



WEEKLY REVIEW

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Rotary Club of Rock Island

Rock Island, Illinois

Meeting Tuesdays at Noon – Quad City Botanical Center

Ryan Wille Quad City Botanical Center

The Plant Discovery Bus



Our guest speaker today was fellow Rotarian, Ryan Wille, Executive Director of the Botanical Center. Ryan is a 2009 graduate of Bradley University and served as the Center’s Marketing Director for almost three years prior to departing to accept the position as Director of Development for the Humane Society of Scott County. In April of 2021 and the retirement of Ami Porter, Ryan returned to the Botanical Center accepting the position of Executive Director. He was selected from a pool of 36 applicants from all over the nation. Bill Nelson, a QCBC Board Member stated “We were extremely pleased with the quality of the people who applied. We narrowed those down to seven that we did preliminary interviews with and then we narrowed that down to three. As we went through that interview process, it became apparent Ryan was the one. This seemed to be a dream for him to be at the Botanical Center. He had spent some time with us in the past. His qualifications and demeanor and excitement just really carried it for us.” Meeting weekly at the Center, Rotary has worked with Ryan closely since he became Executive Director, and we were thrilled when he brought the Botanical Center into Rotary as a corporate member and encouraged three members of his staff to join as Rotary corporate associate members. Today he brought us up to date on happenings at the Center and in particular spoke about the new Plant Discover Bus. The bus idea came out of a brainstorming session a year ago and after some thought Ryan decided to investigate the idea. For the past several years the Botanical Center has served approximately 12,000 area school children with fieldtrips to the Center. Every date available was used and numerous requests had to be declined. The idea of a greenhouse on wheels that could take the Botanical Center to the kids at their schools was unique and raised the question, “Why Not?” Ryan contacted Metrolink and learned that they were about to retire a bus. With approval from the Illinois Department of Transportation ownership of the bus was transferred to the Botanical Center. Edwards Creative in Milan was contacted for ideas for converting the bus to a rolling greenhouse. The Rock Island-Milan Schools were contacted to sample potential interest and they responded enthusiastically. The Rock Island Community Foundation was contacted and agreed to assist with funds for the initial three years. Campers Corner in Dewitt helped transform the bus adding a generator and other equipment needed to keep climate control available when the bus was parked at a school or neighborhood. Donors were solicited and numerous area organizations and individuals joined the project. The plan was adopted, and our Botanical Center became the first in the nation mobile greenhouse! The finished produce will be delivered this coming Monday and will be on display at our meeting next week. It is already fully booked for the 2024-25 school year and will provide environmental education throughout the area. It will include a green house tour, give away plants for kids, a plants of the World exhibit, and a carnivorous plant display. A new bilingual outreach coordinator has been hired to staff the bus. In addition to visiting schools, it will be at Mercado on 5th to sell plants with hopes of becoming self sustaining. Thanks to Ryan for an incredible and exciting report!

May - June Calendar

- June 4 - John Phillips – Quad Cities’ Balladeer
- June 11 - Michelle Juehring, 50th Anniversary of the Bix 7 race
- June 18 - Tom Phillis, Dir. Augie campus security
- June 25 - President Cindi Wrap-up Thoughts
- July 2 - Distict Governor John Hurley and Installation of our 2024-25 Officers & Directors
- July 9 - Sue Rector – Our new President
- July 16 - Angela Campbell Children’s Library & Rotary District Grant
- July 23 - Jack Cullen, Rock Isl. Downtown project
- July 30 - John Gripp – R.I. Park & Rec Director

