



WEEKLY REVIEW

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Rotary Club of Rock Island

Rock Island, Illinois

Meeting Tuesdays at Noon – Quad City Botanical Center



John Phillips

Singer/Songwriter Guitarist

Our program today was a return of one of our most popular! John Phillips is not only our former Rock Island City Manager, a past president of our Club, chairs our annual Blood

Drive, and is the Development Chair of our Club Foundation, he is one of our area's most talented entertainers and often can be seen performing at the Bucktown Review. Much of his music is his own original compositions that mix story telling and humor into his song. John began by telling that his performing began when he was 12 years old. He received a "beat up" old guitar and began learning to play. He grew up on a farm near Dubuque, Iowa in a family that was all musically talented. Through the years John (very obviously) became a highly skilled guitarist and composed many original songs. Today he first performed a selection of songs from artists he listened to and admired in his youth. That began with a snippet of Roger Miller's *Do-Wacka-Do*. He played and sang just enough to get us interested and then transitioned into singing a great rendition of Miller's *King of the Road* in its entirety. Moving to another of those that influenced John's early performing years, he sang John Denver's *Country Roads*. John's performance was again outstanding with many in the room singing along. Jumping forward in his musical career, John talked of moving to Rockford, Illinois and being a regular at a local coffee house where among many talented performers he heard John Prine. He mentioned that Prine was well known for his serious compositions and many that weren't so serious. He then performed one of the "not serious" Prine tunes, "*Spanish Pipedream (Blow Up Your TV)*". The humorous lyrics fit John's style perfectly and allowed him to show off his guitar skills. The fun continued climbing when John turned to his own original songs. The first was *He Used to Be Somebody*. It was a very creative mix of thought provoking, serious lyrics with a message and humor. Again, the singing and guitar work were impressive and clearly showed that even in his original work, John incorporates challenging guitar accompaniment along with lyrics of how life changes as one ages. His second original composition was *Remember Not to Forget* which drew on life experiences and humorously told the story of how we often get sidetracked and forget things from as simple as why did I come in here, to more important things like Anniversaries. It touched all who have experienced such lapses, in a humorous and entertaining way. John's performance concluded with a special treat. He invited his lovely daughter Katie Phillips to join him, and the duo performed John Prine's *Dear Abby* a funny musical parody of the popular advice columnist. John sang the "letter" seeing Abby's advice, and Katie provided the musical answer standing in for Abby. It was fun, clever, and extremely well done. It was evident that Katie inherited her dad's flare for entertaining and outstanding vocal talent. We look forward to John's periodic performance at Rotary and feel blessed to have him in our club and willing to share his talent with us. John also makes occasional appearances performing at the Bucktown Americana Music Show (formerly The Bucktown Review) in downtown Davenport on Friday nights starting their new season in August. We're fortunate to get a preview of what others may hear in the future! Thanks John for an outstanding concert and for having Katie join you making the day truly special!

May - June Calendar

- June 18 - Michelle Juehring, 50th Anniversary of the Bix 7 race
- 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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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** – Today we welcomed three guests to our meeting. Visiting Rotarian Duncan Cameron from the Naples, Florida Club was with us. Also joining us were Karen Phillips, wife of our program performer, and Katie Phillips’s daughter of John Phillips. Katie joined her dad for the final number in today’s program. We love having guests and invite all members to invite a friend or colleague to join us for lunch!
- ★ **DETAILS FOR ANNE McGLYNN ARRANGEMENTS** – Visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home and Crematory, Rock Island. Services will be held at 10:00am, on Thursday, June 13, 2024, at St John’s Lutheran Church, 4501 7th Ave, Rock Island, IL 61201. Members wishing to attend visitation as a group will be gathering at Wheelan-Pressly so we can enter at 4:45pm Wednesday.
- ★ **ARDO HOLMGRAIN DETAILS** – Ardo’s widow, Carolyn has advised that there will be no public visitation or services per Ardo’s wishes. There will be a very small, private family service on Friday. Carolyn thanked Rotary for the many years of joy and friendship Ardo received through his long club membership. Prior to his medical issues, Ardo had more than 50 years of perfect Club attendance!
- ★ **INVITE A GUEST NEXT WEEK** – Our speaker will be Race Director, Michelle Juehring, speaking about the special plans for the upcoming 50th Anniversary of the Bix 7 race coming up on July 27th, 2024, at 8am! A huge number of participants and thousands of spectators are expected. Come hear all the plans and details for making this “Golden Anniversary” race special.
- ★ **DIRECTORY BOOK AT THE PRINTERS** – Our 2024-25 Club Directory is at the printers and will be distributed at our July 2nd meeting. Every member is entitled to a copy. If you are not at the meeting on the 2nd, you may get your as any subsequent meeting. Just inquire at the Sergeant’s Table. We strive to be accurate and all, but a relatively small number of members verified and/or updated information in reply to emails that were sent to all members. Please keep in mind that information in the director is for Club members and Club use only.
- ★ **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

Amanda DeLaCruz	June 2	Jeff Dismer	June 15
John Oliger	June 4	John Wetzel	June 16
Mike Oberhaus	June 7	Justin Peterson	June 20
Pete Wessels	June 10	Dave Hodge	June 27
Linda Golden	June 11	Erin Williams	June 28
Sarah Gorham	June 14	Anne McGlynn	June 29

ROTARY FOUNDATION MINUTE

As part of TRF's mission of providing quality education in its effort at advancing world understanding, three undergraduates from Yale University were the recipients of the 2024 Rotary Global Grant Scholarship for graduate studies at prestigious British universities. Foundation Minute this week celebrates the lucky young scholars: Anjali Mangla, Joshua Nguyen and Vijay Pathak.

Anjali Mangla, a double major in Neuroscience and Global Affairs, received a Rotary Global Grant Scholarship that will allow her to pursue a master's degree in Global Health Policy at London School of Tropical Hygiene and Medicine and London School of Economics. Mangla is interested in global health policymaking, particularly in investigating sustainable financing mechanisms for global health care policy and community-based initiatives. She hopes to pioneer sustainable global health financing policies with a focus on mitigating noncommunicable diseases in the future.

Joshua Nguyen, who graduated from Yale in 2023 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology, was awarded the Rotary Global Grant Scholarship to pursue an M.Sc. degree in Digital Health at the University of Oxford. His interest in health care equity will guide his studies at Oxford, where he plans to delve into leveraging digital health innovations to serve marginalized populations. He aspires to a career dedicated to improving health equity, with a focus on supporting uninsured and low-income communities.

Vijay Pathak, a senior from Luxembourg and France who will graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Ethics, Politics, and Economics, has been awarded the Rotary Global Grant to pursue studies in European Politics and international conflict prevention in the United Kingdom. His academic interests lie at the intersections of statecraft, international law, and the foreign and security policies of the EU and United States.

"We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future." Franklin D. Roosevelt.

FOUNDATION RAFFLE



Today's raffle featured cash and a bottle of fine wine. Visiting Rotarian Duncan Cameron assisted in drawing the tickets. The ticket pulled was held by Bill Stengel who opted to take the cash and donated it back to Rock Island Rotary. The second ticket drawn belonged to Vice President John Olinger who took the wine. Duncan did a great job pulling tickets, but expressed disappointment that he wasn't able to pull his own! Thanks to everyone who participated in today's raffle. Proceeds support the Rotary International Foundation



HAPPY-SAD DOLLARS & VOLUNTEERED FINES

It was a rather quiet day for Happy-Sad dollars, but the quality was top notch! Kathy Trone started things off with happy dollars in celebration of our Club and our District being written up in the Rotary International Human Trafficking and Slavery newsletter describing and praising the work of our District's Human Trafficking Task Force. Kathy is District task force chair and has done a wonderful job spreading the word and raising awareness and money for this important cause! We're proud of you, Kathy! Jim Moran had several very happy dollars in celebrations of high school graduations for his granddaughter, and two nephews. All three graduated with high honors from their respective high schools and all will be headed to college in the fall. Looks like they got Jim's athletic abilities with his granddaughter slated to play college volleyball, one nephew will play collegiate lacrosse and the other college football. Congratulations! Kevin Koski offered both happy and sad dollars, Happy for having known Ardo Holmgrain and Anne McGlynn and sad for their very recent passing. We share your thoughts, Kevin.

AMBER WOOD RECEIVES PAUL HARRIS +1



Congratulations to Amber Wood who was surprised today when Foundation Chair Sue Rector called her forward to receive a Paul Harris Fellow +1 pin, designating that Amber has reached the \$2,000.00 level in contributions to the Rotary International Foundation. In accepting, Amber noted the great work Rotary accomplishes worldwide and in our community and urged others to continue their support of the Foundation. Amber is our incoming 2nd Vice President. Congratulations and, Thank you!

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. idismer@studio483.com.



THE WEEKLY BIRDIE REPORT

Our Birdies for Charity chairman Kevin Koski reported that a month into the campaign we are well on our way toward reaching our cash total in pledges of \$5,500. However, our number of members pledging is lagging with just 32 pledges so far. Our goal was to have pledges from 42 members. We still have three weeks to go in this year's Birdies campaign so for those who have yet to pledge, please do it now! 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 in today's newsletter, or you can call, or email Kevin and he will do the paperwork for you. Email kevinkoski3@gmail.com or call 309-788-6007.

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. Tickets are \$13 for prime reserved box seats! This is a social outing you won't want to miss! Mark Your Calendar and sign up for tickets at the Sergeant's Table for Rotary Night at the Ball Park!



NEW MEMBER APPLICANT



We have received a membership application from Courtney Conrad. Courtney will be filling a vacant corporate associate member position for Quad City Bank and Trust. She has been with Quad City Bank for over four years and is an Associate Wealth Management Officer. She is a graduate of United Township High School and has been in the banking industry for ten years. She is based out of the Moline Quad City Bank branch in the former Velie Mansion. Please direct comments to President Cindi Gramenz, cgramenz15@gmail.com or V.P. John Olinger, John.Olinger@modern-woodmen.org.

ROTARIANS ENJOY THE WEATHER & BACKWATER GAMBLERS



This past Sunday a good number of Rock Island Rotarians were joined by Rotarians from Moline, Davenport, and several other clubs for an evening on the shore of the Rock River. It was quite windy initially which made it very difficult water for skiing, but the show "went on"! It began with a memorial ceremony for Ski Team member Keith Burger who died on Friday, June 7th. Team members, family, and friends dropped flower petals into the river while other members spoke of his long dedication to the team. Then after a short break the show got underway with some team members absent because of the loss of their teammate. Those that performed demonstrated amazing ramp jumps, spins, and flips plus barefoot speed skiing and choreographed ballet moves on skis. It was a fun day, a huge crowd on hand for the show, and even with rough waters and missing a few skiers, great entertainment by very talented athletes.

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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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 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.