



# WEEKLY REVIEW

# Rotary



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## Rotary Club of Rock Island

Rock Island, Illinois

Meeting Tuesdays at Noon – Quad City Botanical Center

## Earl Hanson Elementary Sarah Leonard Principal



### May - June Calendar

- May 21 - Tyler Mitchell – The Project
- May 28 - Ryan Wille, Q.C. Botanical Center Plant Discovery Bus
- June 4 - John Phillips – Quad City’s Balladeer
- June 11 - TBA
- June 18 - TBA
- June 25 - President Cindi Wrap-up Thoughts
- July 2 - Distict Governor John Hurley and Installation of our 2024-25 Officers & Directors

Rock Island Rotary adopted Earl Hanson Elementary school many years ago. Each year in addition to doing monthly Birthday Books, Angel Tree during the holiday season, and “Donuts With Grownups” each spring, our Club helps with various school and Hanson PTO activities through out the year. We also frequently contribute school supplies and when requested, provide personal need items for Earl Hanson students. Sarah has been principal at Hanson for the past five years. She earned her undergraduate degree from St. Ambrose University and her master’s in education, administrative certification, and education specialist degrees from Western Illinois University. She reported that Hanson currently has an enrollment of 307 K-6<sup>th</sup> grade students. They also are the host building for the District’s Gifted and the district’s ED (Emotional Disturbance) and BD (Behavior Disorder) programs. Mrs. Leonard spoke of the many things they do at Earl Hanson and stated that it would not be possible without our support and partnership. She noted that last year they would have completely lost their after school programs had our Club not made a \$5,000 donation to bring the Spring Forward Learning Center programs (run by fellow Rock Island Rotarian, Dan McNeil) to Earl Hanson. She then showed photos of the Pumpkin Palooza fall fieldtrip to the pumpkin patch for all K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade students organized and funded by our Club. She also had photos of a monthly Birthday Book celebration hosted and funded by our Club for all students in the building. Sarah noted that students with summer month birthdays are including in either the final party of the spring or the first party of the fall to ensure that every child in the building get their free book and cookies from Rotary. She also lauded our Angel Tree program that this past year provided 45 Earl Hanson students plus and additional 15 younger siblings with Christmas gifts. The children were identified by their teachers are in danger of not receiving gifts due to family situations. She also pointed out that the gifts are selected from “wish lists” obtained from the students to ensure they receive they presents they were hoping for. Sarah then talked about one of the programs provided by the school. She stated that Earl Hanson is an “AVID” school, an acronym standing for Advancement via Individual Determination. One aspect of the program is to dramatically increase the communication between school, parents, and students. They accomplish this by having students carry a binder that each day goes back and forth between home and school. Items from school include announcements of what is going on, the student’s progress information, goals, and attendance information. Parents are asked to sign each day showing they have reviewed the binder. They had 100% participation by students and 88.5% participation by parents. She noted that communication and involvement equal better performance. Thank you Sarah for a great update, we love our relationship with Earl Hanson as our “adopted” school!

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Amber Wood, Director

## 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** – We had one visiting Rotarian today, Duncan Cameron joined us from the Naples, Florida Rotary Club. Other guests were Dan Switzer and Simon Ndubishariya, both guests of John Oliger and possible prospective members. Also join us was Jenn Heckenkamp faculty sponsor of the Jordan Catholic Early Act Club. With her were EarlyAct officers, Colton Randazzo, Rylan Adrus, Rowan Brosius, and Peter Kham. We were delighted to welcome all our guests and enjoy every chance to expose Rotary and our Club to members of our community and guests from other Rotary clubs.
- ★ **THANK YOU ROCK ISLAND ROTARIANS!** Thank you Rotarians for your generosity in our District Wide Food Collection Project! Over the past five months, we collected almost 500 pounds of food for the selected organizations! **Thanks also to** Danielle Scott for chairing the project for our Club. Collected food went to Christian Care, Heart of Hope. Project Now/Head Start, SAL Community Services, and World Relief.
- ★ **ROTARY WINE & DINE RAFFLE** – Tickets are available for purchase and sale for our 2024 Wine & Dine Raffle. Winners will be drawn, **May 28<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets are just \$5 or five for \$20. There will be five winners, each receiving a \$200 gift certificate for food and beverage at one of five selected Rock Island and Milan establishments including Circa 21 Dinner Playhouse, Huckelberry's Italian Restaurant, Pagalos Pizzeria & Gelato Café, The Old Oaks Winery, and Rock Island Ale House. See Ruth Lee to purchase tickets and ask for tickets to sell to your friends and colleagues. All proceeds will go to fund our Fred Houlton Service Above Self Scholarship. **The drawing is just two weeks away!**
- ★ **TIME RUNNING OUT TO GIVE COMMITTEE PREFERENCES** – President elect Sue Rector must have your preferences for 2024-25 Club Committee assignments by next week's meeting. We want you to be involved in areas that you enjoy but can only accomplish that if you make your preferences known. Those that don't respond will be assigned where additional help is needed. The listing of committees is included in today's newsletter. Some committees may already be full. Make your choices and turn it in next week or email Sue your preferences at [srector3514@gmail.com](mailto:srector3514@gmail.com) for a chance to get your preferred choices. We hope everyone will be on at least 2 committees.
- ★ **HAVE ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER?** – Send to, [bobdebswanson@att.net](mailto:bobdebswanson@att.net). Our newsletter goes via email every Tuesday afternoon. Items received by 11am Tuesday can be included that day. committee chairmen send advance notice of your committee meetings so we can get the word to your 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?

