has been with the YWCA for 24 years starting as a member of the YWCA Board of Directors. In a detailed powepoint presentation Mrs. Larson took us through the mission of the YWCA, the many and varied programs offered, and gave us an advanced look at the new YWCA facility. She began by stating the the mission of the YWCA Quad Cities is to empower women and families, offering educational programs, childcare, fitness activities and more to help people reach their potential. In addition the YWCA is committed to eliminate racism and serve the entire community. She then described the many programs offered at the YWCA starting with a vibrant pre-school program, offering classes and programs for children from infant to kindergarten. From there programs and classes are provided for 6- to 12-year-olds and advancing from there on up through teens in their Place 2B program. In addition, the YWCA offers a Teen Parent and Child program housed in Rock Island High School. Through her discussion of all the age groups a common core of services provided was evident: food, shelter, clothing, safety, fun, and education, is provided at every level. Their classes provide enrichment and assistance for school aged participants along with life skills training, recreation activities, and even includes transportation for many to and from the YWCA programs. The Place 2B offers food, clothing, housing, and recreational activities in a safe environment for teens. Also provided are apprentice programs in childcare and cyber security, plus additional apprentice programs tailored to the needs and requests of local businesses. Students in these programs receive training and are paid for their work. The YWCA Quad Cities also is dedicated to empowerment of women and expanded those efforts across the river with the opening of the Iowa Empowerment Center. They are currently operating out of a rented building on River Drive in Davenport and offering job training, a food pantry, a clothing closet, and have classes teaching interviewing skills and other insights to assist participants in obtaining employment. Mrs. Larson reported that they have 25-to 30 participants daily and are in the process of moving to a larger facility “up the hill” in Davenport.

Sept – Dec Calendar

- Oct 10 - Club Assembly –
Led by President
Cindi Gramenz
- Oct 17 - Edwin Salazar, The
Place2Be
- Oct 23 - WORLD POLIO DAY
Joint Evening Meeting
- Oct 31 - TBA
- 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

Club Notes & Announcements!

- ★ **WELCOME GUESTS** – Today we welcomed four guests to our club. Visiting Rotarian Duncan Cameron from the Naples, Florida Club joined us as did visiting Rotarian, Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport, Iowa club. Madison Weiss was a guest of Black Hawk College colleague, Julie Gelaude. Our final guest was Jr. Rotarian Kal Boswell from the Rock Island High School Interact Club. We hope you all enjoyed your visit and will come again.
- ★ **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES APPROACHING** – Pumpkin Palooza (our field trip for Earl Hanson 1st and 2nd graders is October 20th. Volunteers are needed just to help keep and eye on the kids are needed at the Corn Crib Nursery just past the Quad City Airport on Route 150. Time frame is 9:45am to 1pm. If you can only stay an hour or two, that's fine too! The teachers do the supervising. We're there just to help if needed and to keep an eye on things. Trunk or Treat at Earl Hanson Elementary is October 25th. Rotarians are asked to bring a supply of candy in your trunk and meet at the Earl Hanson School parking lot at 4:45pm. Open your trunk and the costumed kids will come past looking for "treats"! Just takes an hour or less.
- ★ **SAVE THE DATES – TWO IMPORTANT AND FUN UPCOMING ROTARY EVENTS!** – ***MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 23RD, WORLD POLIO DAY GALA CELEBRATION.** No regular meeting that day. Evening banquet, and guests welcome. \$10 credit for Club Members toward ticket purchase. ***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!
- ★ **END OF 2023 APPROACHING!** – We've all learned that time really does fly as we get older. Those of us 72 and above will be faced with a December Mandatory Distribution required from our retirement accounts. If you plan to donate to our Club Foundation or the Rotary International Foundation in the coming year, you can do that through your required destitution and not pay income tax on what you donate. Think about it, if for instance you are in a 25% tax bracket you can take the money, pay the tax, and then give to Rotary or you can set up a direct distribution to Rotary and pay no tax on what you contribute. You save 25%! See John Phillips or Molly Shattuck for details.
- ★ **HAVE ITEMS FOR OUR NEWSLETTER?** Send to bobdebswanson@att.net. The newsletter goes out each Tuesday afternoon so be sure to get your request to bobdebswanson@att.net by Tuesday noon..

