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Rock Island, Illinois

Meeting Tuesdays at Noon – Quad City Botanical Center

Rock Island West End Revitalization

Thurgood Brooks



Thurgood Brooks is a graduate of Rock Island High School where he was a student leader and star athlete in football and track. He received his bachelor's degree in political science and history from Western Illinois University in 2015. In June of 2023 he was appointed West End Revitalization Coordinator for the City of Rock Island. In that capacity Thurgood lead a steering committee and 7 working groups of over 50 people to finalize a strategic plan and budget. He was charged with communicating with the community and donors and to track and oversee revitalization progress. He began by telling us that the project began in 2020 when the John Deere Foundation notified the City that they were interested in investing in Rock Island and asked for proposals. Among those presented was a proposal authored by King Center laying out the concept of "Revitalizing the West End". That proposal was selected and work began with establishing a steering committee to identify needs, make recommendations, and identify barriers that needed to be overcome. Just as things got started, the Covid pandemic hit and live meetings were shut down along with most everything else. To be deterred, meetings were held via Zoom and planning progressed. It was determined that the plan needed to address both the symptoms and the roots of problems that were identified. A vision was established and goals set. They focused their goals on five primary areas of impact: community engagement, assets and income, housing and land, economic vitality and infrastructure and visual appeal. It was also noted that in addition to support from the Deere Foundation and the City of Rock Island, the King Center has received a \$300,000 grant from the Quad-Cities Community Foundation to support the West End Revitalization effort. The steering committee has been meeting twice each month and revealed its three-year plan on Friday, March 22. Mr. Brooks briefly outlined the plan's major components. The plan focuses on five impact areas: **Community Engagement:** This gives West End residents more opportunities to participate in local governments, budgets and future plans. **Personal Assets and Income:** The plan includes new financial and banking resources to help grow residents' wealth. **Housing and Land:** The plan will seek to create tenant organizations and paths to homeownership. **Community Economic Vitality :** This will include youth mentorships and job opportunities. **Infrastructure and Visual Appeal:** Sites like Franklin Field may be acquired and beautified to the community's desires. One of the first steps in the plan is to create a community development corporation for the West End. It's a non-profit organization that offers more flexibility than a city department like the MLK Center, such as a tax-exempt status. Goals of the plan include a community grocery store. The neighborhood is without one. Establishing pathways for the community to participate in city decision making; expanding affordable broadband access; enhancing the neighborhood's streetscapes; supporting and creating tenants associations; and expanding housing options. The vision is to make the West End a preferred place to live. Lofty goals, but with the dedication of more than 50 citizens working together as steering committee members, spokespersons such as Thurgood Brooks spreading the word to the community, a solid commitment to succeed, and backing from the City, the King Center, the Deere Foundation, and the Quad Cities Community Foundation there is great hope that for all of Rock Island, this plan will succeed.

May - June Calendar

- May 14 - Sarah Leonard – Earl Hanson Principal
- May 21 - Tyler Mitchell – The Project
- May 28 - Ryan Wille, Q.C. Botanical Center Plant Discovery Bus
- June 4 - John Phillips – Quad City's Balladier
- June 11 - TBA
- June 18 - TBA
- June 25 - President Cindi Wrap-up Thoughts

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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** – Our guests today were Dick Fislar founder of our Mary Fislar Scholarship, Visiting Rotarian Duncan Cameron from Naples, Florida, and Alleman Jr. Rotarians Emma Shrave, Ella Praet, and Danny Darrow. We love having guests and encourage all our members to bring a guest to lunch. All guests who attend are potential Rotary members. Once they see what we do, they will want to join us!
- ★ **BIRDIES FOR CHARITY CAMPAIGN** – 2024 Birdies for Charity pledge forms are available from project chairman Kevin Koski or at the Sergeant at Arms table. Pledges large and small are welcome and each will receive no less than a 5% bonus from the Deere Foundation. Help us set a new record for percentage of members pledging! For convenience you can use the pledge form included with this newsletter, or you can just let Kevin know what you want to pledge, and he will do the paperwork for you. No payment is due when pledging. You will receive an invoice after the tournament.
- ★ **ROTARY WINE & DINE RAFFLE** – Tickets are available for purchase and sale for our 2024 Wine & Dine Raffle. Winners will be drawn, **May 28th**. 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 a few 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 three 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 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. 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!