## MAY ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS

Jen Osing	May 1	Kimberly Calhoun	May 11
Brett Hitchcock	May 2	Christine Murdock	May 16
Beth Kauzlarich	May 5	Ann McIntyre	May 21
Ruth Lee	May 6	Cindi Gramenz	May 24
Angela Campbell	May 9	Eric Westphal	May 28

**AND Rock Island Rotary May 1st - 110 Years Young!**

## ROTARY FOUNDATION MINUTE

Rotary Club of Jaipur Round Town, District 3054, and Rotary Club of Rajdhani, District 3292 (Nepal) collaborated to establish the Renal Sciences Center at the Rajasthan Hospital in Jaipur through a Rotary Foundation Global Grant worth \$288,000 USD. In a report by Team Rotary News, the RF-sponsored center will provide low-cost dialysis and associated services like retinopathy and neuropathy to less privileged patients. Project coordinator, PDG Ramesh Agrawal said that the project has already benefitted over 5,500 patients. The new facility will provide a complete spectrum of care from simple dialysis to a renal transplant procedure, cataract and laparoscopic surgeries and other related treatments at much lower costs than private hospitals. It has also helped in providing employment opportunities by training over 100 paramedical staff.

Fun Facts about Jaipur, India.

- The Pink City...so named when in 1876, the Prince of Wales and Queen Victoria visited India and the Maharaja of Jaipur ordered the whole city painted pink. Since then, it has become the color of hospitality.
- Capital city of Rajasthan State, NW India.
- First planned city in India, started in 1726 and completed in 4 years.
- Population in 2023: 4,207,000
- Hosts World's largest free literary festival
- Has the most expensive hotel suites (The Raj Mahal Presidential Suite is \$50,000 per night)
- Jaipur has the biggest circular park in all of Asia.
- District 3054 is home to over 125 clubs.

### FOUNDATION RAFFLE



Today's raffle offered a 50/50 cash drawing and a bottle of fine wine. The first winning ticket drawn was held by Sue Rector who took the cash and gave it to our visiting Earlyact students for their fundraiser. The second lucky winner was our visiting Early Act Sponsor who took the wine. Should be a fun day at the Jordan teacher lounge today! Congratulations and thanks to all who participated in our raffle. Proceeds go to the Rotary International Foundation.