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?

OCTOBER MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Steve Morenz	October 8
Mike Thoms	October 26
Kenda Burrows	October 27
Sam Doak	October 27

YWCA- Continued from page 1

Mrs. Larson then turned her attention to the new Rock Island YWCA facility with a planned opening shortly after Thanksgiving later this year. The project price tag was approximately \$20 million, of which all but the final \$750,000 has been raised. The initial funding was provided by a grant from the Day Foundation, followed by grants from the John Deere and Modern Woodman Foundations. From there other grants, and donations from local businesses and individuals helped make the dream for a new facility come true. The new building has 54,000 square feet of well-planned space spread over three floors. 10,000 square feet are dedicated to an aquatic center with a pool featuring a zero depth end up to a water slide that spans from near the ceiling to the water. A workout area is adjacent to the pool with a wall of windows allowing those exercising to see into the pool. In addition to the pool the facility has modern locker room, a gymnasium, party rooms, meeting rooms, and eleven classrooms for the thriving pre-school program, elementary school, and teen programs. There is also a safe and secure playground allowing children to play outdoors when weather permits. Julie noted that the facility is located on the former Zimmerman Honda dealership and recognized Mark Zimmerman who was a visiting Rotarian guest with us today. She also noted that the former Zimmerman used car lot located across the street was also acquired and will provide a large parking lot for the YWCA. In addition, there is parking on both sides of the building, handicapped spaces in front of the building and a garage at the rear of the facility. They hope to acquire a golf cart so that shuttle services can be provided from the parking lot to the building. They have also asked the city to install stop lights at the corner of 18th Street and 5th Avenue to ensure greater safety for pedestrians needing to cross 5th Avenue. Ms. Larson stated that the YWCA collaborates with multiple agencies in the area and is hoping to enter into an agreement with the Rock Island Fitness and Activity Center (RIFAC) in the near future. Details of what that collaboration may entail have not been released. She also made it clear that although the organization is the YWCA, men are welcome to be members and fully participate in the YWCA programs. We appreciate the great information provided by Director Larson and are pleased to include this LINK to a short video we believe all will enjoy. It is a short 3-minute video tour of the new YWCA facility. You can control/click and see for yourself how the new building looks on the inside. <https://youtu.be/mhY7PWK0NBU>. We thank Julie for a super presentation!

SPECIAL DAY FOR ROCK ISLAND INTERACT

Kal Boswell, president of the Rocky Interact Club joined us for lunch today. It was just last year that we were able to revive the Club after covid devastated its membership. Kal was one of the first to join when Lonnie Behnke took over as the new club sponsor. Kal is an outstanding student and has previously entertained us as a member of Rocky's Chamber Choir. He also was part of the group of five that attended RYLA in the spring of 2022 and came back with enthusiasm and a dedication to service. Now a senior, Kal was elected President of the Club and has been actively involved in their projects growing and selling fresh produce along with giant pickles. The club's efforts led them to today's milestone. On behalf of the Rock Island High School Interact Club Kal and sponsor Behnke presented a \$350 donation to us today for the purchase of a water filter for our Kenya Water Project. This marked the completion of the Interact Club's first international service project. Their donation will provide a water filter for a rural school in Kenya that has previously had no access to safe drinking water. We are thrilled to receive the donation and praise the commitment and dedication of Mr. Behnke and the members of the Interact Club for demonstrating an appreciation and commitment to service for others. Congratulations and thank you Kal and Interact Club members. We are proud of you!

Angela Campbell, presiding, receives check from Kal Boswell and Interact advisor, Lonnie Behnke

DON'T MISS NEXT WEEK!

The program will be a Club Assembly and Kai Swanson will lead us on the topic of Strategic Planning. Our current strategic plan adopted in 2019 expires next June. Between now and then we will be establishing a new strategic plan to direct our Club through the next five-year period. Kai will be showing us how to make such a plan and the various considerations we need to make in setting the course, the goals, and the direction for our club. All members need to be engaged and participate in mapping our future. We look forward to a large attendance and urge YOU to be here! Rock Island Rotary can be whatever we want it to be, make sure your voice is included.