JORDAN EARLYACT AND ROCKY INTERACT YEAR END REPORTS IN TODAY'S NEWSLETTER PAGES 7-10. LOTS OF PHOTOS! DON'T MISS IT!

ROTARY FOUNDATION MINUTE

The message this week is from Barry Rassin, Trustee Chair of TRF. In the current edition of Rotary (April 2024), Rotarian Rassin laments the failing health of our environment and what The Rotary Foundation can do about it.

“For many, the Bahamas is a place to escape colder climates, relax on white-sand beaches, and snorkel in clear, turquoise waters. For me, it’s home. I grew up sailing on these waters and to this day, anytime I can, I am out on the water with family and friends. It’s where my heart is. The environmental threats my country is facing are real. Our coral reefs, vital for biodiversity, are in danger due to warming seas and pollution. Hurricanes and tropical storms seem to get more intense with each passing year. Rising sea levels pose an existential threat to the Bahamas, eroding our beautiful coastlines as saltwater intrudes on our precious and limited freshwater resources. Rotary can be part of the solution.

As you know, protecting the environment is one of Rotary’s areas of focus. Many clubs are active in their communities with projects such as beach and roadside cleanups. With The Rotary Foundation, you can increase your impact by pooling resources with clubs and districts around the world. Foundation grants let you put the generous contributions of your fellow Rotary members to work to make the world better.

The problems our environment faces seem overwhelming until you realize that many are fixable. There are so many ways to help through Rotary. Even if we don’t lead a grant or volunteer on the project, we can all help protect the environment through our giving to the Foundation. Rotary can’t save the planet all by itself. But as our progress in ending polio proves, Rotary’s impact is great when we put our vision for a better world in motion, and just get started.”

FOUNDATION RAFFLE



Today’s raffle offered a 50/50 cash drawing, a bottle of fine wine, and a human trafficking stocking cap. The first ticket drawn was held by John Oligier who took the cash and gave it to our three student guests. The second lucky winner was visiting Rotarian Duncan Cameron who took the wine. The final winner was Alleman Jr. Rotarian, Danny Darrow (grandson of Rotarian Clarence Darrow) and Danny won the cap. Congratulations and thanks to all who participated.



FINES / HAPPY-SAD DOLLARS

V.P. John Oligier announced that today would be the last day for fines for this Rotary year. Happy-Sad Dollars will continue - and he asked that “Booing” also continue. (What’s wrong with him???)

He began by welcoming and fining good friend Duncan Cameron for all the beautiful warm days he spent in Florida while the rest of us shoveled snow! He then fined Bill Stengel for a great color photo that was in the paper announcing the new Velge Track & Cross-Country Scholarship for Rock Island-Milan athletes. Bill was quick to point out that Holly Sparkman and Monta Ponsetto were also present for the announcement and “invited” them to join him in paying the fine, which they did. Kathy Trone offered a happy dollar thanking those that helped staff the Human Trafficking booth at our recent Rotary District Conference. Ruth Lee who celebrated a birthday noted that she makes a happy donation each year for her birthday and continued that tradition today. She mentioned she “rounds up” for her donation adding to her birth years. Thanks Ruth for your generosity and Happy Birthday! John Wetzel offered two happy dollars. One for the Augustana Women’s Golf team that finished 3rd in the CCIW Conference, the highest finish for an Augustana team in decades and one for the Augustana women’s water polo team that finished 3rd in the Nation in the recent national tournament! John then added a sad dollar for the Cubs loss last night having the bases loaded, no outs, and failing to score any runs! There’s always tomorrow, John! Bob Swanson had a happy dollar in honor of Bud Phillis being a presenter at last weekend’s District RYLA camp speaking about Polio and telling his very interesting and motivating personal story of personally suffering the disease and losing his sister to Polio. Bob also paid \$4 additional dollars for soliciting members to participate in the Christian Care Trivia Night this coming Friday. If you want to play or want to have a table of eight, email Bob bobdebswanson@att.net or Cindi Gramenz cgramenz15@gmail.com. Thanks to all who contributed to Fines & Dollars! Your support of Rotary is appreciated!

