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MARY L. FISLAR COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

TODAY was a very special day in the life of Rock Island Rotary, with the introduction and inaugural presentation of our new Mary L. Fislar Community Service Scholarship. The motto of Rotary International is "Service Above Self." Mary's husband, Dick Fislar, provided a loving accounting of Mary, her incredible caring for her fellow man, He told of the great energy Mary put into her Rotary membership and how committed she was to our Club. Mary Fislar, for whom this scholarship is named, was a graduate of Augustana College and earned a master's degree in counseling from Western Illinois University. She was co-owner of Picture Perfect Travel, the premiere travel agency in the Quad Cities and a member of the Rock Island Rotary Club for twenty-eight years, serving as the Club's president for 2004-2005. She led the club's membership committee for over a decade and created a mentoring program that has since been adopted by clubs throughout the Midwest. Mary's dedication went beyond her own club through her service on the Rotary District's membership committee. She cherished her Rotary membership and was beloved by all who knew and worked with her. During her Rotary membership, Mary volunteered and faithfully served on numerous club committees, worked on scores of projects, and had a keen mind, a sharp sense of humor, and a loving heart, particularly for youth. Through her personal actions, Mary was a living example of Service Above Self. She was a regular volunteer at the Heart of Hope Food Pantry on behalf of our club. She received our Club's highest honor, the A.T. Peara "Service Above Self Award in 2006. It is a lifetime achievement award reserved to those Rotarians who demonstrate a commitment and dedication to the principals established by Rotary International founder Paul P Harris, of Integrity, Professionalism, Honesty, Intellect, Friendship, and Service to Others. Mary was a serving Rotarian, wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and businesswoman. This scholarship, in her honor seeks to recognize and assist young adults who share her commitment of service to others. Marcy Bell, twin sister of Mary Fislar reviewed the criteria for selection which included: An academic average of no less that 3.0, Proof of Acceptance from a certified University, College, Community College, or Trade School, a letter of recommendation from a faculty member from the applicant's school, a 500 word or less letter from the applicant detailing their commitment to service, and finally, selection by the Rock Island Rotary Mary L. Fislar Scholarship Committee. Marcy also spoke about growing up with Mary and how volunteerism and service was a part of their lives from their early childhood. She said, "It was just something we did." Claire is truly a fitting recipient for the scholarship named in honor of our fellow Rotarian and friend, Mary Fislar! Our 2024 inaugural Mary L. Fislar Community Service Scholarship winner is Claire Doran. Claire was on the "High Honor Roll" all four years while at Moline High School. She is a member of the Moline Interact Club (the high school version of Rotary) and compiled more service hours than any other Interact member. She was selected to represent her school at Moline Rotary Club meetings. Claire will be attending Black Hawk College this fall and later transferring to a 4-year university with plans to double major in political science and business. *See Scholarship page 3*



May - June Calendar

- 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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Presenters

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

Club Notes & Announcements!

- ★ **WELCOME GUESTS** – We had several guests today including our Fislar Scholarship recipient Claire Doran and her mother, Megan Doran. We also welcomed Dick Fislar on hand to present the Scholarship. Emily Brownfield was a guest of her mother, Monta Ponsetto. We enjoy hosting guests, visiting Rotarians, and prospective members. When did you last invite a friend or colleague to join you for lunch at Rotary?
- ★ **IF YOU ARE WONDERING** – Some scheduling confusion led to John Phillip's portion of the program not occurring today. John will be here next Tuesday, with guitar in hand ready and eager to entertain. Our apologies for any confusion that may have occurred.
- ★ **DID YOU SEE?** – The planning committee for our new Rotary Summer Potluck Picnic is forming. All interested members are invited to join Amber Wood, Tia Steele, and Amber Brummit to help plan the event this Thursday, June 6th at the Riverfront Grille, 4619 34th Street (Blackhawk Road), Rock Island. They will be there from 4:30 – 6 p.m. working and socializing! It's a great opportunity to get involved, meet fellow members, and be a big help to your club! Cast aside your shyness and join the fun!
- ★ **ROTARY NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK** – Signing up for seats began today. You can reserve now and pay later. We need to get an accurate count so either sign the form at the Sergeant's table or email John at john.oliger@modern-woodmen.org. Tickets are \$13 for reserved seats. This is a family/friends event so feel free to invite those you enjoy being with to join you.
- ★ **LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR THE BACKWATER GAMBLERS SKI SHOW!** – The show is this coming Sunday at Ben Williamson Park at the foot of 44th Street and the Rock River in Rock Island. