

**Rock Island Rotary**  
Rock Island, Illinois

# WEEKLY REVIEW

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Meeting Tuesdays at Noon – Quad City Botanical Center



## How to Improve Students' Academic Performance.

**Yolanda Grandberry-Pugh, EdD**

Yolanda Grandberry-Pugh is an experienced English instructor with 21 years of teaching students in grades 7-12. Learning environments have varied from urban, inner city, and multicultural.

She has created curriculum that engages students and enhances retention. As an Education clinician, Dr. Grandberry-Pugh focus on improving students' reading skills, effective classroom management, and educating students of different backgrounds. Professionally she participated in the Raising Student Academic Achievement Conference, Connection Conference hosted by Illinois State University, the International Society for Key Women Educators, and the International Honor Society in Education. Yolanda joined Rock Island Rotary in 2022. She is an active member in our community holding memberships in DKG – Mu Chapter, NAACP Rock Island Branch #3268, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. She received her BA Degree from Illinois State University in English Education and a Master's Degree in Leadership and Policy Studies from the University of Memphis. She earned her Education Specialist, Leadership in Educational Leadership Certification from Capella University and her Doctor of Education (EdD) in K-12 Leadership and Administration from Western Illinois University. Yolanda began stating that her research began as a study of ways to close the achievement gap between African American and Caucasian students in American schools. After completing her research she indicated that her findings and recommendations applied to all students regardless of race or ethnicity. She then noted that African American students have a higher drop out rate, lower test scores, and a lower graduation rate than their caucasian counterparts. Her research determined that the three most important factors in student's academic performance was their community, their home, and their peers. She also pointed out that these factors proved true across all races and that by far the most important factor is the home. Looking first at the community, Dr. Grandberry-Pugh said that a community that provides encouragement for achievement, and support for schools and education in local churches, financial scholarship opportunies as incentives, recognition for good performance, mentors for those needing help and dropout prevention programs in their schools have the greatest positive influence on improved academic performance.

Turning to the influence of the student's home, Yolanda found that encouragement to do well in the home and parental involvement in the student's education and school extremely important. Recognition for good performance and interest in the student's study habits and homework by those in the home also is a critical factor. Her research and personal experience found that parents are often involved in the child's elementary years, but tend to drift away as the child moves into high school. There the students are often "on their own". Finally in looking at peer influence, Dr. Grandberry-Pugh acknowledged that peer pressure is an extremely critical factor in academic achievement. A student with peers to study with and reinforcement by peers and openness in sharing thoughts and questions is healthy and valuable. Poorly performing students often become loners and quiet in class.

### Sept – Dec Calendar

- 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 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

# Rotary

Club of Rock Island



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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!

## Quick Summary of the Week

- ★ **WELCOME GUESTS** – We had 3 Visiting Rotarians today! Duncan Cameron from the Naples, FL Club, and Marcy O'Brien and Bill Abel from the Quad City Illinois Rotary Club. Also visiting were Pam Jones, a guest of Sue Rector, and Patrick Dorety, a guest of Anne McGlynn. Rocky Jr. Rotarian Jamie Pearson was a guest of our Club. Rock Island Rotary loves to have guests at our meetings and hope you will join us again!
- ★ **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES APPROACHING** – Pumpkin Palooza (our field trip for Earl Hanson 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders is October 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 25<sup>th</sup>. 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.
- ★ **WINE & DINE RAFFLE COMMITTEE** – Please meet with Chair Ruth Lee at the Rock Island Ale House (at the Rock Island Holiday Inn) Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> 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. **All other club members interested in helping are urged to attend.**
- ★ **SAVE THE DATES – TWO IMPORTANT AND FUN UPCOMING ROTARY EVENTS!** – **\*MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:bobdebswanson@att.net). The newsletter goes out each Tuesday afternoon so be sure to get your request to [bobdebswanson@att.net](mailto: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?