### FINES / HAPPY-SAD DOLLARS

V.P. John Olinger stated last week that there would be no more fines, but that Happy/Sad Dollars would be welcomed. However, noting that he presented a clipping to Bud Phillis. It was a color photo from the Friendship Manor newsletter showing the grand opening of the new "Country Store" at Friendship Manor. There was a ribbon cutting, hors d'oeuvres, and champagne and the photo shows Bud upfront with a big smile and his glass of champagne! There was no fine, but Bud offered a happy dollar for the clipping. Doug Hultquist had a happy dollar for the SAL Golf Outing yesterday noting that the forecast was 80% chance of rain all day. He said fellow Rotarian Amber Wood was in charge of weather and they got the entire round of golf completed with very little rain on just the first 3 holes! Amber Wood followed up with her own happy dollar saying that the golf outing netted \$35,000 for SAL programs and projects. Congratulations! Cindi Gramenz had a happy dollar and thanked the Rotarians that supported the Christian Care Trivia Night this past Saturday. Kathy Trone had a happy dollar celebrating the Rotary District Human Trafficking Taskforce and stating that they still would like three or four more members. Ryan Wille offered a happy dollar for the opening of the new Story Book Garden and the Children's Garden and thanked Rotary for funding the purchase of 1,000 books that will be given to the first 1,000 visitors to the Storybook Garden. John Wetzel had a happy dollar for his grandson's success in his conference tennis tournament winning the Jr. Varsity division. Clarence Darrow put in a happy dollar for his daughter-in-law, U.S. Federal Judge Sarah Darrow who was pictured in the news presiding over a naturalization proceeding in the Federal Court and swearing in and welcoming new US Citizens. Angela Campbell had a happy dollar announcing that this Sunday there will be an Art Show/Sale in Schwiebert Park in downtown Rock Island and Angela will have several pieces of her work on display and for sale. We'll all hope for good weather! Thanks to everyone who shared their good news with us. Proceeds go to fund our Club's many charity projects.



### ROTARIANS SUPPORT CHRISTIAN CARE TRIVIA NIGHT

Last Friday Mark Mayeski, Kathy Trone, Kai Swanson, Bob Swanson, and Andrea Talentino joined Rotary President Cindi Gramenz at the Christian Care Trivia Night Fundraiser. It was a fun night and Christian Care greatly appreciated our support and that of the friends that filled Rotarian tables!

## FINAL WINE & DINE SOCIAL OF 2024 – THIS FRIDAY!



For the past several months Ruth Lee and the Wine & Dine Raffle Committee have organized after work, purely social, fun gatherings for club members, our spouses/special others, and potential Rotary member friends and colleagues. It's all "Dutch" with a few sharable appetizers provided. Come for a snack, a drink, or dinner. The purpose is two-fold: 1) To get acquainted with and provide a bit of business to our great 2024 Wine & Dine Raffle Prize locations. Previously socials have been held at the Old Oaks Winery and Pagalos both located in Milan. 2) To relax, chat, and become personally acquainted or better acquainted with fellow Rotarians and those who might be considering joining our Rock Island Club.

The final chance to join one of these fun events will be **Friday, May 17, 4:30-7:00pm** at **Huckleberry's Italian Restaurant**, 223 – 18<sup>th</sup> Street in downtown Rock Island. Parking is available in the US Bank lot. Thanks Ruth and the committee for organizing these fun events for us!



## KEVIN KOSKI REPORTS

Club Birdies for Charity chairman Kevin Koski reported that two weeks into the campaign thirteen pledges have been received with at total of \$2,300 in pledges. Kevin said we are off to a good start, but we have a way to go to reach our Club goal of 42 pledges and a donation goal of \$5,500. The pledge form is included on the final page of today's newsletter. Please use it and make a pledge. Whether \$5 or \$500 all pledges are welcome and will receive a minimum of a 5% bonus added to your pledge from the Deere Foundation! If you don't want to mess with the form email Kevin with the amount you want to pledge, and he will do the paperwork! [kevinkoski3@gmail.com](mailto:kevinkoski3@gmail.com)

## INTERESTED IN BEING A HOST FAMILY?

Jeff Dismer, our Youth Exchange Chair announced that we will have an Inbound Rotary Exchange student. A female high school student from France named Chloe' Bourron, is coming to stay with us for the 2024-25 school year. Jeff is now working to make the housing arrangements, so we are ready to welcome Chloe.' Ideally Jeff would like three host families, each hosting Chloe' for approximately 3 months. Interested? Want more information? Contact Jeff. [jdismet@studio483.com](mailto:jdismet@studio483.com).

## EAT OUT TONIGHT – HELP THE JORDAN EARLYACT CLUB!

The officers from the Jordan EarlyAct Club (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Graders) attended our meeting today to report on their projects and activities during the past year. Tonight they will be at **Applebee's in Moline** where a special EarlyAct menu has been prepared and half the proceeds from all orders will be donated to the EarlyAct Club to help fund their projects. Take your favorite person or person(s) to Applebee's for dinner, enjoy a great meal, and help our EarlyAct kids reach their fundraising goals for the year.



## Thank you Rotarians for Your Generosity

Over the past five months, we collected almost 500 pounds of food for our District Wide Food Collection Project and made donations to five area organizations that feed those in need. In April, we collected 116 pounds of food for World Relief, and they were beyond grateful! Here is a photo with the food delivery and staff. Thanks to Danielle Scott for chairing the project and to all who generously donated!