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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** – We welcomed three visiting Rotarians today: Duncan Cameron from Naples, Florida, and two Bettendorf Rotarians, Penny McGimpsey and Jeff Bloewker. Also visiting were Brian Williams, a guest of Gary Rowe, Maya Mayeski a guest of her dad Mark, and Brady Shattuck a guest of his mom and grandpa Molly Shattuck and Tom Hammar. We also welcomed the new Superintendent of the Rock Island-Milan School District, Dr. Sharon Williams. Who was a guest of current interim superintendent, Lanty McGuire.
- ★ **DID YOU SEE? – AN EASY AND PAINLESS WAY TO SUPPORT OUR ROCK ISLAND ROTARY CLUB FOUNDATION.** Club Foundation Chair John Phillips reminded us that we now have an automatic withdrawal system available for donations to our Rock Island Rotary 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 any amount that fits your budget and the interval (weekly, monthly, etc.) that you want is in this newsletter, page 5. If you have questions or need further information, contact John at phillipsjohn99@gmail.com.
- ★ **CALL FOR HELP & TALENT ANSWERED** – Last week we asked for a volunteer to chair our participation in the August 17th M.L. King Center’s “Soul of the City” Family Fun Day Parade. **Tia Steele** an Augustana College Corporate Associate Rotary member has offered to take on that task! Thank you Tia! In addition to heading up this project Tia is our club liaison and faculty sponsor of Augie’s Rotaract Club. The Board has budgeted funds for candy to be handed out and Tia has the convertible and can produce the signage. Now Tia needs fellow members to join the committee and help by walking in the parade to pass out candy and help with ideas as to what else we might do to make a great “splash” for Rotary and in supporting the event. We have been told that after the parade we could have an information table if the committee desires. What else we might do will be a committee decision. The parade starts at 10:30am at Francis Willard School on 9th Street and goes straight North to the King Center. If you will help Tia, please email her at tiasteel@augustana.edu or Sue Rector at srector3614@gmail.com.
- ★ **HAVE ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER?** – Send to, 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 Westphall	May 28

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

ROTARY FOUNDATION MINUTE

This is May, the month of Youth activities. How appropriate that two weeks ago our newsletter featured the many successful projects and activities of our Jordan EarlyAct and Rocky Interact Clubs, reported sponsoring an Interact student to RYLA and the previous week announced that we were going to have a Youth Exchange daughter joining us this fall! Through Interact Clubs, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), Rotary Youth Exchange and New Generations Service Exchange, The Rotary Foundation has funded numerous projects aimed at molding great leaders for the future of Rotary and the world.

- **Interact clubs:** Interact clubs bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills and learn about the world through service projects and activities.
- **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards:** RYLA is a leadership development program for young people who want to learn new skills, build their confidence, and have fun. Events range from one-day seminars to weeklong camps.
- **Rotary Youth Exchange:** Rotary Youth Exchange builds peace one young person at a time. Students learn a new language, discover another culture, and truly become global citizens. Exchanges for students ages 15-19 are sponsored by Rotary clubs in more than 100 countries.
- **New Generations Service Exchange:** New Generations Service Exchange is a short-term, customizable program for university students and professionals up to age 30. Participants can design exchanges that combine their professional goals with a humanitarian project.

“True leadership is about inspiring others to be their best selves.” Paul Harris



FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Today's raffle featured cash, an Angela Campbell fabric bowl, and a bottle of fine wine. The first ticket drawn belonged to guest Brady Shattuck who quickly took the cash. Our second winner was Pete Wessels who has a beautiful bottle of wine for his dinner table. The third and final ticket drawn was held by Ruth Lee who was very pleased to take home a hand-crafted Angela Campbell fabric bowl. We thank everyone who participated in today's Foundation Raffle.



HAPPY-SAD DOLLARS & VOLUNTEERED FINES

V.P. John Olinger started today's dollar collection with happy dollars of his own in honor of his daughter, Michelle Olinger being recognized by Central College for Academic Excellence. Ruth Lee had an extremely happy dollar for this year's Wine & Dine Raffle being over today! Ruth and her committee worked extremely hard, and she now gets a very brief rest prior to introducing a brand-new Viking River/Carnival Cruise Raffle. Thanks for all you do, Ruth! Kevin Koski has \$2 happy dollars in celebration of the Notre Dame Lacrosse Team winning their 2nd consecutive NCAA National Championship. Tom Hammar had a happy dollar in honor of grandson Brady Shattuck who attended with Tom today. Unfortunately, the microphone was not switched on, so we have no idea what great honor Brady earned but were sure it was very special and made grandpa proud! Clarence Darrow had several happy dollars for his grandchildren. His grandson Donny graduated from Alleman High School, a granddaughter graduated from St. Louis University, and another grandson graduated with his Juris Doctorate from the University of Chicago Law School and will be practicing law in a Chicago firm. Quite a week for the Darrow family. Frank Lambert and Bud Phillis announced the results of their baseball challenge with the Cardinals having a better month of May record than the cubs, therefore diehard Cardinal fan contributed \$5 happy dollars and Cubs' fan Bud matching it with five sad dollars! Finally, our guests from the Bettendorf Club had happy dollars to announce the upcoming Bettendorf Rotary Lobsterfest, which this year will be held at the Waterfront Convention Center (eliminating any weather concerns) on Friday, June 21st. It is a great evening of fun, live and silent auctions, and fantastic food! It is annually one of the largest charitable fundraisers in the Quad Cities and we laud Bettendorf Rotary for hosting such a major event. Fliers were available on all tables and our guests invited all Rock Island Rotarians to join attend!