## SEPTEMBER MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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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Yolanda stressed that students need to feel good about themselves to perform well in the classroom. She said they need confirmation of their good performance. Dr. Grandberry-Pugh then said her research culminated in her making the following recommendations to improve student's academic performance. 1) Communities, peers and most critically the home must promote the importance of education. 2) A strategic plan committee is needed to ensure consistent promotion of education and good performance. A plan should include encouraging parents and other household members to visit the schools and to take an active role in assisting the student's selection of classes. 3) An area dedicated for study should be created for the student. In homes unable to provide such an area, students should be shown and encouraged to find alternate study areas such as local libraries. 4) Parents need to take an active role in their child's selection of peers to ensure they are surrounded by friends who will provide positive support for education and good performance. 5) Parents need to encourage students to think and speak and try to eliminate any fear in their child of answering incorrectly. Encouraging students to share their thoughts and developing a willingness to work with others is a positive influence toward good performance. Schools need to teach students to work together and recognize that a student who is withdrawing may be an indication of fear of making an incorrect answer, peer ridicule. 6) High schools need to reconnect with colleges and colleges need to reconnect with high schools. Yolanda found there is little communication between the two. Colleges need to let high school educators know what they are looking for in students entering college. That includes discussing what curricula is needed for college success. High school educators need to let colleges know what they are teaching both by state requirements and local initiatives. Working together students can be better prepared to move smoothly from high school to college. Dr. Grandberry-Pugh noted that these are just a few of many recommendations her research led her to make. She offered to share all recommendations with anyone who requests to have them. We thank Yolanda for her presentation and thought-provoking research. We also thank her for her more than two decades of service to students and our community as an educator and role model of education and academic achievement.

## **MARK MAYESKI GIVES FOUNDATION TUESDAY PITCH AND IS HONORED**



Former club president, Mark Mayeski, now serves as a member of our Rotary Foundation Committee. Today he presented our "Foundation Tuesday" message, highlighting what our International Foundation does. Mark said the Rotary Foundation transforms our gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. He said since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects that make lives better in our community and around the world. He said the mission of the Rotary Foundation is to help Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty. Mark noted that Rotary has been the primary force in eliminating Polio from the world. He also noted that the Charity Navigator has rated the Rotary Foundation as "4 Star" for 10 consecutive years. Mark urged all members to be strong supports of the Foundation

at whatever level each finds appropriate. As he completed his comments, Bud Phillis of the Foundation Committee rose and came to the podium and noted that Mark not only speaks for the Rotary Foundation, but he also personally is a significant donor to the foundation. Bud then presented Mark with a Paul Harris Plus 7 gold lapel Pin with two inset rubies. Bud noted that Mark's contributions now exceed \$8,000 and his more recent donations allowed him to name two more Paul Harris Fellow honorees. Congratulations Mark! Thanks for all you do for our Club and the Rotary Foundation.

## **SEND SOME THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

Long time club member, former president, and former District Governor Fred Houlton took a fall recently and broke a rib. He is in Trinity Medical Center, Rock Island for recovery and currently is in quite a lot of pain. Fred is in his 90s and has been one of our Clubs most dedicated and generous supporters. Fred joined our club in 1963. He served as our President in 1970-71, was our A.T Peara Award winner in 1894 and served as Governor of District 6420 in 1985-86. Fred and Virginia created the District 5420 Houlton Foundation which awards financial assistance to worthy projects and activities throughout the District. Please direct some energy, thoughts, and prayers toward Fred and wife Virginia.





## *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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## **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 featured a cash drawing, a Halloween fabric bowl handmade by our own Angela Campbell, and a bottle of fine wine. The first lucky ticket drawn belonged to Frank Lambert who took the cash. The next winner was Sue Rector who took the bowl and promptly gifted it to Tammy Weikert who prior to the drawing had proclaimed that she wanted it "so bad". The final winner taking the wine was Amber Wood. We sincerely thank everyone who played our raffle today and each week. The funds raised go to our Rotary Foundation account and help provide assistance to members seeing Paul Harris Fellow honors.



## **NEW MEMBER APPLICANT**

An application for membership has been received from Pamela Jones. Pam was a guest of Sue Rector at today's meeting. She is a Nurse liaison with Allure of the Quad Cities, Moline & Geneseo. Pam lives in Milan with husband Dale. She is a Licensed Practical Nurse educated at Black Hawk College. She previously served as a Telemetry Monitor Technician for Select Medical, then as an LPN for HCR Manor Care, then as an LPN at Friendship Manor. She was Director of Admissions at ProMedica Senior Care. She joined Allure in March of this year. Please direct any comments to Cindi Gramenz, Sue Rector, or John Oliger.

## CONGRATULATIONS KAY AND STAN COIN

Fellow Rotarian Stan Coin joined our Club in 1953. Doing the math tells you that Stan is currently in his 70<sup>th</sup> year of membership. He served as our President in 1994-95. Stan earned our club's highest honor in 1998 when he received the "A.T. Peara Service Above Self Award". He is a Paul Harris Fellow multiple times over and has more years of perfect attendance than any other member. Through 65 years of his membership Stan has had the love of his life by his side. It gives Rock Island Rotary great pleasure to wish Stan and Kay a joyous 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary approaching quickly on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Your devotion to Rotary is exceeded only by your devotion to each other. May you enjoy many more years together!



## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to Week 2 of RI's Basic Education & Literacy Month

It will be hard to forget the tragedy of September 11. But I will not forget the camaraderie and compassion shown by Rotarians...That was Rotary at its purest. I will remember that for the rest of my life." Walter Parks, New York native and Rotarian, September 11, 2001

This week's "Foundation Minute" is in memory of September 11, 2001, when Rotarians were galvanized into action following the devastating terrorist attacks. From a report by Cary Silver, then editor of *The Rotarian*, The New York Rotary Foundation raised a total of \$1,499,154 for 9/11 with the help of generous and compassionate Rotarians around the world. Of that money, \$1,226,808 was distributed to victims of the World Trade Center Disaster of 9/11. Rotarians from around the world continued to send letters of support, make contributions, donate blood, and visit the afflicted cities in a spirited show of support. Rotarians from New Zealand, Germany and South Africa offered to pay airfare and host children of victims in their Rotary homes.

Oklahoma City Rotary sent \$100,000 to New York and \$20,000 to the victims in Washington, D.C. Those Rotarians who reside near the disaster areas continue to rebuild their lives and reach out to those in greatest need — the so-called forgotten victims. RI President Richard D. King wrote on 12 September: "These events demonstrate all the more the importance of Rotary's Global Quest to keep our organization growing and thriving. Where Rotary exists in the world, there is a greater chance for peace. By swelling the ranks of Rotarians dedicated to peace, we can further strengthen Rotary's mission to foster international understanding and goodwill."

It has been 22 years since September 11, 2001, and scores of earth-shattering disasters, human-made and natural, have followed; with the latest being the earthquake in Morocco on September 8, 2023, that so far has killed over 2,000 victims. The Rotary Foundation is not resting on its oars as it continues to respond to the needs of victims of terrorism, war, flood, fire, and earthquakes.



## Some Losses Cannot be Replaced

Rotarians were deeply saddened, and our Club suffered a hard to accept loss when word was received that our fellow member, Mary Fislar, lost her long and difficult battle with severe health issues on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. At the time of her death Mary was serving as our Membership Chair, was a volunteer Sergeant at Arms Aide, and served on the District 6420 Membership Committee. Mary served as our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President 2002-03, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President 2003-04, and Club President for 2004-05. She was a Paul Harris Fellow and honored her husband, Dick Fislar, with Paul Harris Fellow honors. In 2006 Mary received our club's highest honor, the A.T. Peara "Service Above Self" Award. Mary helped with virtually every club project and fundraiser and often enlisted the additional help of hubby, Dick. Behind the scenes Mary frequently offered her talents as a professional travel agent to assist club members in their travels, both for Rotary business and for pleasure. She and Dick, co-owners of Picture Perfect Travel, also provided travel packages prizes for Rotary fundraisers. Above and beyond her dedication and service to Rotary, Mary was a gentle, kind, incredibly sweet, and fun-loving lady. She will be missed by all who knew her and by hundreds more who benefited from her service in Rotary.



Mary Fislar

OCTOBER 14  
2023 —

**WALK FOR  
FREEDOM**

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

[A21.ORG/WALK](https://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

## 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](mailto:srector@gmail.com) or 563-343-7985 and she will gladly arrange to take it off your hands.

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

V.P. John Oliger was in good form today. He first fined himself and Gary Rowe for needing to leave early today. Then levied an "Austin Rule" fine on Jim Moran for seeing the name Daisy Moran listed as a new Director of the Quad City Community Foundation. (Must be a long lost relative!) John Oliger and Sue Rector each offered \$5 Happy Dollars for John Phillips' outstanding performance at last Friday's Buck Town Review. Kathy Trone offered a Happy Dollar of attending her grandson's 2-year birthday party in "Rotary Park" in Galesburg where she also spotted a "Rotary" park bench (see photos, page. Bud Phillis offered a happy and a sad dollar. He said the sad Dollar was for former Packer Quarterback Aaron Rodgers season ending injury in the first few minutes of his debut as the Jets' quarterback. He then said the happy dollar was also for Aaron's injury stating, "It couldn't have happened to a better person". Duncan Cameron had a happy dollar for the "Brewers" fabric bowl made for him by the ever-talented Angela Campbell. Gary Rowe had a Happy Dollar for his lone "NAY" vote opposing the new pool at Rock Island High School. He then had a happy dollar offering 2 tickets to Saturday's Illinois football game in exchange for a bottle of good wine. John Wetzel had two happy dollars. One for Augustana football beating Elmhurst Saturday 74-6. The other to honor Angela Campbell who led the effort to bring back the Lincoln Park Lantern Parade last Friday. Angela then made a \$22 happy dollar contribution in honor of her 22<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary. Congrats Angela and Dan! Finally, Molly Shattuck had 10 happy dollars for her daughter Nora's 8-year birthday and her son Brady and Nora taking first and second in their first Pickleball Tournament. After all that, John still claims he hates asking people for money!

