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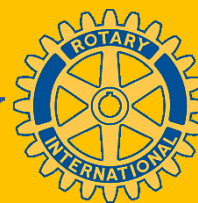
Rock Island Rotary Rock Island, Illinois

WEEKLY REVIEW

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Meeting Tuesdays at Noon – Quad City Botanical Center



CHRISTIAN CARE



FRANK ROE Executive Director

Frank Roe retired from the United States Navy after serving 25 years on active duty. He has served as the Executive Director of Christian Care since May 2017 overseeing several program upgrades and the acquisition of Martha's House, a shelter for single women and women with

children. He currently is vice-chair of the Rock Island Community Development Commission (CDC) an advisory body that assists the city in development and operation of Community Development Block Grant programs. Frank is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and a former board member of DeLaCerdá House, a facility serving those suffering from HIV/AIDS and homelessness. Mr.

Roe began by stating that Guy Oliver Rogers, a boxer who went years without a defeat "found Jesus" and opened the Rock Island Rescue Mission in 1916 to help men who were coming home from World War I with no job, no housing, and few prospects. It soon became evident that the men were not alone. They brought wives and families with them, and the mission expanded to provide services, food, and assistance to all. Rogers also held Chapel services every night. Over the next 107 years the Rescue Mission has provided continuous services and has evolved and been renamed "Christian Care". The original mission building is now gone and a new 42 bed shelter for homeless men was built and houses the Christian Care Mission. A few blocks away a historic home built in 1874, now called "Martha's House", provides a Christian Care 20-bed shelter for women and women with children. Frank stated that during the pandemic many facilities were shrinking and some even closed. Christian Care decided to go the other direction and when the Quad City Haven of Hope, the only women's shelter in the Illinois Quad Cities opted to close, Christian Care negotiated the purchase of the home with a commitment to continue and expand the services previously offered by Haven of Hope. The parties agreed and "Martha's House" was born. In addition to shelter, Christian Care provides 40,000 meals annually to anyone in need. They serve three meals a day, 365 days each year. During the pandemic when public meal sites were ordered closed, Christian Care obtained donations and purchased Styrofoam takeout food boxes and continued providing meals to all who were hungry as a carryout service. For the homeless Christian Care serves between 200-250 men each year and thus far in 2023 has served 100 women and children. Frank stressed that the shelter does not provide and is not intended to provide permanent shelter. The average stay is about 40 days. While in the shelter multiple services are provided including helping the homeless to obtain IDs if they were lost or stolen; getting Social Security cards and benefits; helping obtain disability benefits if the resident qualifies; obtaining SNAP cards and state benefits available for those in need. Services have even included helping immigrants whose papers were lost or stolen to obtain legal documentation and green cards. Beyond the walls of the two shelters, Christian Care also provides Street Outreach services where Christian Care Staff in association with Project Now, spend 40 hours weekly on the streets finding homeless who need help and offering services either in the shelter or for those who don't want to enter the shelter, on the street if that is their preference. Some want help with finding their own housing and Christian Care will provide that help. Nothing is forced on anyone, but help is provided if they want it. At the mission the large dining room provides a meal site open to all whether a mission resident or not. They also provide a public shower available to all in need. Behind the mission CC has seven garden beds and annually grows 400-500lbs of produce that is used in the dining room adding nutrition to the meals.

Nov - Dec Calendar

- 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

See "Christian Care" page 3

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!

