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# WEEKLY REVIEW

# Rotary



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## Shelly Cooper Musical Theater

Shelley Cooper is Associate Professor of Theatre Arts at Augustana. She also is an actor, singer, director, and choreographer. As an educator she specializes in musical theatre. Her previous teaching engagements include musical theatre, voice, and performance professor

at Mahidol University in Bangkok, Thailand, and musical theatre voice specialist at the University of Central Florida. Ms. Cooper made her Off-Broadway debut with her original one woman show "La Divina: The Last Interview" at United Solofest on Theatre Row. Her Off-Broadway debut performance won her "Best One Woman Show" 2022. She has performed and directed all over the world for a number of companies such as Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra, Orlando Fringe, Walt Disney World, Universal Studios, Monroe Symphony, Chicago Summer Opera, Opera Quad Cities, Circa 21 Dinner Playhouse, Orlando Repertory Theatre, Shawnee Summer Theatre, Redhouse Arts Center, Varna Opera Theatre, Bangkok Theatre Festival, and the Simbiose Produções (MOVE Studio) in São Paulo, Brazil, and the Venetian Macao in Macau, China. Her most noted performances are Johanna in "Sweeney Todd," starring Tony-Award-winning actress Faith Prince; Nellie in "South Pacific," Cinderella in "Into the Woods," Ariel in "The Little Mermaid," Armida in "Rinaldo," Edith in "Pirates of Penzance," Berta in "Il barbiere di Siviglia" at the Varna Opera Theatre in Bulgaria, and the soprano soloist in Handel's "Messiah" with the Bangkok International Orchestra. Ms. Cooper is also an accomplished director/choreographer specializing in musical theatre and is a proud associate member of the Stage Directors and Choreographers Society. Some of her favorite credits include "The Drowsy Chaperone," "Big River," "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," "The Light in the Piazza," "Company," "Elegies for Angels Punks and Raging Queens" and "Beehive." She has former students working around the world, including the Broadway production of "Holiday Inn," NBC's "Hairspray Live," "The Festival of the Lion King" in Hong Kong, national tours of "Rock of Ages," "Wizard of Oz," "Flashdance," "Beauty and the Beast" and the West End revival of "Miss Saigon." Today she spoke about facing rejection and the uncomfortable feelings of being criticized. She then told of the rejections she initially received with *La Divina*, a one person show she wrote which tells the story of the last interview of opera legend Maria Callas. The show was first performed in Europe and was a success in Germany. She later took the show to Southeast Asia where reviews were more positive. Ultimately she toured the world with the show and returned to the USA performing in Los Angeles and other sites ending up off Broadway where her performance won her the Critics Choice Award for Best Woman Show. Dr. Cooper performed a portion of *La Divina* and it was immediately evident that she was quite capable of portraying Maria Callas, one of the world's most famed opera sopranos. She delivered dialogue and sang a selection from Diva Callas' favorite opera, displaying her own amazing operatic talents. She then told of a second solo performance show she authored, *Jenny Lind Presents P. T. Branum* which also initially faced significant criticism and is now considered a masterpiece. This one woman opera show, disputes stories told by Barnum, "The Greatest Showman", and states that the real reason Jenny Lind (also known as the "Swedish Nightingale") quit the tour was her discomfort with Barnum's relentless marketing of her and his questionable moral compass. The performance details Lind's final, brave confrontation of PT Barnum and includes some operatic gems from Jenny Lind's concert tour. One of which Dr. Cooper performed flawlessly for us. We thank Dr. Shelly Cooper for an amazing, entertaining, and informative presentation!

### Mar - Apr Calendar

- Mar 5 - Tom Heinhold – Army Corps of Engineers
- Mar 12 - Tamara Felden, Pres. Planting Books: Seeds 4 a Better Future
- Mar 19 - Dr. Heidi Lung, Dir. of Museum Studies WIU Quad Cities
- Mar 26 - Jerry Lyphout – Pres. Modern-Woodmen
- Apr 2 - TBA
- April 9 - TBA
- Apr 16 - Bert Blood Scholarship presentation