CORRESPONDENCE FROM INDIA!

Last week our Club received a very nice message from a fellow Rotarian in India. We think you will find it interesting and exciting!

Dear President Cindi Gramenz ,

This is Suren Poruri, District Chairman - Global Grants, RI District 3150, from India.

Your rotary club of Rock Island was chartered on May 1, 1914, which is today. Your club completed 110 years service today in RI District 6420 in serving the communities across the world.

I would like to extend my warm wishes to you and to all your club members on this joyous moment.

Rotary is the only organization which has global foot print and is working towards happy communities across the world with it's noble initiatives.

Thanks to our rotary club founder Rtn Paul Harris, we are able to make a difference in the communities where we live.

Rotary clubs across the world executes service projects worth 2 billion dollars every year in their communities. Rotarians gives 25 million volunteer hours to their communities across the world every year.

Thanks and regards

Suren Poruri

We appreciate the very nice note from Suren Poruri and are pleased and surprised that Rock Island Rotary is being noticed even in India! Amazingly our 110th Anniversary passed last week-- and they noticed it before we did!!

Happy 110th Rock Island Rotarians!

ROTARY PASSES ON MILAN FESTIVAL

The Board of Directors made a difficult decision and voted not to have a food tent at this year's Milan Harvest Festival. Our club supports the Festival, wishes great success and growth, and appreciates the hard work and dedication of Kevin Nolan and others who brought the event back after a number of years with no carnival or festival in Rock Island and Milan. It is steadily growing and is a very important part of the fall season in our community. Unfortunately for us the event required obtaining, erecting, and subsequently removing a tent, purchasing all the food and drink products we wanted to sell (guessing on quantities needed) and most importantly, staffing the tent for all the hours the Festival is open during its five days run. That included some members arriving prior to start time each day to set up and coming back each night

to take down and lock up our equipment and supplies. We greatly value the opportunity of Rotarians working together, meeting spouses and family members and the comradery that those that signed up enjoyed, but we just don't have enough members available and willing to help, Many can't because of jobs, family commitments, or health issues. We investigated the possibility of doing something easier at the festival such as selling only beverages (pop and water), but that option was not something the festival wanted. The door is open if in the future the Club wants to reconsider or offer support for the festival in some form other than a food tent. A huge and sincere "Thank You" to those that in the past two years volunteered their time and possessions (Steve Morenz provided the trailer we locked items in every night, Sue, Ruth, and Cindi provided pans, utensils, tubs, and water container, Mark Zimmerman provided all the tables, Frank Lambert used his truck and labor to haul tables, Mariah Johnson provide storage tubs, the Fislars provided the apple slicer and the paper products and utensils we used last year and many members did give their time to staff the tent. Several members hauled ice the past two years and in our first year Justin Peterson provided a freezer and lined up a donated generator we used. I'm sure I've forgotten several key people and important contributions and for that I do apologize, but wanted all to know how much your help has been appreciated! Now on to Bigger & Better things!



Bob Swanson, Festival Project Chair

FINAL WINE & DINE SOCIAL OF 2024



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 – 18th 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!

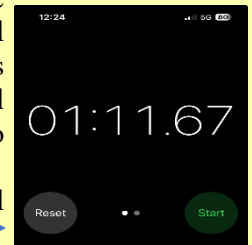
THANKS TO THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED ...

IN OUR Club's Strategic Planning Sessions by attending one of the two Saturday sessions hosted during the past month and to those who were unable to attend and requested the "view at home" PowerPoint. Your opinions and feedback are invaluable to those who have volunteered to gather and formulate what was said into a proposed new strategic plan for the coming three years. Volunteers are reworking our Vision Statement, Mission, and specific plan details for moving the club forward. Thanks, in particular to our incoming executive team of Sue Rector, John Olinger, and Amber Wood for organizing and leading the discussions. A special note of appreciation to Sue who put together the PowerPoint used to guide the discussions and to John who arranged for us to use the beautiful facilities at Modern Woodmen for our in-person sessions. Stay tuned to see the great results anticipated in the near future!



