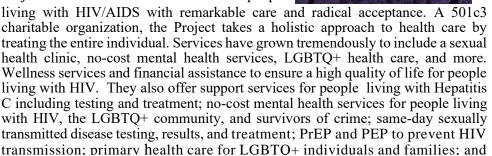


# TYLER MITCHELL ~ The Project ~

The Project of the Quad Cities, often called "The Project" was established in 1986 to serve people



# 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

July 16 - Angela Campbell Children's Library & Rotary District Grant

convenient access to discounted prescription via Two Rivers Pharmacy with no membership required. Tyler Mitchell, Development Director for The Project was our guest speaker today. He stated that The Project was established on 1986 during the heighth of the HIV-AIDS epidemic. At the time the disease was a death sentence for most who contracted the infection. The Project, then known as the AIDS Project and the AIDS Coalition was formed to help and be with those that were suffering and dieing. Since then trememndous medical progress has been made in the prevention, detection, and treatment of sexually transmitted infections (STI) and HIV. The Project has also grown substantially and expanded its scope and services. Rather than sitting with those who are approaching death, they now are at the forefront in medical case manangement and STI/HIV testing. Thanks to numerous medical innovations, persons with HIV now with a regimen of medicines live long lives and can enjoy normal sexual relations without fear of transmitting the infection to their partners. The Project recently moved into the former John Deere Medical facility on John Deere Road in Moline, giving much needed space to expand their full ranges of services which include an in house pharmacy and medical lab. Someone suspecting they may have come into contact with HIV or other STI can come in, be tested, get results the same day and if needed obtain the medication recommended for their situation. Although the Project will accept insurance and/or private payment for their services, no patient is turned away because of cause. If they have no insurance and cannot afford testing or treatment, they receive everything they need free of charge. They also provide behavioral health services and prophylaxis medications both to those that have HIV which has a 98% success rate in preventing transmission to others and post exposure prophylaxis medication to those that believe they were exposed to HIV with the same success rate in preventing the disease. Mr. Mitchell said that the Project serves about 4,000 patients per year and noted that the incidence of the infection is declining. They also provide short and long term housing assistance and transportation assistance of their patients. Knowing that not all those suffering from the diseases can or will come to their facility, The Project has a mobile clinic that travels throughout the area taking services to those in need. In closing Mr. Mitchell invited all to participate in the 8am start of their June 15th "Pride 5K" run/walk followed by a 4pm Pride Party, both in Moline. They also have a golf outing scheduled on September 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:30am at Glynns Creek Golf Course. We thank Tyler for his detailed presentation!







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Rebecca Arnold Presenters

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

# **Club Notes & Announcements!**

- ★ WELCOME GUESTS Today we welcomed several guests including prospective member, Geno Del Preore. Also visiting today were Lynda Sargent from Heart of Hope Ministries a guest of Bud Phillis, and Maya Mayeski, a guest of her dad, Mark Mayeski. We had one visiting Rotarian, our good friend Duncan Cameron a member of the Naples, Florida Rotary Club is back for the summer in the Quad Cities. Rock Island Rotary loves to welcome guests and we hope you enjoyed our meeting and will return!
- ★ FINALLY! AN EASY AND PAINLESS WAY TO SUPPORT OUR ROCK ISLAND ROTARY CLUB FOUNDATION. An automatic withdrawal system is now available for donations to our Club Foundation. Our Club Foundation is local, and everything is local, local bank, local foundation, and all proceeds used exclusively for local project that benefit the community and citizens of Rock Island. The form to set up your auto withdrawal donation at the amount and interval (weekly, monthly, etc.) that you want is in this newsletter, page 6.
- ★ 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, Huckleberry'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!
- ★ HELP & YOUR TALENT IS NEEDED We have an important project coming up that needs leadership! On August 17<sup>th</sup> we want to participate in the M.L. King Center's "Soul of the City" Family Fun Day Parade. Our Board has budgeted funds for candy to be handed out. We need a chairperson to help line up a convertible, create some signs promoting Rotary, and help recruit fellow members to walk in the parade to pass out candy. The parade starts qt 10:30 and goes from Francis Willard School at 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue, north on 9<sup>th</sup> Street to the King Center. Step right up and volunteer. Notify City or Sue if you will help. Got a friend? We do co-chairs too!
- ★ HAVE ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER? Send to, <a href="mailto:bobdebswanson@att.net">bobdebswanson@att.net</a>. 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 under standing, 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 Westphall	May 28