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## Program Chair 2023-24

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** – Rock Island Rotary was pleased to welcome three guests. Dr. Lanty McGuire, current Rock Island – Milan School District Superintendent was greeted as were Alleman High School Jr. Rotarians Maeve Okeefe and Ryan Schmitt. Rock Island Rotary loves to welcome guest and visiting Rotarians to our meetings. How long has it been since you invited a friend or colleague to be your guest at Rock Island Rotary? New members come from introducing people to what Rotary is all about!!
- ★ **WANT TO GET STARTED WORKING TOWARD YOUR PAUL HARRIS FELLOW STATUS?** - It is easy just tell Foundation Chair Sue Rector that you want to get going. She'll explain how you can painlessly get going!
- ★ **ROTARY READERS** – United Way is making a push for more volunteers for Read United. **Rotarians can volunteer for Read United at Earl Hanson using this link: [Spring Forward Read United webpage](#) PLEASE HELP - VOLUNTEER TODAY!**
- ★ **SAVE THE DATE** – Our Rotary District Conference will be held in Moline at the Stoney Creek Hotel on April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be great speakers, interesting discussions, club displays, entertainment, and District awards presented. Talk to any of our members that attended previous Conferences and they will tell you it is an experience well worth your time. If you've not been to the Stoney Creek Hotel, it is just east of the Vibrant Arena and not far from Johnny's Steak House.
- ★ **REGISTER FOR ROTARY ROCK & ROLL BINGO** – Rock Island Rotary Rock & Roll Bingo is coming up on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. You can email Kathy at [kathy@wesselspc.com](mailto:kathy@wesselspc.com). You don't need a team and you don't need a table. Like any "BINGO" each person plays independently. Don't miss this fun evening that has become one of our most popular **fundraisers!**
- ★ **1<sup>ST</sup> VP SUE RECTOR** – Is putting together raffle baskets for Rock & Roll Bingo and would greatly appreciate any items you might donate. Donations can be a complete basket (Sue will provide the physical basket if you need one) or items that can be combined with others to make a basket. Bring your items to Rotary or email t [srector3614@gmail.com](mailto:srector3614@gmail.com) to arrange for pick up.
- ★ **HAVE ITEMS FOR OUR NEWSLETTER?** – Send to Bob Swanson, [bobdebswanson@att.net](mailto:bobdebswanson@att.net). Our newsletter goes out via email every Tuesday afternoon. Items received by 11am Tuesday can be included that day. Rotary committee chairmen send advance notice of your committee meetings so we can get the word to your committee members..

## 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?

## FEBRUARY ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS

Ardo Holmgrain	February 4
Sue Rector	February 8
Tyla Sherwin-Cole	February 13
Tom Hammar	February 27

## CONGRATULATIONS AMBER BRUMMIT – PAUL HARRIS FELLOW



Club Foundation chair, Sue Rector had the great pleasure today of introducing Amber Brummit as our most recent Paul Harris Fellow recipient. The honor is given to a Rotarian who has donated \$1,000 to the Rotary International Foundation through either the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant. Our club chips in \$400 once a member's personal donations reach \$600. Thereafter for each \$1000 donated by the member they can bestow Paul Harris Fellow honors on a loved one or as a memorial or honor to a family member or colleague. We greatly appreciate Amber's generosity and thank her for her commitment to "Service Above Self".



## WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



Today we had the pleasure of inducing two new members into our Club. Dr. Ann McIntyre (left) and Dr. Thais Meredith (right) became our 104<sup>th</sup> and 105<sup>th</sup> club members. The doctors are owners of Rock Island Dental Associates located at 2334 31st Avenue in Rock Island. Dr. Jim Nordquist sponsored the membership of both ladies.

Dr. Ann (Lamb) McIntyre grew up in Kewanee, Illinois. She earned her B.S. in Biology, magna cum laude, from St. Ambrose University, and her D.M.D. from Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine. Dr. McIntyre enjoys staying abreast of the newest developments and trends



in dental medicine, especially in the areas of minimally invasive dentistry, implant dentistry, and comprehensive treatment planning. Dr. McIntyre serves on the Board of Education for St. Paul the Apostle Catholic School and on the St. Ambrose University Wine Festival Committee. She and her husband Josh live in Davenport with their three children: Molly, Carter, and Rosemary.

Dr. Thais Meredith grew up in Alpha, IL and graduated from Alwood High school in 2001. She attended Loyola University Chicago and studied Finance and Economics. Upon graduation she commissioned in the United States Army as a finance officer. She spent 5 years on active duty stationed overseas in Korea, Germany, Italy, and a deployment to Afghanistan. She left active duty in 2010 to pursue a career in dentistry. Dr. Meredith graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine in 2016 at the top of her class. Dr. Meredith continues to further her education, completing continuing education beyond state requirements each year. She and her husband Carter reside in Alpha, IL with their three children John, Colette, and Francis. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, baking, traveling, and gardening.

Please meet and greet Ann and Thais and make them feel welcome in Rock Island Rotary. If a tooth ache were to strike you, you now know where to get help! We are very pleased to have you both as fellow Rotarians!