# GOT'TA LOVE THOSE KJDS!

We were treated today to a visit from the Officers and sponsors of the Jordan Earlyact Club! The students, whose club is made up of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Jordan Catholic Elementary School students, is an active service organization that has twice been recognized by our district with cash awards for being among the top three Clubs out of all District 6420 Earlyact, Interact, and Rotaract Clubs. Pretty amazing for competing against high school and college students! Jenn Heckenkamp, then a 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade math teacher at Jordan helped establish the Club in 2014 and served as Club sponsor. During the pandemic with school closed the club took a "pause." When school resumed Rock Island Rotary contacted Jenn and she agreed to help reestablish the Club although no longer a classroom teacher having moved into an administrative position as an instructional coach, she enthusiastically agreed and with support from principal Kelly McLaughlin, the Club was reborn and quickly grew to its customary size of approximately 25 active members. Jenn remains co-sponsor of the Club along with Jordan Middle School Social Studies teacher, Katy Saucedo. A summary of their activities this past year with photos appeared in last week's newsletter (Volume XXXI, Issue 40, May 7, 2024).



Today Ms. Heckenkamp introduced Club President Colton Randazzo, Vice President Rylan Andrus, Secretary Rowan Brosius, and Treasurer Peter Kham. They each spoke telling us about the Club's projects and accomplishments during the year. They also invited all of us to help them with a fundraiser occurring tonight. Members of the Club will be at Applebee's in Moline handing out special Earlyact Menus. Fifty percent of everything purchased from those special menus will be donated back to the Earlyact Club. Sounds pretty nifty! You get to eat out and support a Rotary funded organization at the same time! Best of luck to the Club and thanks so much for joining us today and providing a great update on your Club's activities!

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

**THREE** great Rotary fun social events for you, your family, and friends are on tap for the near future.

- This Friday from 4:30 to 7pm the Wine & Dine Committee will host an informal after-hours get together at Huckelberry's in Rock Island. Come for a drink, a bite or a meal, and great conversation and friendship. It's a Rotary way of getting better acquainted. All are urged to attend!
- Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> Rotary at the Backwater Gamblers. It's 100% free for the show and parking. Concessions are available on site if you want a drink or snack. Parking opens at 5:30 and the incredible talents of the Backwater Gamblers Ski Team show begins at 6:30pm. Ben Williamson Park is at the intersection of 44<sup>th</sup> Street and the Rock River in Rock Island. See you there!
- Rotary Night at the Ball Park is Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. See the River Bandits in action at Modern Woodman Park in Davenport. , PLUS fantastic fireworks display after the game. It's a tone of fun and Rotarians from all over the Quad City area will be there. Don't miss Rotary Night at the Ball Park! Mark Your Calendar.

## THREE NEW PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Today two of our members honored three others by naming them Paul Harris Fellows. A designation reserved for those exemplifying character attributes of service, honesty, and professional and/or in recognition of the love, honor, and respect the bestowing donor has for the recipient.

**Rotarian Rick Emory** bestowed Paul Harris Fellow honors on his good friend and college roommate (he referred to him as "his brother from another mother") Mr. Terry Johnson. Rick will be visiting Terry later this week and looks forward to presenting the certificate and medallion to him. Rick first earned his own Paul Harris Fellow designation and has previously bestowed the honor on his wife, Connie. Honoring his friend is Rick's third Paul Harris Fellow designation.



**Rotarian Pete Wessels** then bestowed Paul Harris honors on two grandsons, Rhett and Benjamin Wessels. In addition to his own Paul Harris Award, Pete has previously bestowed the honor on numerous members of his family and is one of our very generous and dedicated club members and a great supporter of the Rotary International Foundation.

Rock Island Rotary Congratulates Rick and Pete and those they have honored. Your support is felt worldwide!



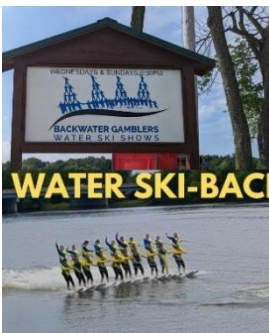
# Backwater Gamblers – Guinness World Record 60 Person Pyramid!