BIRTHDAY BOOKS!

The final Birthday Books for this school year will be **THIS THURSDAY, May 30th**. Extra help is needed as students with birthdays in May and June will be celebrated and receive their free Rotary book plus cookies and a singing of "Happy Birthday". Please arrive at Earl Hanson Elementary School at 2:15, check in with the secretary and proceed up the stairs to the school library. **SEE YOU THURSDAY (Please!).**

2024 ROCK ISLAND ROTARY “WINE & DINE RAFFLE”

The tickets are sold, and the winners were drawn today! This year five prizes were offered and randomly selected for each winning ticket holder.

PRIZES WERE \$200 GIFT CARDS FOR:

Circa 21 Dinner Playhouse
The Rock Island Ale House
Huckleberry's Italian Restaurant
The Old Oaks Winery
Pagalo's Pizzeria & Gelato Café

And the Winners Were:

Kevin Koski
Bob Swanson
Terry Peterson
Mark Schwiebert
Lanty McGuire

A huge thank you to all who purchased tickets! More than \$2,500 was raised for our “Service Above Self Scholarship”. Special thanks to the Wine & Dine Raffle Committee for another outstanding job!



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 is 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 12th. 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!



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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Enter the following information OR attach a voided check: *

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_____ Checking _____ Savings

Bank Routing Number _____ - _____ - ____

Financial Institution's Name

Financial Institution's Phone Number

(____) ____ - _____

* If you currently bank at a credit union, **DO NOT ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK.** Ask the credit union to tell you the correct routing number to use on this form.

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FREQUENCY OF TRANSFER (WEEKLY, MONTHLY, ETC) _____

DATE OF TRANSFER (if blank, the transfer will occur on the first business day of the month) _____

For a joint account, only the person whose taxpayer identification number is shown should sign the form.

Under penalty of perjury, I certify that:

1. The taxpayer identification number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for number to be issued to me) **and**
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) I have been notified by the Internal Revenue Service that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, **and**
3. I am a U.S. person (including a U. S. resident alien).

(Instruction – You must cross out Item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return.)

(Signature)

(Date)

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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!



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, 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!

ATTENTION BASKETBALL FANS!

Our District “End Polio Now” Committee is Raffling off a Valuable Commemorative “Rick Barry” Basketball. If you aren’t a fan, and never heard of Rick Barry (shame on you!), but want to help end polio, you please enter so your \$10 will go to the Polio battle, and if you win you can donate the Ball for a Rock Island Rotary Club Raffle! Cindi would love to have it!!



Signed Rick Barry Basketball

Product details

- Full Size 29.5" Basketball
- Rick Barry photo and stats
- Featuring Rick Barry Autograph
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\$10 Per Chance

1987 Hall of Fame – Golden State Warriors

All Proceeds go to Polio Plus

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Full Steam Ahead!



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JUNE 1, 2024**

**ROTARY PARK
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11:00AM-9:00PM

**\$12.00 GRILLED AND FRIED SHRIMP BOATS
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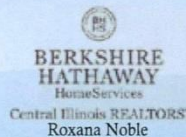
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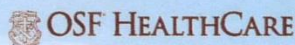
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BIRD NUMBER

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!**

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

Quad Cities Golf Classic Charitable Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, EIN #93-1332421, doing business as John Deere Classic & Birdies for Charity.

One lucky supporter of the **LEXUS SMART LEXUS OF QUAD CITIES** 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
- No pledge or purchase required. Need not be present to win.
- Pledges submitted after the JDC may be applied the following year.