## ROTARY FOUNDATION MINUTE

Yemen, Syria, South Sudan, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Ukraine, Israel-Hamas...the list goes on of major conflicts in this century alone. The conflicts have exacted a devastating toll on civilians. Communities are continuously caught in the middle — killed, displaced and pushed into starvation as conflict blocks aid and cuts off communication. The violence has also wreaked havoc on health facilities and other infrastructure, making it that much harder for organizations to reach and help people.

This is the month Rotary International devotes to issues of peace and conflict prevention and resolution all around the globe. TRF's Trustee Chair, Barry Rassin reminds members that, "...in these times, we need to shift our focus from what we can't change to what we can do. We can also support what we know works." Rassin further believes that peacebuilding and conflict prevention is one of RI's areas of focus because, "...peace is central to everything we do in Rotary.

Even though most of us aren't diplomats at the negotiating table or peacebuilders working on active conflicts, in Rotary's regular way, what we do works to promote peace and prevent conflict somewhere, every day...When you support any of the areas of focus of The Rotary Foundation, you are contributing to peace. Foundation grants that address fundamental issues—such as a global grant focused on enhancing basic literacy in a community—will cultivate a better understanding of the world and lead to greater economic stability, laying the groundwork for peace."

(Barry Rassin, "The groundwork for peace." Rotary, February 2024: 56).

## FOUNDATION RAFFLE



Today our Foundation Raffle offered a 50/50 Cash Drawing and a bottle of fine wine. Anne McGlynn handled the tickets and Tammy Weikert delivered the prizes. The first lucky ticket drawn was held by 1<sup>st</sup> V.P. Sue Rector who took the cash and donated it to the Rotary International Foundation. The next winning ticket was held by Jeff Dismer who was happy to take home a bottle of fine wine. A sincere “Thank You” to all who purchased raffle tickets.



## FINES & HAPPY/SAD DOLLARS

Today 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, John Oliger, started with a warning, saying anyone sitting at the same table next week as they are today, may very well be subject to a fine. We'll probably have to rely of each of us under one of Rotary's four tests, “Is it the Truth”! Marcy Bell paid a \$1 for needing to leave early, seems she was double committed for lunch meetings today. Hope she left with a big appetite! Doug Hultquist made a \$5 happy dollar donation in honor of fellow Rotarian Tom Hammar's birthday saying the two have been friends for five decades. Bud Phillis and Anne McGlynn each had a happy dollar for the Cubs signing slugger Cody Bellinger. Cardinal fans were chided to join the fun, but apparently they have nothing to be happy about! (We do accept “sad dollars” too.) Bud also had a happy dollar for our upcoming Rock & Roll Bingo Night and said he has seven at his table and would welcome any Rotarian to join him and make it a full table of 8. Call or email Bud. Kai Swanson had two happy dollars celebrating both the Augustana Women's and Men's Swimming & Diving Teams for winning their respective 2023-24 CCIW Conference Championships. Molly Shattuck donated \$70 happy dollars in honor of her dad, Tom Hammar, who is today celebrating his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. The Club adds our congratulations and well wishes too! Justin Peterson noted that it has been a while since his last Happy Dollar so today he offered two. One for his youngest daughter getting her ear's pierced and coming through the ordeal without a tear and the second for his son trying out and making the Quad City Shockers baseball team for the coming spring and summer. Thank you to all who shared your good news and your dollars with us!

## Rock Island Rotary District Grant Ideas For Fall 2024

Only a few ideas have been received and some of them do not meet the hope I have that the project will be focused on Rock Island, meet one of our seven areas of Rotary focus, and involve Rotarians in working toward completion of the project.

Please provide any thoughts and additional ideas to Sue Rector by Leap Day – Thursday, February 29 at [srector3614@gmail.com](mailto:srector3614@gmail.com). Remember that we have up to \$2400 available to undertake a great project.

Next week, March 5th, I will have what I hope to be three potential projects for you to share thoughts and will take your feedback in consideration when deciding on our district grant project for 2024.

Thank you. Sue Rector 563.343.7985 for questions

## Mark Your Calendar - ROTARY WINE & DINE RAFFLE

Raffle Chair Ruth Lee released preliminary details of our upcoming Wine & Dine Raffle. The raffle drawing will be held at our Club meeting on Tuesday, May 28 (the closest club meeting date to National Wine Day which is May 25). Tentatively plans are for tickets to go on sale around March 1<sup>st</sup>. The five top prizes will be \$200 gift certificates for one of the following area establishments:



Circa 21  
Huckleberries  
Old Oaks Winery  
Pagalo's  
Rock Island Ale House



Further details will be coming. If you are interested the Raffle Committee would welcome your help! Please notify Ruth Lee at [rotarianruth@gmail.com](mailto:rotarianruth@gmail.com)



**What:** RI Rotary Rock & Roll Bingo Fundraiser –  
\$20/2 cards OR \$125 for table of 8, 50/50, cash bar, bring your  
own snacks!