You are Invited

You are cordially invited to attend the 2023-2024 District Foundation Dinner! Our featured speaker will be Greg E. Podd, Trustee of The Rotary Foundation from Phoenix, Arizona. Greg previously served as Rotary International's Vice President during the 2015-2016 Rotary year and as a Rotary International Director during 2014-2016. We are excited by this opportunity to hear a Rotary Foundation Trustee speak about our Rotary Foundation - they do not come to our District all that often. Spouses, partners, and friends you want to share Rotary with are invited to join you. Please plan to attend!

The event will be held on November 2, 2023, at the McCormick Event Center at 205 East Third Street, Rock Falls, IL 61071. A cash bar will open at 5:30pm and the dinner will commence at 6:00pm. Cost is \$50 per person and must be paid via credit card in advance. Registration closes on October 26th. To register go to

[MyEventRunner - Event Public Fill](#). (control/click)

I look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions, please let me know.

Laura Kann

District Rotary Foundation Chair

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FOUNDATION RAFFLE



Today's Foundation Raffle featured a bottle of fine White Wine and a 50-50 Cash drawing. The first ticket drawn was held by none other than ticket sales specialist, Bud Phillis. Bud took the cash. A second ticket was drawn, and the winner of the wine was Doug Hultquist. We appreciate everyone who purchased raffle tickets and participated in today's game. All proceeds from the raffle go to support the important work of the Rotary International Foundation and also help Club members achieve their Paul Harris Fellow status. Thank you!



OCTOBER 14
2023 —

WALK FOR FREEDOM

JOIN US AS WE WALK FOR THE
MILLIONS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING
VICTIMS ACROSS THE GLOBE.

A21.ORG/WALK

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

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FINE\$ & HAPPY/SAD DOLLAR\$

There is no one "finer" than V.P. John Oliger when he puts on his "I hate to ask for money" hat. Today was no exception. He got a boost from presiding officer Angela Campbell who before handing the reins to John, fined visiting Rotarian Duncan Cameron for being named "Duncan". I believe that was a carry over from Angela's days as our president when she prided herself on fining Duncan (always in good natured fun), ever week. When John took over he played a bit of a "pay backs are hell" by fining everyone in the room named "Angela". You guessed it, there was just one! John then noted that Jim Moran, Bud Phillis, and Kathy Ruggeberg had paid fines for needing to leave early today. Then John fined visiting Rotarian, Mark Zimmerman, for a recent newspaper notice of the Zimmerman's Anniversary. He then pointed the fining finger at Doug Hultquist and himself for the report in today's paper announcing that Augustana Collage admitted over 700 freshmen this year which took the current enrollment of the college to an all time high. Doug Hultquist then offered a happy dollar for Tom Hammer and Molly Shattuck noting that their business, Centennial Accounting was recently lauded in the Quad City Business Journal as the fastest growing company in the Quad Cities. Gary Rowe paid a fine from the publicity he received as a member of the Rock Island-Milan School Board in the "pool controversy". He added a dollar (I think a happy one) for having their upstairs carpets cleaned which led to clearing out lots of clothes and other items which were donated to Christian Care. Cindi Gramenz added a happy dollar for Christian Care receiving Gary's donation. Gary also had a happy dollar for finding his baby book and learning that his birth hospital bill for himself and his mom was \$62! Linda Golden had a happy dollar for also being a baby-boomer baby and enjoying the benefits of low-cost medical care at birth! Finally, Bud Phillis had a happy dollar for the end of the baseball season and a sad dollar for the Cubs, Bears, and Illini who all lost big time this past weekend. **Thanks to all who contributed!**

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to Week 4 of RI's Month of Basic Education & Literacy.

Morgan Regina Kong, a recent graduate of Stanford University, will attend University of Oxford, England, to study for a Master of Science degree in Nature, Society, and Environmental Governance with a \$69,000 scholarship provided by various Rotary sources arranged by Rotary Club of Moraga (CA). In sync with Rotary's 7th Area of Focus, Kong's focal point is sustainable livelihoods with smaller ecological footprints that can maintain people's social well-being.