- ★ **WELCOME GUESTS** – Today we welcomed two guests, one a soon to be Rock Island Rotarian and the other a visiting and hopefully soon to be Rock Island Rotarian. Peter Galbraith a Rotarian from Nelsonville, Ohio and recently appointed new pastor at the Grace Presbyterian Church in Rock Island joined us as a guest of Ernie Bean. We hope Peter will transfer his membership to our Club! Patrick Doherty was a guest of Anne McGlynn and immediately after our meeting was approved by the Board as our newest Club member. Welcome to both Pat and Peter!
- ★ **IT'S CRUNCH TIME!** - We are in the final stages of taking reservations for our Rotary Holiday Party December 9th at Circa 21 Dinner Theatre. See the full page flier at the end of this newsletter for details. All Rotarians and your guests are welcome to attend, but you must reserve in advance. Those that have reserved can start bringing your ticket payments to Bob Swanson next Tuesday. Tickets will be distributed at Rotary on December 5th.
- ★ **TRIVIA PLAYERS AND TEAMS NEEDED!** - We are now just **3 days** away from our 2023 Rotary Trivia Night! There is still time to sign up and unfortunately there are open tables available! It is great fun, and extremely inexpensive entertainment (just \$10 per person to join a table of 10)). You can sign up individually and we'll pair you up with a table of fellow Rotarians or you can take a whole table and bring friends and family to fill your team. Trivia Night is annually one of our most fun social events and a major fundraiser for our Club! We need your help for a successful night!
- ★ **WAITING FOR OR NEEDING A NEW CLUB NAME BADGE?** – Email Cindi at cgramenz15@gmail.com. She requests a reminder from those who need badges. With much to do it's easy to lose track! We want every member to have an accurate name badge to wear at our meetings and Rotary events.
- ★ **RESIGNATION RECEIVED** – John Daly a member of our club since 2012 and a Rotarian for four decades is retiring from Russell Construction and moving to Auburn, Indiana to be near family and long-time friends. We were sad to receive his resignation and thrilled to hear that he believes Amanda Wood Real Estate Development Director at Russell Construction will take his place in our club. We will definitely miss John and appreciate all he has done for our Club and our community. Safe travels and good luck in your new home.
- ★ **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?

NOVEMBER ROCK ISLAND ROTARY MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Carlos Jimenez November 4
Howard Beck November 16

CHRISTIAN CARE *Continued from page 1*

Mr. Roe stressed that Christian Care provides the only 7 days a week, 365-day meal site in the area. He also said that approximately 300 of the lunches and/or dinners are served by volunteers. Some are individuals, some are families, and some are organizations. They volunteer to act as servers and some even agree to do the cooking and prepare the entire meal. Frank also gave a quick review of the many other services provided which include Life Skill training, a "Food for Families" program, weekly visits by the Community Health Care Mobile Clinic, an on-site Resource Library, free legal services provided through Prairie State Legal Services, a parish nurse, and continuing the tradition of the original Rescue Mission, Chapel services every night. The annual budget for Christian care is \$822,000 provided through grants, donations, and fund raising. Administrative costs are kept at about 11% with the vast majority of funds going for services. In concluding, Mr. Roe thanked Rock Island Rotary for our support and mentioned that we were a major funder of the public shower that was installed about a year ago, replacing the chairs in the dining room/meal site, recently collecting fruit for use in the meal site. He mentioned that many members of Rotary are Christian Care Donor and several serve on the Christian Care Board of Directors. He also noted that Rotarians have been very supportive of the Christian Care Fundraisers and participate in their annual Trial Night, Have a Heart for the Homeless Luncheon, Pancake Breakfast, and the Frigid Feet walk for the homeless coming up on December 16th. We thank Frank for his detailed update on the many activities and services provided by Christian Care and extend our appreciation for all he, along with our current president, Cindi Gramenz, who serves as Operations Officer of Christian Care, do for our community and some of our most needy and vulnerable citizens.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION MINUTE

Welcome to the Final Week of RI's Month of Economic & Community Development.

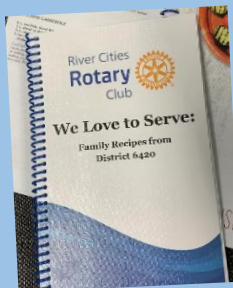
Sometimes, it pays to remember the saying: "charity begins at home." This week's Foundation Minute, pulled from <https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050027/en-ca/files/sitepage/the-rotary-foundation/foundation-powerpoint-from-assembly-2023/TR> is a story about a **Zone 29 district members, D-6000 and D5970. This story is about using The Rotary Foundation Vocational Training Grant model in a repetitive, efficient, and effective manner and working with other NGOs.**

Annually in Brazil, Mexico, Bolivia, Colombia, Argentina, and Ecuador, more than 7700 children born with clubfoot abnormalities will have their conditions corrected and disabilities prevented by orthopedic surgeons trained in the Ponsetto Method by vocational training teams funded by Rotary Foundation Global Grants. **Six Global Grants, totaling \$550,000, were sponsored by Rotary clubs in Districts 6000 and 5970 and supported by the Rotary Action Group for Clubfoot, organized by Iowa Rotarians.**

The Rotary Club of Ankeny in collaboration with Blessman International, an NGO founded by Iowan Dr. Jim Blessman sponsored a \$200,000 Global Grant to construct 35 non-polluting sanitation facilities in early childhood development centers in disadvantaged rural communities surrounding Polokwane and Mokopane, South Africa. The facilities are providing for basic human dignity by replacing open defecation and eliminating the horrific danger of drowning in pit latrines for more than 1,000 children. To multiply the benefits of the project and to assure its sustainability, the grant also funded training in the use and maintenance of the facilities for the school staffs and instruction for the children on hand washing to improve hygiene and health.