**When:** Friday, March 22nd, 2024, at 6pm, doors open at  
5:15pm

**Where:** Holiday Inn, Rock Island

**Why:** This fundraiser supports our commitment to QC  
Youth Programs and Community Projects  
Purchase cards/tables below OR pay at the door!

Single Player-two cards



Table of 8-two cards each



# **2024 Rotary District Conference In Our Own BACKYARD**

## **\*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\***

### **District 6420 Conference**

### **“Rotarians: People of Action”**



**Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center  
Moline, Illinois**

**Friday, April 26th, 4:30pm through  
Saturday, April 27th, 9:00pm**

- \* Informative Speakers**
- \* Literacy Awards**
- \* Silent Auction**
- \* Fellowship**
- \* District & Club Table Displays**

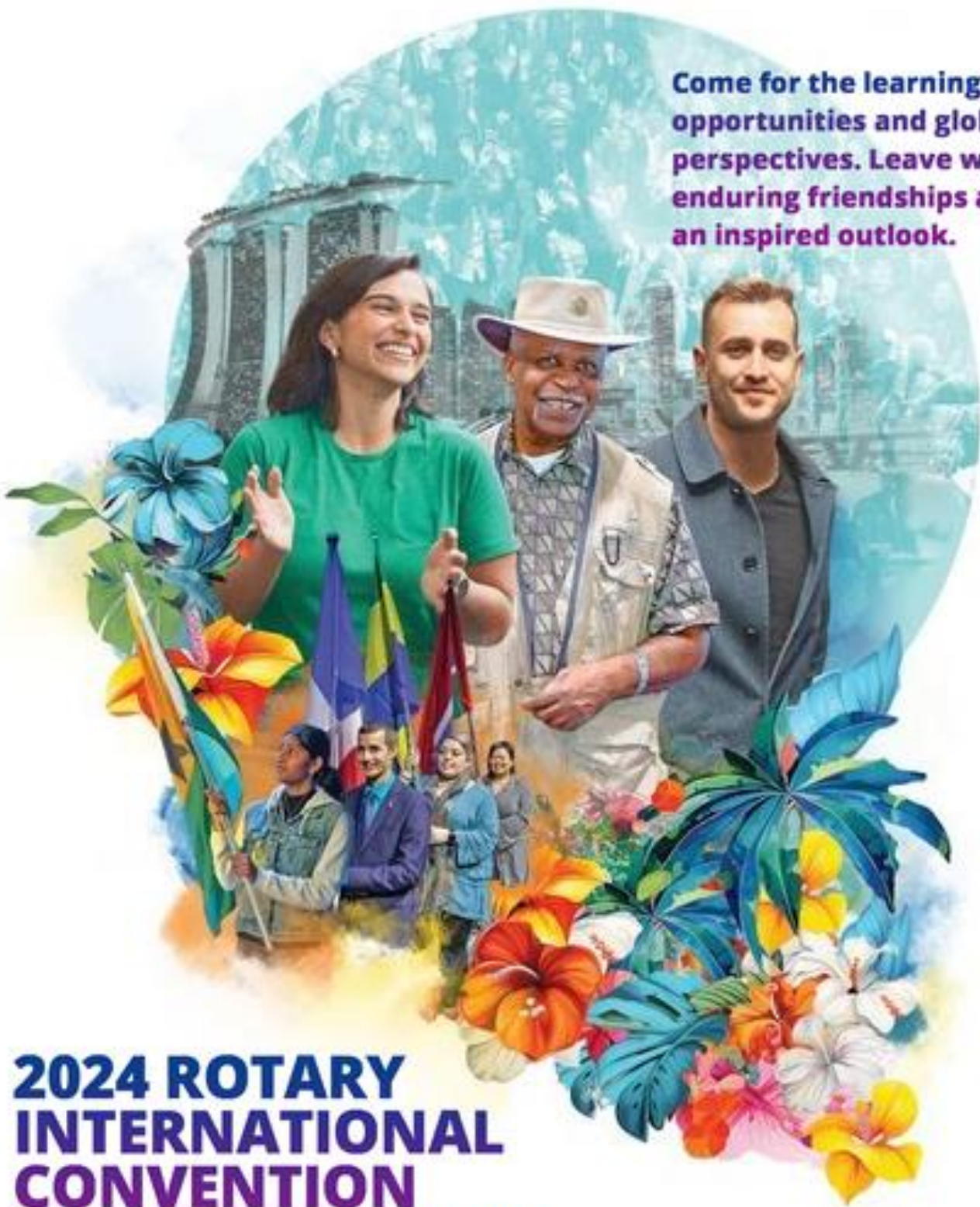
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