

Rock Island Rotary

Rock Island, Illinois

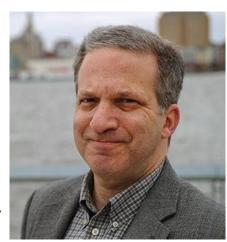
WEEKLY REVIEW

September 26, 2023 Volume XXXI, Issue 12 Meeting Tuesdays at Noon – Quad City Botanical Center



100 Things to Do in the Quad Cities Before You Die!

Jonathan Turner is an author, piano player, and local journalist. He has expertise across a wide range of subject areas—including government, politics, education, the arts, economic development, historic preservation, business, and tourism—and is especially passionate about covering arts and culture.



A longtime piano player, he earned his bachelor's degree in music from Oberlin College and a master's in music education from Indiana University. In spring 2023, he was assistant music director and accompanist for the Quad City Music Guild production of "RENT."

Over the years, Jonathan has accompanied musicals, singers, choirs and instrumentalists, and performed as John Hinckley in a 2019 production of the musical "Assassins" at Moline's Black Box Theatre. Since 1999, he's been piano accompanist for Zion Lutheran Church in Davenport. He even wrote an original musical based on The Book of Job, "Hard to Believe," which premiered in 2010 at Playcrafters, Moline.

Jonathan wrote a 175-page history book about downtown Davenport, *A Brief History of Bucktown*, published by The History Press in 2016. Today he spoke about his new travel guide, *100 Things To Do in the Quad-Cities Before You Die*, that was published by Reedy Press in the fall 2022. In this book, Jonathan was limited to prescribed categories: Food/Drink, Music/Entertainment, Sports/Recreation, Shopping/Fashion, and Culture/History. He doesn't like, or necessarily understand, the bucket on the cover of the book, which got a chuckle out of the crowd!

Due to the nature of a print publication, some of the places found in his book have been renamed, sold, or gone out of business. He gave examples like Taxslayer Center now called Vibrant Arena; River Music Experience now called Common Chord; and so on. To keep his work updated, he created a website: www.100thingsQC.com, where you can link to some of the business names and go directly to their webpages. For those wanting the print version of his book, they are available at the Visitor's Centers in Davenport and Moline; at the Artsy Bookworm in Rock Island; at the Putnam Museum gift shop; and on Amazon. He explained that print revisions aren't possible until the first printing is all sold out (hint hint.)

Jonathan is still writing for the media, just a different kind. He joined the Local 4 News Team in 2021 after a layoff and COVID, and has been doing detailed articles on ourquadcities.com ever since. It's clear from his presentation that he loves to write, and loves exploring the Quad Cities even more. Thank you for sharing your story!

October December 2023 Meeting Topics

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 Happy 2024



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Officers

Cindi Gramenz, President Sue Rector, 1st Vice Pres. John Oliger, 2nd Vice Pres. Anne McGlynn, Secretary Tom Hammar, Co-Treasurer Frank Lambert, Past President Bob Swanson, Sgt. at Arms

Board Members

Rebecca Arnold, Director
Amber Brummit. Director
David Hodge, Director
Ruth Lee, Director
John Phillips, Director
Tracy Pugh, Director
Molly Shattuck, Director/Co-Treas
Tyla Sherwin-Cole, Director

Program Chair 2023-24

Rebecca Arnold

Presenters

Tom Hammar July: August: Kai Swanson September Rebecca Arnold October: **Holly Sparkman** November: Rebecca Arnold December: **Bob Swanson** John Wetzel January: February: Kai Swanson March: Angela Campbell April:: **Gary Rowe Gary Rowe** May:: Tom Hammar June:

Club Notes & Announcements!

WELCOME GUESTS -

Patrick Doherty, Guest of Anne McGlynn Jeff Rose, Jr., Guest of Jeff Rose, Sr.

WELCOME VISITING ROTARIANS—

Duncan Cameron, from the Naples (FL) Club Dougal Nelson, from the Moline Club Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport Club

TWO GREAT SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES APPROACHING -

<u>PumpkinPalooza</u> - Volunteers are needed for our annual field trip with Earl Hanson 1st and 2nd graders on October 20th. Join us at 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.

<u>Trunk or Treat</u> 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.

WINE & DINE RAFFLE COMMITTEE – Please meet with Chair Ruth Lee at the Rock Island Ale House (at the Rock Island Holiday Inn) this 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. All other club members interested in helping are urged to attend.

SAVE THE DATES: TWO IMPORTANT AND FUN UPCOMING ROTARY EVENTS! -

*MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 23RD, WORLD POLIO DAY GALA CELEBRATION. No regular meeting that week. 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!

HAVE ITEMS FOR OUR NEWSLETTER? Send to <u>bobdebswanson@att.net</u>. The newsletter goes out each Tuesday afternoon so be sure to get your request to <u>bobdebswanson@att.net</u> by Tuesday noon.