TOP BIRDIE – KEVIN KOSKI REPORTS

Club Birdies for Charity chairman Kevin Koski reported that one week into the campaign six pledges have been received. Not a bad start, but we have a way to go to reach our Club goal of 42 pledges and a donation goal of \$5,500. The pledges 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! Incidentally, Kevin asked for a minute. Mark Mayeski had today's official stopwatch!



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.

EAT OUT NEXT THURSDAY – HELP THE JORDAN EARLYACT CLUB!

Next Tuesday the officers from the Jordan EarlyAct Club (5th & 6th Graders) will be attending our meeting to report on their projects and activities during the past year. On Thursday 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.



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!

Rock Island High School Interact Club 2023-2024 In Review



Martin Luther King Center Parade

We joined the Rock Island Rotary Club in celebrating and marching in the summer parade for our local Martin Luther King Center. We also marched with Rotary and handed out candy to children in the Rock Island Labor Day Parade. That same week we helped staff the Rotary Club's food tent at the 5-Day Milan Harvest Festival.

International Project

Through our fundraising efforts from last year, we were able to purchase a Water Filter Rotary International and join the Rock Island Rotary International Project providing clean, safe water to village schools in Kenya.



Our Own Local Service Projects

Pride Store



We have a system of PRIDE CARDS at Rocky where students are given them for good things that they do....being kind, class participation, good attendance, etc.

Every couple of weeks, we have a Pride Store during lunch. Students can trade their Pride Cards for treats, drinks, jewelry, perfume, and other fun items.

The Interact Club has been in charge of selecting items to have and running the Pride Store.

Fun Fridays



Our club wanted to make sure that ALL students felt like they belonged somewhere and could participate. So, we hosted 4 Fun Fridays after school.

We offered activities such as Henna Tattoos, Karaoke, board games, video games and of course... food. We saw a lot of shy students come join us that normally don't participate in school activities.

Jordan Catholic School EarlyAct 2023-2024 Year in Review

EarlyAct at Jordan celebrated its 8th year in operation this year with close to thirty 5th and 6th graders signing up to serve! The students brainstormed ideas throughout the fall and determined that our focus for our first project would be on serving needy members of our parish communities and the sick and elderly at Christmas. On Giving Tuesday, students held a “Stuff the Stocking” event wherein each class was challenged to stuff a stocking with monetary donations. Our EarlyAct students visited each classroom to speak about the project, and they were able to raise an impressive \$1,100! Jordan EarlyAct won a District 6420 \$100 prize after submitting this report for “Outstanding Achievement! Congratulations!



These donations were then used to purchase Christmas gifts for children and families in need at our affiliated parishes. Several members met at Target on a Sunday afternoon to shop and were able to provide gifts for 18 children and 2 adults. Some of our EarlyAct parents helped us wrap the gifts, and we were able to deliver them to the parishes in time for Christmas.



In addition to Christmas gifts, we also wanted to make sure the sick and homebound in our area received a Christmas greeting. We created handmade Christmas cards at two of our meetings which were delivered to Celebrate Senior Living and passed out to the residents.



In February, as we were contemplating our spring project, one of our beloved teachers at Jordan passed away unexpectedly. It was a shock to our school, but especially sad for our 6th graders who had her as their English teacher. Our EarlyAct students decided that our focus for spring would be on supporting our school and creating a lasting memorial in her honor. On May 14th, our EarlyAct students will be participating in a fundraising evening at Applebee's. The money raised from this event will be used to purchase perennial plants and annual flowers to be planted in a memorial garden and rosary walk that will be created at the school. It will also help us contribute to its upkeep throughout the summer months and beyond.

Later in May, our EarlyAct officers will visit the Rock Island Rotary to make a presentation about their projects this year. This will wrap up another successful and fulfilling year for our EarlyAct students at Jordan!



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 Rugeberg – 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!*

Are You

Interested

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 – 5th 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!

Are You

Interested

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

Interested

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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937

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!

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
- 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:
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