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

### **ROTARY FOUNDATION MINUTE**

Nine Pacific countries have committed to greater protection for children against life threatening diseases by expanding their immunization program that has been implemented by UNICEF in collaboration with Ministries of Health and funding from Rotary since 2020. The commitment will see vaccines for Pneumococcal Disease, Rotavirus, and Human Papillomavirus (HPV) added to the nations' National Programs for Immunization. Rotary Project Director, James Allen, has been leading Rotary fundraising in Australia and New Zealand, and said, "Pacific countries are our near neighbors and we're proud of the contribution we have made to protect children and adolescents in the region against life-threatening illnesses including pneumonia, diarrhea, and cervical cancer." In the Pacific, pneumonia and diarrhea are among the top three causes of mortality in children under five years of age, while around one-third of all pneumonia deaths are due to pneumococcal disease. Rotavirus is the leading cause of severe diarrhea in children aged less than five years. Severe diarrhea can lead to dehydration, particularly in young children, and if left untreated can be life-threatening. Since the Rotary 'Give Every Child a Future' project's inception, it has supported the countries to strengthen the supply chain, including the cold chain system to ensure that every child has timely access to safe and potent vaccines. Rotary Project Director, James Allen, has been leading Rotary fundraising in Australia and New Zealand, and said, "... we're proud of the contribution we have made to protect children and adolescents in the region against life-threatening illnesses including pneumonia, diarrhea, and cervical cancer."

To date, fundraisers from Rotary have contributed 3.9 million dollars, through the project implemented by UNICEF, in cooperation with the nations' Ministries of Health and supported by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

With a high burden of cervical cancer cases in the Pacific, most of which are attributed to HPV infection, the introduction of HPV Vaccine for adolescent girls will contribute to the reduction of preventable deaths. UNICEF will continue to support routine immunization programs in the Pacific island countries, through strengthening effective vaccine management practices, engaging communities to create vaccine demand and the procurement and delivery of quality as well as effective vaccines at an affordable cost to the governments. UNICEF and Rotary remain committed to ensuring that all children and adolescents have good health, well-being and reach their full potential.

Your continued support is essential to help ensure health programs for youth continue until the need is gone.



### **FOUNDATION RAFFLE**

Today's raffle featured cash and wine. Tammy Weikert supervised the sale and drawing and the first lucky winner was our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Sue Rector. She took the 50/50 drawing cash and donated it to the Rotary International Foundation. The second lucky winner was past-president Mark Mayeski, who went home not only with his lovely daughter, but also had a bottle of fine wine for tonight's dinner! Thanks to everyone who participated in the raffle. Proceeds support the Rotary International Foundation.



### FINES / HAPPY-SAD DOLLARS

With 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, John Oliger AWOL, there were no fines today; however, presiding officer Justin Peterson opened the mic for happy/sad dollars. First up with a happy dollar was Monta Ponsetto who had a very happy report on money's given tor Rock Island Student's this past week via the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation. The Austin Academic Achievement Awards named in honor of former Club member Chuck Austin, rewards academic excellence. The Top Ten students of each class are recognized and the top 2 seniors (as determined by teachers) in ten academic areas are awarded scholarships - \$2,000 for 1st place and \$1,500 for 2nd place. In addition, Rocky seniors received a total of 98 scholarships amounting to over \$177,000. Gary Rowe offered happy dollars for a highly successful Incubator-Entrepreneur year at Rocky with the "Final Pitches" being made last week in the Rocky Island High Auditorium. Our club provided \$10,000 to get the program started, the first of its kind in the Quad Cities. Kai Swanson paid a few dollars for a promo announcement regarding the NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet coming up on June 29th. Kai has tickets sale and will be happy to sell them to interested Rotarians. Tom Hammar had a sad dollar today noting the passing of long time, dedicated club member Jan Christiansen. All members were emailed details regarding services for Jan. Holly Sparkman had a happy dollar noting that the City of Rock Island directed some funding to the Friends of Longview Park who strive to keep Longview as Rock Island's premier family park facility. Cindi Gramenz had a happy dollar for great Wine & Dine Raffle Committee Social after hours gathering at Huckleberry's Italian Restaurant this past Friday night. The food was great, and the wine flowed generously. Unfortunately, that was our last Wine & Dine social event for the year. Next week we'll draw the winners of this year's raffle! Lastly, Dan McNeil had a happy dollar announcing his departure from Spring Forward Learning Center to become Chief Development Officer for Family Resources. He also was pleased to announce that his Program Director at Spring Forward, Robbie McIntyre, will be stepping into the role of Executive Director. Congratulations to Dan and Robbie as they both take on extremely important tasks in our Community! Thanks to all who shared.