The Object of Rotary

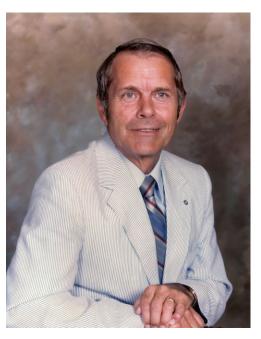
The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

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.



In Memory of Fred

Frederick R. Houlton, 96, of Rock Island, died Friday, September 22, 2023 at UnityPoint Health-Trinity Hospital, Rock Island. Cremation rites were accorded. The memorial service will be 12pm Friday, September 29, 2023, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport, preceded by visitation from 10:30am until service time. Inurnment following the service at Rock Island National Cemetery, Arsenal Island, where military honors will be presented. Memorials may be made in care of the Rock Island Rotary Club.

Fred was born in Macomb, Illinois, on January 17, 1927, son of Charles "Frank" and Harriet "Lucille" Allard Houlton. He married Virginia Quaife on June 19, 1955, at the Annawan Community Church, Annawan, Illinois.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran who served both in WWII and the Korean War. He earned a Master's degree in education, and went on to teach in Yates City,

Annawan, and Rock Island School Districts, then an elementary school principal, at Horace Mann, Eugene Field, and Longfellow schools. After retirement, Fred taught English in Dalian, China, followed by years of volunteer community service.

Fred was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport, and a past member and elder of Broadway Presbyterian Church, Rock Island. He was a member of the Rock Island Rotary Club, where he had over 50 years of perfect attendance; served as president, district governor, head of youth exchange and was awarded District Rotarian of the Year. He also served as president of the Rock Island Library Board.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Houlton, Rock Island; daughters, Pamela (Robert) Vizenor, Seattle, WA, and Kim (Kevin) Grace, Lake Mary, FL; granddaughters, Emma and Annie Vizenor, Nicole (Joe) Knox, and Alisa Grace; great-granddaughters, Cambria and Finley Knox. He was preceded in death by his parents, and siblings Cleo Houlton, Martha Larson, George Houlton, and Louis Anders.

~ Obituary from Wheelan-Pressly



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 - A21.org/walk

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.

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

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?

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 https://tinyurl.com/munp3wmp or use the QR Code to the right.

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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HELP END HUNGER WITH THIS YEAR'S DISTRICT-WIDE SERVICE PROJECT!

Thank you for your generous food donations in the month of September for Christian Care! For October, we will be collecting **SPAGHETTI SAUCE, CEREAL, AND CANNED FRUIT for Heart of Hope!** Your monthly donation should equal approximately 5 lbs. Please bring to any Tuesday meeting in October and Cindi will help manage the delivery of those items. If you need assistance or special arrangements or have any questions, please contact Danielle Scott or Cindi Gramenz. Our food collection schedule for the rest of the year will be:



January - Project NOW Head Start * February - SAL * April - World Relief



FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Amber Wood won the \$30+ in cash and donated it to the local Club Foundation.

Guest, Patrick Doherty, won a bottle of California Chardonnay.

Congratulations to the winners!



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.

FINES / HAPPY / SAD DOLLARS

Although 2nd VP, John Oliger, was not in attendance, there were few fines levied. Dan McNeil paid \$1 to leave early; everyone applauded Stan and Kay Coin's 65th wedding anniversary; and Mark Zimmerman picked on Bob Swanson's math skills, paying \$120 to make up the difference on what he was undercharged for pop from the Milan festival.

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:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 3, immediately following the Club meeting. The Committee is responsible for identifying candidates for the Officers' and Directors' positions for 2024-2025 program year. Committee members are Gary Rowe, Chair; Jeff Dismer, Frank Lambert, Ruth Lee, Anne McGlynn, and Sue Rector.



Jeff Sr. Honors Jeff Jr.

Sue Rector introduced Jeff Rose, who recently named his son, Jeff Rose, Jr., as a Paul Harris Fellow. The senior Jeff thanked Sue for helping him figure out his PHF points, and thanked John Wetzel for donating additional points to make the PHF possible.

In a moving speech, Jeff Rose, Sr. praised his son as a worthy recipient of the award. "Augustana College is a great community partner. My son is in charge of strength and conditioning for all 28 sports offered at the College. He's extremely dedicated to his job, opening the gym at 5:45am, and closing it around 8pm." He went on to say that he is extremely proud of his son who is an example of the Rotary values. Congratulations to both Jeffs! We are definitely lucky to have them and Augustana in our community!

EarlyAct, Interact, and Roteract: What's the Difference?

EarlyAct is a school-wide service club for elementary students from ages 5 to 13. It is sponsored by one of the local Rotary clubs in the town in which the school is located. Bud Phillis and Jim Moran work with the EarlyAct group at Jordan. Jim gave an exhaustive list of all the amazing things they do, for example: cards to homebound persons, adopting endangered animals, a water filter project (before we had a water filter project!), collecting books for University of Iowa Children's Hospital, starting a Christmas Greeting Hotline, and a sensory path (to name a few.)

Interact is Rotary International's service club for young people ages 12 to 18. Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance, but they are self-governing and self-supporting. Member Lonnie Behnke leads this group who also does amazing work out in the community!