In an online report by Gary Irwin, after Oxford, Kong plans to work with a non-government organization in environmental conservation. Kong, who grew up attending Moraga schools, has already been pursuing her goal through several extra-curricular field studies. Last spring, she joined a 35-day voyage to Palmyra atoll in the Pacific Ocean to study the pristine coral reefs there. In over two months in 2019, she interviewed local fishermen in small Alaskan villages to gather data about how their livelihood is marginalized by changes in the industry.

Kong's scholarship was sponsored by Moraga Rotary and was partially funded by a Global Grant of \$24,000 from The Rotary Foundation; \$30,000 was funded by the 72-club Rotary District 5160 (from San Ramon to the Oregon border), and the balance came from several Rotary Clubs and individuals.

Regina will be hosted in England by the Rotary Club of Beaconsfield, which is located near Oxford in District 1090. Clubs there are well experienced in providing extracurricular cultural and social services to visiting Rotary scholars.

Source: <https://www.lamorindaweekly.com/archive/issue1712/Moraga-woman-awarded-scholarship-at-Oxford-England-provided-by-Moraga-Rotary-Club.html>

Rock Island Rotary “Club” Foundation And the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)



If you are a Rock Island Rotarian in your seventies or older and you have an IRA or other tax deferred investment account, you likely already know about the “Required Minimum Distribution” or RMD.

For those covered under these IRS guidelines, a minimum amount must be withdrawn annually as taxable income. You might consider a tax-free charitable donation to our club’s Rock Island Rotary Foundation. You can direct

the institution holding your investment account to make a transfer to our Club Foundation. Our foundation has supported important projects in Rock Island for several years. Some of them include the Children’s Garden at the QC Botanical Center, Lights at the Girl’s Softball Field, and the Entrepreneurship Class at Rock Island High School. Earlier this year, our club donated \$20,000 for an outdoor classroom at the Martin Luther King Center. You can donate from your IRA tax free or if you prefer, write a check to the Rock Island Rotary Foundation. Our club treasurer, Molly Shattuck will be happy to take your donation. Contact John Phillips at 309-428- 5495 for more information on how you can support our Rock Island Rotary Foundation. Thank-you.

**You should seek advice from your attorney or tax professional to see how this information applies to your financial situation*

UPDATE ON OUR KENYA WATER PROJECT

We received this short letter from Barbara Lamb, Executive Director of REPLENISH WATER, the supplier of the water filters our project is placing in rural village schools in Kenya. We recently passed a milestone with filters from our project now serving over 20,000 children.

Hi Bob and Rock Island Rotarians,

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to providing clean water in Kenya! Your generous gift of \$5,950 will be used to provide 17 filters to schools in need. We wanted to send this note of thanks once we were able to identify specifically where your filters will be going, and we have identified the following schools to be recipients of your generosity:

1. OBER MIXED PRIMARY SCHOOL: 678 STUDENTS (5 filters)
2. BWARE A.I.C CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME: 324 STUDENTS (3 filters)
3. OGERA PRIMARY SCHOOL: 458 STUDENTS (4 filters)
4. GAGRE PRIMARY SCHOOL: 362 STUDENTS (3 filters)
5. TRIZER CHILDREN'S HOME: 162 STUDENTS. (2 filters)



We have verified that our team has enough stickers to label these filters, and we look forward to sharing pictures once these filters are scheduled for distribution. It is great to see your stickers on the pictures for August and September in this year's Replenish Calendar as it serves as a reminder of your ongoing impact!

Please share our thanks with the club, and we look forward to keeping you updated!

Gratefully,
Barbara Lamb

Rotary Clubs of the Quad Cities

WORLD POLIO DAY CELEBRATION



**MONDAY, Oct. 23
at Quad City
Botanical Center**

2525 4th Ave, Rock Island, IL

Reception: 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Dinner: 6:30 p.m. followed by
program featuring

**pilots John Ockenfels
and Peter Teahan**



– Flight to End Polio –

May 5-July 30, 2023 • 25,338 miles • 38 stops • 23 countries • \$1.5 million

The Rotary clubs of eastern Iowa and western Illinois are hosting a joint World Polio Day banquet on Monday, Oct. 23, 2023, at the Quad City Botanical Center in Rock Island, Ill. The evening will begin with a reception at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. We are honored to welcome Rotarians PDG John Ockenfels and Peter Teahan who have traveled the world to raise awareness and raised over \$1.5 million to help End Polio Now. Tickets for the Banquet are \$25 each with \$7.50 of each ticket going to Polio Plus. Learn more about Flight to End Polio: <https://www.flighttoendpolio.com/>.