Your support of the Rotary Foundation makes such actions possible! Thank you.

FOUNDATION RAFFLE



Today's Foundation Raffle offered a 50/50 Cash prize and a bottle of the outstanding Nimble Vineyards wine, and a limited-edition Rotary Cookbook. Bud Phillis handled the ticket sales this week. The first ticket drawn was held by Alan Boucher, Interim Superintendent of the Rock Island-Milan Schools. He took the cash and donated it all back to Rock Island Rotary. Thank you Dr. Boucher! The second lucky winner was Amber Wood who was very pleased to take home the cookbook. We'll be interested to hear of any special delicacies you discover! The final ticket taking home the delicious Nimble Hog Red Wine was Anne McGlynn. Nimble Vineyards wine is not available locally and must be imported from California. Currently the award-winning Nimble Hog variety sells for \$30 for a bottle! Don't you wish you had purchased a raffle ticket or two? Try again next week, you never know what incredible prizes may be offered in the Rotary Foundation Raffle!



Rock Island High School INTERACT



Lonnie Behnke agreed to takeover sponsorship of the Rock Island High School Interact Club midway through the 2021-22 school year. The Club had been dormant for at least three years at the time. In a matter of weeks Lonnie had members signed up, Club shirts ordered and handed out, and projects underway. He recruited five Rocky students who attended RYLA in May of 2022. Progress continued in 2022-23 with more members, more projects, four more students for RYLA, and numerous cooperative efforts with our Rotary Club. Today



Lonnie spoke to bring us up to date on the Interact Club. He noted that last year their emphasis was on the environment. The Club took over maintenance of the school gardens and raised a great crop of produce. They donated much of the crop and used part as a fundraiser. Lonnie and the Club made pickles and did canning which they sold as an additional fundraiser. They also took on cleaning and revamping the school greenhouse located on the third floor of Rock Island High School. Their efforts allowed the area to be used by staff as a quite and relaxing resting place and a well-equipped facility for caring for plants from classrooms that are brought to the greenhouse during school vacation sessions. With money raised through their fundraisers the Interact Club purchase a Water Filter and became partners in our Water Filter project. Their filter is now providing safe, clean water for rural village children in Kenya. Lonnie then turned to the Interact Club activities in 2023-24. Officers were elected and either have or will be attending our meetings as Jr. Rotarians. Kal Boswell who attended RYLA was elected president. They also elected a vice president and secretary. The Club's focus this year is "Celebrating Rocky Students". In an effort to combat some of the negative information caused by a small minority of the student body, Interact seeks to honor and highlight the 99% of kids who are great students and good young adults in our community. Interact helped create a "Pride Store" and awards pride cards to deserving students that can be used to purchase items including food, makeup, beverages, jewelry, and other items from the Pride Store.. The Club also sponsors a once a month "Fun Friday" offering a free social event open for all students. They have music, food, a tattoo artist (henna ink) and in December will add Karaoke with cocoa and cookies. Their next big project is hosting a Rocky Talent Show slated for rehearsal in January followed by a show with students and staff providing the talent. It is very evident that Rocky Interact is active and growing and in good hands with sponsor, Lonnie Behnke! Thank you!