**ROTARY NIGHT AT THE BACKWATER GAMBLERS  
Sunday, June 9, 2024 – Show Time 6:30pm**

**ADMISSION FREE TO ALL ROTARIANS AND THEIR GUESTS!**



***You Won't Believe Your eyes!***



**D2 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**WATER SKI-BACKWATER GAMBLERS**



**A Joint Illinois-Iowa Quad City Area Rotary Family & Guests Event  
Signup to Reserve Seats at Your Rotary Club  
Ben Williamson Park, 44<sup>th</sup> at the Rock River, Rock Island  
Concessions on Site!**



**SIGN UP AT THE SERGEANT AT ARMS TABLE – ADMISSION IS FREE – BRING FAMILY & FRIENDS – TAKE AS MANY SEATS AS YOU WANT!**

## Rotary Committees 2024-25 – CHOOSE NOW OR BE ASSIGNED

Incoming president, Sue Rector has come up with a new and innovative way to categorize our committees. Some have changed a bit some are new, and some may have been removed. Your job is to go through this list and select 2 or 3 committees that are of interest to you. Then volunteer to serve or if the opening exists, offer to lead that area. Leadership opportunities are shown in **RED**. Sue will try to honor your requests. However, keep in mind that some areas require the help of many, and others may require few. Once it is felt an adequate number of people have volunteered for an area you may discover that something you wanted to do is full, so don't delay. Get your preferences to Sue as soon as you can. Be aware that if you don't make your preference known you may be asked to serve in an area that is not what you might have chosen. As you read through, mark the "Are You Interested blank" to help pick your top preferences. YES We have a TON of committees, We have lots of members and want everyone to have an opportunity to be involved. Don't be shy – volunteer!

Are You  
Interested

### CLUB OPERATIONS:

- \_\_\_ • Invocations Committee – Provide an invocation at Rotary meetings. Volunteers traditionally doing invocations for 1 month of the Rotary year.  
PLEASE Share if you have a month of preference \_\_\_\_\_  
**NEED A CHAIR for the Invocations Committee** to coordinate and be the contact for changes, etc.
- \_\_\_ • Program Committee - Rebecca Arnold Chair – Need volunteers to line up programs for a month.  
PLEASE Share if you have a month of preference \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ • Membership/Mentoring Committee: John Oliger Chair – Already volunteered for the committee: Jim Moran and Mark Mayeski – *Need Members to help!*
- \_\_\_ • Nominating Committee - Gary Rowe chair – *Need Members to help!*
- \_\_\_ • Public Image Committee – Cindi Gramenz Chair, Need members to help with such things as: *Need Members to Help!*

Social Media upkeep.

Press releases for events and activities.

Newsletter and Website – Bob Swanson and Angela Campbell – Co-Chairs

Are You  
Interested

### SERVICE ABOVE SELF:

- \_\_\_ • District Service Pollinator Project/s Committee – Sue Rector Chair – Already volunteered for the Committee: Kathy Lelonek – *Need Members to help!*
- \_\_\_ • Blood Drive Committee – John Phillips Chair – *Need a Few Members to help!*
- \_\_\_ • Bert Blood Scholarships Committee – John Wetzel Chair – *Need Members to help!*
- \_\_\_ • Mary Fislar Scholarship Committee – Cindi Gramenz Chair – Already volunteered for the Committee: Gary Rowe, Bob Swanson – *Need Members to help!*