Rotaract is a club for adults ages 18-30 that meets twice a month to exchange ideas, plan activities and projects, and socialize. While Rotary clubs serve as sponsors, Rotaract clubs decide how to organize and run their club and what projects and activities to carry out. Rock Island Rotary sponsors a Rotaract Club at Augustana College, with Tia Steele as their advisor. They had four students at the first meeting this year, with 17 additional interested. Officers will be elected at their next meeting.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE



Congratulations to Rick Devinney, who celebrated 1 year of perfect attendance!

Congratulations to Sue Rector, who celebrated 2 years of perfect attendance!

If you'd like to receive perfect attendance, just show up to our weekly meetings.

Can't make it? No worries! Do a make-up meeting at a different club, attend a

Rotary event, or go to a Rotary Board meeting.

Just let Anne McGlynn know about any make-ups you do!

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to Week 3 of RI's Month of Basic Education & Literacy

Ten years ago, thinking it was carrying out one of Rotary International's major goals; that of providing quality education, the Rotary Club of Panama Norte supplied two grade schools in the country with backpacks filled with technological gadgets. Unfortunately, the students did not benefit from this largesse because their teachers did not know what to do with the supplies. Club member Enedelsy Escobar-King, explained that "Most of the time.... we found that all of the computers were destroyed, or they were to be discarded, or that teachers didn't know how to use them." Working with the Rotary Club of Westchester (Los Angeles), the Panamá Norte club put together a global grant that received \$72,000 from TRF, District 5280 (California), the club itself, and other sources. Among other things, it provided each school with 30 laptops for students; a smart, interactive whiteboard to digitize classroom presentations and tasks; and all the auxiliary hardware and furniture required for a high-tech, 21st-century classroom. To ensure the project's success, the grant also provided for extensive training of school staff and community leaders. For Escobar-King, a retired UNICEF worker from Panama and Rotarian since 2015, providing all grade schools with digital education was the main goal, "...As part of the curriculum, would-be teachers have to teach in a real classroom. So, we said, OK, let's make sure they do it in interactive classrooms."

Working with the Rotary Club of Kansas City-Plaza in Missouri, as well as other clubs in Panama, the Panamá Norte club applied for and received a Global Grant of more than \$230,000 for what they called the Paul Harris Interactive Digital Classrooms. Six of the classrooms would be installed at the Normal School, and another classroom at each of the two nearby grade schools where the apprentice teachers would do their in-class training. According to the calculations laid out in the Global Grant, each teacher, once graduated and posted in a school, will have 30 students in a classroom. Over just one year, that means that as many as 2,500 students would be beneficiaries of the project.

Congratulations to Escobar-King and the Rotary Club of Panama Norte for their enthusiastic effort to move the educational bridge of young Panamanians smoothly on the 21st Century Lane!



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!





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www.GetMeRegistered.com/RotaryReindeerRamble



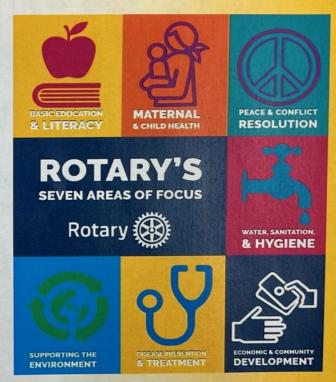
Global Scholarship Grant Information

The Rotary Foundation and Rotary Clubs invest in our future leaders and philanthropists by funding scholarships for graduate study.

One scholarship for \$30,000 will be awarded for the Fall 2024 school year

Requirements

- · Planning for 1-4 years of graduate study only.
- · Attend a non-US institution.
- Must demonstrate completion of bachelor's degree and acceptance into a university.
- Degree must fall into a Rotary Area of Focus (see diagram to the right)
- Must live in Rotary District 6420 or attend a university in District 6420.



For more information or to apply, contact Laura Davis (309) 781-5411 or Laura.Davis.E@gmail.com

Not eligible:

- Active Rotary or Rotaract members who are also Rotarians.
- Relatives of an active Rotarian including spouse, child, grandchild, spouse of a child or grandchild, parent, or guardian.
- Former Rotary members and their relatives.

Deadline for application submission: December 1, 2023

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 lowa 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/.



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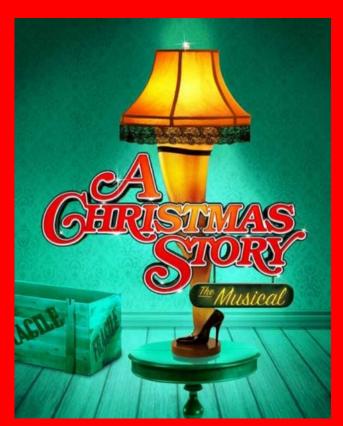
Dinner: \$25⁰⁰
of which \$7⁵⁰ supports
PolioPlus.



Mark Your Calendars! **Rock Island Rotary's** T EWEST

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!

ROCK ISLAND ROTARY HOLIDAY PARTY 2023



Circa 21 presents the classic holiday movie is brought to life in this delightful Tonynominated 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)