FINE\$ & HAPPY/SAD DOLLAR\$

V.P. John Oliger was again in great form first levying a \$1 fine on all members who were not wearing their Rotary pin today. You were warned last week by John and also in last week's newsletter! Bud Phillis, Justin Peterson, and Beth Kauzlarich each paid a \$1 fine for leaving the meeting early today. Monta Ponsetto was fined for appearing in local papers as a contestant in the Hot Sauce Challenge at Rock Island High School. The sauces got increasingly hot, and Monta made it to step 10! She said in addition to the fine she "paid" for making it that far!! There were two "Austin Rule" fines levied. Jim Moran was fined for a truck in the parking lot owned by "Moran Trucking". Molly Shattuck was fined for the Shattuck Hotel being featured in a 1934 Charlie Chan film. She was presented with a screen shot from the show that displayed the hotel's cornerstone. John Oliger paid a \$1 to hear Kevin Koski's explanation of the sweater Kevin wore today. Not-surprisingly, Kevin was happy to point out that it said (in Finnish) "Finland" on the front and had the Finland national emblem below the name. It was a replica of Finland's 2022 Olympic Gold Medal Men's Hockey Team game sweater. Kevin also added \$3 happy dollars in honor of a recent gathering of his relatives that included 3 from Finland. Jim Moran paid 5 happy dollars to honor his granddaughters Kelsey and Kaitlyn who are high school volleyball players and just won their 3rd consecutive Georgia State High School Volleyball Championship. Kaitlyn was named the state's "Best Setter" and has been on all three championship teams! Kathy Trone paid a \$1 fine to promote our Trivia Night coming up this Friday. We still need teams and players! Finally, Alan Beucher contributed \$5 for great news from Rocky students. Gabe Mahn qualified for the IHSA State Boys Cross Country Meet; Garr Tarr and Isaiss Duarte were named to the First Team WB6 All-Conference Football team; Neima Rogers qualified for the IHSA Girls Tennis State Meet; and the Arc of the Quad Cities recently recognized the Rock Island Milan School District for hiring persons with disabilities. Dr. Buecher said the district has numerous employees with disabilities, particularly in their food preparation and service department. He was proud of our kids and our district's employment policies. Carrie Crossen had a happy dollar for her stepdaughter's wedding this past weekend. Anne McGlynn had a happy dollar for the Cub's hiring Craig Counsel as new team manager (Sorry Duncan!). Finally, Angela Campbell had a thank you dollar for all who helped celebrate the library's "Nifty at 150", 150th Anniversary last Saturday. Thanks to everyone who "contributed" to the fines and happy dollars fund!

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

YOU HAVEN'T MISSED IT YET!



Rock Island Rotary TRIVIA NIGHT Friday, November 10th at 6:00pm

SAVE the DATE and get your team together for Rock Island Rotary's
annual fundraiser! Cash prizes, cash bar, 50/50, silent auction and
TONS OF FUN!

When: Friday, November 10th, at 6:00pm

Where: Holiday Inn, Rock Island IL

Time: 6:00pm START time, doors open at 5:30pm

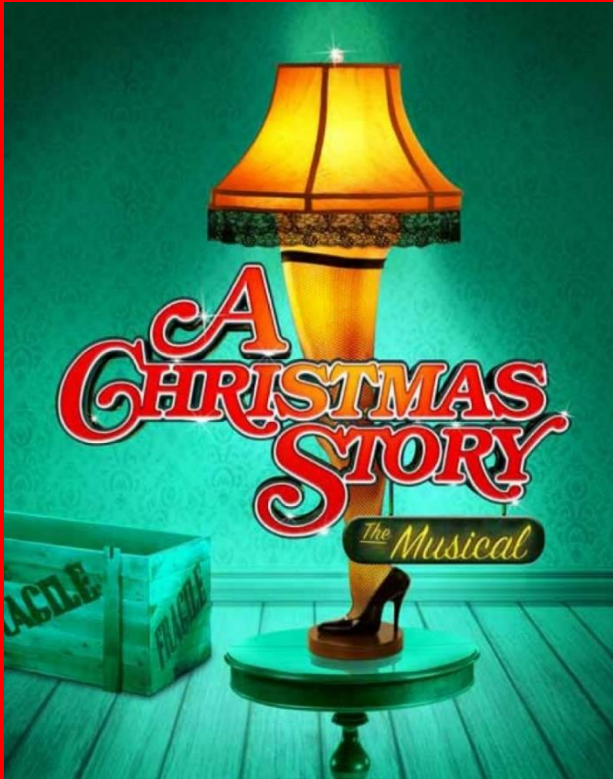
Cost: \$100 a table, up to 10 players

RSVP: Kathy Trone 309-794-9400 or Kathy@wesselspc.ocm

**This fundraiser supports Rock Island Community Youth Projects. Corporate
Sponsorships are available!**

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
CHILDREN (4 to 18)	\$40.65

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

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

Reserve Seats at Rotary Sergeant's Table!