- \_\_\_ • Awards Banquet Committee – Sarah Gorman Chair – Already volunteered for the committee: Bob Swanson – *Need Members to help!*
- \_\_\_ • Heart of Hope Ministries Committee – Steve Morenz Chair – **CO-CHAIR NEED** – *Need Members to help!*
- \_\_\_ • Salvation Army Bell Ringing Committee – Mark Mayeski – Need Members to volunteer to take a shift and ring the bells!
- \_\_\_ • Festival of Trees Committee – Beth Kauzlarich Chair – *Need Members to help!*
- \_\_\_ • Global Projects Committee
  - Water Filters – Bob Swanson / Bud Phillis Co-Chairs – *Need Members to help!*
- \_\_\_ • District Grant Project Committee – library sensory units – Sue Rector Chair – working with library staff. *Will Need Members for building the project!*
- \_\_\_ • **Possible** Winter Nights - Winter Lights Committee – **CHAIR NEEDED** – *Need Members to help!*
- \_\_\_ • Labor Day Parade Committee – Bob Swanson Chair – (Scott Shattuck support) – **CO-CHAIR NEED**
- \_\_\_ • Illinois Clubs Partnership Service Projects Committee – Sue Rector and John Olinger Co-Chairs – *Need Members to help!*
- \_\_\_ • Club Foundation Committee– John Phillips Chair
  - \_\_\_ • **Development Committee– John Phillips lead – Need Members to help!**
  - \_\_\_ • **Grants Committee – Justin Peterson lead – Need Members to help!**
- \_\_\_ • Community Grants Committee – Frank Lambert Chair – *Need Members to help!*
- \_\_\_ • Rotary International Foundation Committee – Sue Rector Chair – *Need Members to help!*
- \_\_\_ • World Polio Event Committee – Bob Swanson/Sue Rector Co-Chairs – *Need Members to help!*
- \_\_\_ • Paul Harris Society Committee – Mark Mayeski Chair – *Need One Member to help.*
- \_\_\_ • District Polio Plus Society Committee – Sue Rector Chair – *Need One Member to help.*
- \_\_\_ • Weekly Raffle Sales for Rotary International Committee – Bud Phillis Chair – *Need Members to help!*
- \_\_\_ • Literacy Committee – Amber Wood and Kathy Ruggeberg – Co-Chairs
  - \_\_\_ • **Possible** Book Fair Committee – Kathy Lelonek- Chair – *Need Members to help!*
  - \_\_\_ • Rotary Readers – Dan McNeil Chair – if this is continuing
  - \_\_\_ • Earl Hanson Partnership Committee– Kathy Lelonek Chair – *Need Members to help!* Coordinating Service opportunities: donuts for parents, trunk or treat, winter family craft night, working with literacy on projects, etc.
  - \_\_\_ • Angel Tree Committee– Molly Shattuck Chair – *Need Members to help!*
  - \_\_\_ • Birthday Books Committee– Molly Shattuck Chair – *Need Members to help!*
  - \_\_\_ • Pumpkin Palooza Committee – **CHAIR NEEDED** – *Need Members to help!*



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### **SOCIAL GATHERINGS**

- \_\_\_ •Holiday Party Committee – Bob Swanson Chair – *Need a few Members to help!*
- \_\_\_ • Rotary Night at the Ballpark Committee – John Oliger Chair – *Need a few Members to help!*
- \_\_\_ • Illinois Clubs Partnership – 5<sup>th</sup> Friday Socials – Sue Rector and John Oliger Co-Chair **THIS IS NEW** – May Need Members to help!
- \_\_\_ •Wine and Dine Socials Committee (if continued) – **CHAIR NEED** – Need Members to help!
- \_\_\_ •Water Ski Show Committee– Bob Swanson Chair – Already on Committee: Trista Foster – *Need Members to help!*
- \_\_\_ •Summer Family Potluck Committee - **NEED CO-CHAIRS** This is new! – Need Members to help!

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### **FUNDRAISING – *Need some more help.***

- \_\_\_ •Trivia Night Committee – Kathy Trone Chair – Already on Committee: Sue Rector – – *Need Members to help!*
- \_\_\_ •Rock n Roll Bingo Committee – Kathy Trone – Chair – Already on Committee: Sue Rector – *Need Members to help!*
- \_\_\_ •Wine & Dine Raffle Committee – Ruth Lee Chair – *Need Members to help!*
- \_\_\_ •Rotary Reindeer Ramble Committee – Holly Sparkman Chair – *Need Members to help!*
- \_\_\_ •Cruise Raffle Committee – Ruth Lee Chair – **THIS IS A NEW ONE-TIME EVENT FOR FALL 2024** – *Need Members to help!*
- \_\_\_ •Sponsorships Committee – Sue Rector/Kathy Trone/Holly Sparkman – Co-Chairs – ***Need Members to help!***
- \_\_\_ •Birdies for Charity Committee – Kevin Koski Chair – *One Member needed to help!*

Are You

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### **CONNECTING WITH STUDENTS**

- \_\_\_ •Early Act Committee – Jim Moran/Bud Phillis Co Chairs – *Need Members to help!*
- \_\_\_ •InterAct Committee – Lonnie Behnke Chair – *Need Members to help!*
- \_\_\_ •Rotaract Committee – Tia Steele Chair – *Need Members to help!*
- \_\_\_ •International Youth Exchange Committee – Jeff Dismer Chair – *Need Members to help!*
- \_\_\_ •RIHS – Entrepreneur Program Committee– Monta Ponsetto Chair – *Need Members to help!*

## The Bonus Fund promise.

By participating in Birdies for Charity, all charities are guaranteed a 5% bonus on the pledges they receive.\* This means that your donation has the potential to go even further and make a greater impact.