### Thank You Wine & Dine Raffle Committee!

With the 2024 Wine & Dine Raffle drawing pending on May 28<sup>th</sup> at our regular Rotary meeting, the Raffle Committee organized and hosted their final social event for this "raffle year" last Friday afternoon from 4:30 to 7pm at Huckleberry's Italian Restaurant in Rock Island. Fifteen-twenty Rotarians and spouses gathered to share appetizers, conversation, and beverages with several remaining for dinner. The food was excellent, the drinks cool and delicious, and the fellowship and conversation interesting and fun. It was a great opportunity to enjoy friends and become better acquainted. As is often said a picture is worth 1,000 words, so in place of 3,000 words let the photos tell the story!







### **FOUNDATION CHAIR SUE REPORTS**

With five weeks remaining in this Rotary year, Sue Rector reported that our Club is at 115% of our goal for donations to the Rotary International Annual Fund and at 105% of our goal for donations to our Rotary Internation Polio Plus goal. To meet and exceed our goals with still more funds coming in is definitely worthy of celebration! Sue also reported that we have added 1 new Major Donor (reaching \$10,000 + in support of Rotary International) during current year, added 2 new Paul Harris Society members and a whopping 47 new Paul Harris Fellows. Sue recently told our Board of Directors that our club is referred to as the "Rock Stars" by other clubs in our district. We can all take immense pride in our club and the generosity of our members!



### THE WEEKLY BIRDIE REPORT

Our Birdies for Charity chairman Kevin Koski reported that three weeks into the campaign we are halfway toward reaching our cash total in pledges of \$5,500. Our number of members pledging however is not yet at the halfway point. We are shooting for pledges from 42 members. We still have five weeks to go in this year's Birdies campaign so for those who have yet to pledge, there is still time! We're looking for pledges of all size, whatever fits your budget, \$10 or \$500 no pledge it too small or too large. The pledge form is included on page 8 of today's newsletter. Please use it and make a pledge. A minimum of a 5% bonus will be added to your pledge by the Deere Foundation!

### 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. jdismer@studio483.com.

# **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, a fantastic fireworks display after the game. It's a ton of fun and Rotarians from all over the Quad City area will be there. Ticket information will be coming soon. This is a social outing you won't want to miss! Mark Your Calendar and watch for the sign up for tickets for Rotary Night at the Ball Park!



# ROTARY PRESIDENT CINDI GRAMENZ & CLUB EARLYACT LIAISON BUD PHILLIPS ATTEND FINAL EARLYACT MEETING FOR 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Last Tuesday the Jordan Elementary School Earlyact officers, with their faculty sponsor Jenn Heckenkamp, visited our Club and presented a report, complete with slide photos of their 2023-24 projects and activities. Last Friday we returned the favor with our president and Earlyact liaison attending their final meeting of this school year. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Earlyact kids were delighted to meet their Rotary counterparts and to have them participate in the presentation of their yearend awards. It was equally enjoyable for Bud and Cindy who said the enthusiasm and energy displayed by the kids was fun and exciting to see.



Earlyact President Colton Randazzo Displays his gavel and the Rock Island Rotary Club banner.



# HERE IT IS! Now you can set up auto-payments to our Rock Island Rotary Club Foundation! Copy and fill out the form and give to John Phillips, our Club Foundation Chair



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# 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!



A Joint Illinois-Iowa
Quad City Area Rotary
Family & Guests Event
Signup to Reserve Seats
at Your Rotary Club
Ben Williamson Park, 44th 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!

### 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

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

\*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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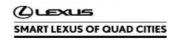


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### Rock Island Rotary Club CHARITY SOLICITED FOR 937 BIRD NUMBER I PLEDGE TO DONATE:

to the charity noted above (one time, flat donation amount)

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!

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.

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS AS YOUR RECE		
I pledged \$ one-time donation.		
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EAST MOLINE, IL 61244 Quad Cities Galf Classic Charitable Foundation is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit o EIN #93-1332421, doing business as John Deere Classic & Birdies for Charity



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

One lucky supporter of the John Deere Classic's Birdies നടയാട്ര

SMART LEXUS OF QUAD CITIES

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
- 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
- No pledge or purchase required. Need not be present
- · Pledges submitted after the JDC may be applied the following year.

### 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!



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