## Let's Help Fellow Rotarians!

Today Marcy Obrien and Bill Abel, members of the Quad City Illinois Rotary Club, paid us a visit and asked us for help with two upcoming fundraisers. First they are having a "Gift Card Tree" raffle. The tree has twenty-two \$20 gift cards. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Proceeds will be used to purchase a laptop computer and software for Alternatives for Older Adults. Their other fundraiser is a "Partners in Wine" tasting event to be held on Thursday October 5, 2023, from 5:30pm to 8:00pm at Old Oaks Winery in Milan. Tickets include 4-wine tasting drink tickets to be used at the bar, heavy hors d'oeuvres, live music, raffle, and silent auction items. To purchase tickets or to view the Silent Auction/Raffle items please Text "Rotary2023" to 76278 or visit [https://e.givesmart.com/s/:HC\\_WkyMtept/e/xTW/](https://e.givesmart.com/s/:HC_WkyMtept/e/xTW/). Proceeds will go to support the Children's Advocacy Center.

## ROCK ISLAND ROTARY SUPPORTS HEART OF HOPE MINISTRIES

Rock Island Rotary has been a partner and supporter of Heart of Hope for many years starting with our providing Rotarians to assist in the distribution of food at the Heart of Hope Food Pantry. Over the years we have provided clothing for their Clothing Pantry, plastic bags for their food pantry, and funding for various projects and needs. Today founder and executive director of Heart of Hope, Lynda Sargent, attended our meeting to receive our 2023-24 Rotary District Grant in the amount of \$3,000 to be used to replace the current storage shed at the Heart of Hope building. The shed is used for storages of lawn and snow removal equipment along with other items



needed to maintain the facility. The current shed is old, rusting, and is no longer weather tight. Lynda expressed her sincere gratitude for the grant and for the many years of support Rock Island Rotary has given to Heart of Hope. Lynda was also our 2023 Community Service Award winner and thanked us for inviting her to ride with us in the Rock Island Labor Day Parade. Today's presiding officer, Ruth Lee, presented the check to Lynda.

# 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](http://www.GetMeRegistered.com/RotaryReindeerRamble)

## 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!



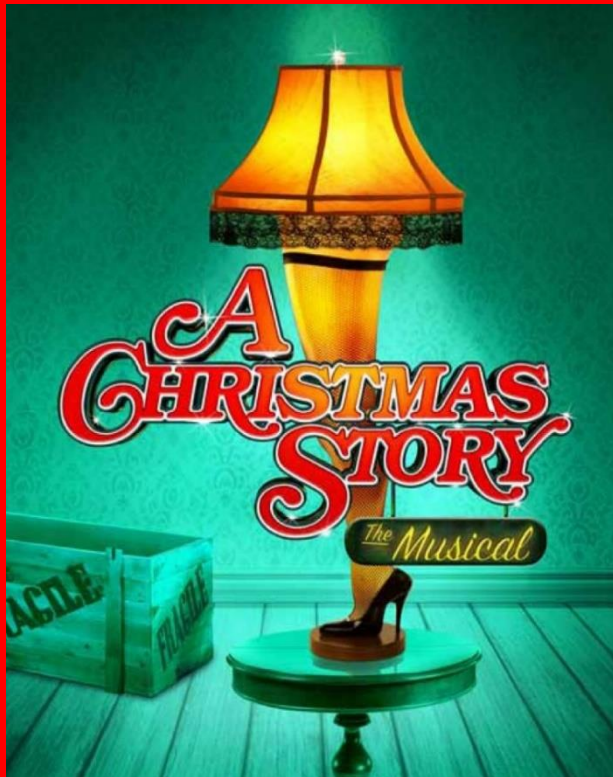
You can donate virtually now for the food drive. Just control/click on this link:

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# 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

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 19<sup>th</sup>, Pay Later**