The John Deere Classic, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, created the Bonus Fund to support the ongoing efforts of participating charities. This fund is fueled by tournament revenues, direct donations, special events, and a generous matching grant from John Deere.

## A trusted & proven option.

In 2023, Birdies for Charity achieved its highest charitable contribution to date, raising an impressive \$14.1 million for more than 470 charities. All charities received a 7.5% bonus on what they raised through the program.

2023's record-breaking campaign brings the tournament's overall charitable giving since 1971 to over \$173 million.

## The fine print.

To participate, charities must be publicly supported and recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) organization. All charitable contributions must come from a designated donor, and must not be part of a capital campaign. The Birdies for Charity program is intended to support charitable organizations, services, operations and programs. It is not intended to be used for endowment or brick and mortar charitable purposes.

\*All charities will be guaranteed a 5% bonus on amounts up to their prior year pledge total, or \$100,000, whichever is greater.



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### I PLEDGE TO DONATE:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the charity noted above.  
*(one time, flat donation amount)*

### BIRDIES FOR CHARITY BONUS FUND

Yes, I would like to make an additional donation to the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help provide the minimum 5% match to all participating charities.

### GUESS THE BIRDIES TO WIN A TWO YEAR LEASE ON A 2024 LEXUS!

I guess that \_\_\_\_\_ birdies will be made.

Only one grand prize will be awarded. Void where prohibited by law. Guesses due by June 26.

### BIRDIES SCORED BY YEAR

1,990 (2015)	2,355 (2018)	1,905 (2021)
1,982 (2016)	2,091 (2019)	2,041 (2022)
1,918 (2017)	N/A (2020)	1,929 (2023)

### PLEDGE & DONOR INFORMATION (please print)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE AND/OR EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Please include payment & make checks payable to:  
BIRDIES FOR CHARITY

## Chip in for your chance to win

When you chip in to help area charities, you could win! But your favorite charity will be the real winner. That's because participating charities receive 100% of the donations pledged to them in this program, plus a bonus from the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund, which is a guaranteed 5% match.

### HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

Simply make a one-time flat donation and mail with payment to the Birdies for Charity office at 15623 Coaltown Road, East Moline, IL 61244

To enter the contest, guess the number of birdies that will actually be made by PGA TOUR Pros during the tournament, Wednesday through Sunday. A grand prize will be given to one person who guesses the correct number. In case of ties, winners will be randomly selected.



**GRAND PRIZE:**  
2 YEAR LEASE ON A 2024 LEXUS NX!

One lucky supporter of the John Deere Classic's Birdies for Charity program will win a 2 year lease on a 2024 Lexus, courtesy of Smart Lexus of Quad Cities.



### CONTEST RULES

- Only 1 grand prize awarded. Ties determined by random drawing.
- All guesses must be on an official pledge card and received at the tournament office by June 26.
- Rules are available at [www.birdiesforcharity.com](http://www.birdiesforcharity.com)
- No pledge or purchase required. Need not be present to win.
- Pledges submitted after the JDC may be applied the following year.

### KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS AS YOUR RECEIPT

I pledged \$ \_\_\_\_\_ one-time donation.

I guessed \_\_\_\_\_ birdies would be made.

Payment was included with pledge

YES \$ \_\_\_\_\_  NO

CASH  CHECK NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:  
BIRDIES FOR CHARITY  
15623 COALTOWN ROAD  
EAST MOLINE, IL 61244

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**Rock Island Rotarians are invited to Join the Davenport Club for Golf!**



## 2024 Rotary Club of Davenport Golf Outing

Presented By: Mark Zimmerman



FRIDAY JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2024  
Emeis Golf Course

Special Thanks to our lunch sponsor: Jim Wegener



### JOIN US FOR A GREAT DAY OF GOLF AND HELP SUPPORT A GREATER CAUSE

Please join us for the annual Rotary Golf Outing. This fundraising event will help generate revenue for funding local projects and agencies supported by The Rotary Club of Davenport.



**It's time to get your  
team together and  
have some fun!**

Registration:  
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Welcome / Rules:  
11:30 AM

Shotgun Start:  
12:00 PM

Lunch:  
During Play on Carts

Dinner & Awards:  
After golf at Emeis Pavilion

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