**AROUND THE WORLD:
FLIGHT TO END POLIO**

USE THE QR CODE AT
RIGHT TO REGISTER,
or email: [srector3614@
gmail.com](mailto:srector3614@gmail.com)
or call: 563-343-7985

Dinner: \$25⁰⁰
of which \$7⁵⁰ supports
PolioPlus.



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!

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

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HELP FIGHT HUNGER – HELP ROCKY INTERACT CLUB

Most of us have heard of the Student Hunger Drive, a friendly and very worthwhile competition between Quad City area schools. The Rocky Interact Club is working hard to help Rock Island High School win this year and asks us to help. It is simple and very easy, just click on the link and make a donation online. Your donation will be used to purchase food for distribution to those in need throughout our local area. Interact will receive credit for your help! Donate Now, Donate Often!



You can donate virtually now for the food drive. Just control/click on this link:

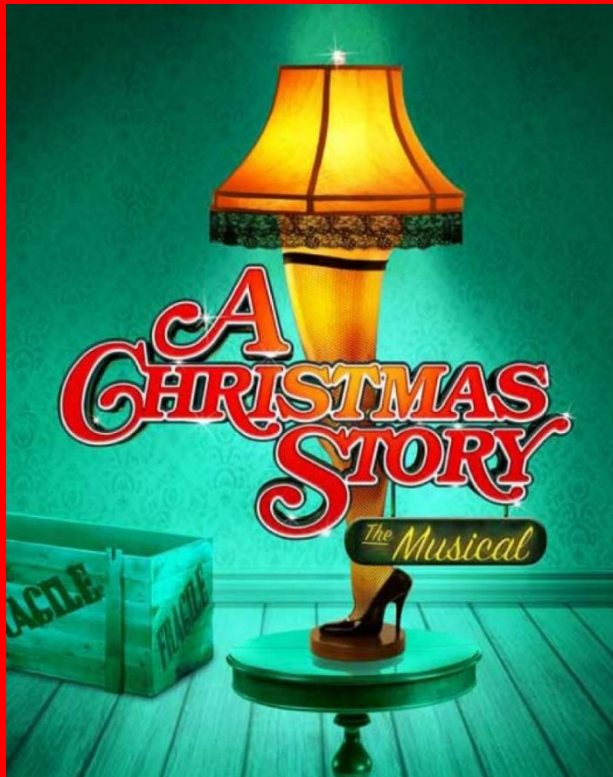
<https://riverbendfoodbank.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=85612d68b691020ef656212e0&id=84a69d5436&e=81523e0d32>

HAVE YOU UPDATED YOUR CALENDAR?

- October 14** - Join the Walk for Freedom as we walk for the MILLIONS of Human Trafficking victims. Meet at the pedestrian walkway at the base of the Moline side of the new I-74 bridge at 10:00am. We will walk across the bridge to Bettendorf. You can go one way or both, your choice. Each way across is 1-mile. It is a joint Illinois and Iowa Rotary project with two of our members, Julie Gelaude and Kathy Trone heading up the Illinois delegation. Please join them. There is no cost!
- October 20** – PUMPKIN PALOOZA at the Corn Crib. Help is needed to assist the Teachers and 1st and 2nd grade students. Try to arrive by 9:45, stay as long as you can. The event ends at approximately 1pm. Location is the Corn Crib Nursery on Rt. 150 just South of the Quad City Airport.
- October 23** – World Polio Day Gala at the Botanical Center. We are the host club. This will take the place of our regular Tuesday meeting on the 24th. See page 7 for the time, speaker info, and for ordering tickets. Our Club will be reimbursing \$10 of your ticket cost.
- October 25** – “Trunk or Treat” at Earl Hanson School parking lot. Arrive at 4:30pm and pick your parking place. Open your trunk and serve up the costumed kids books and/or candy. See Sue Rector or Molly Shattuck for books you can give away. If you want to include candy, you’re on your own to provide what you want to give.

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)
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 STATED TODAY!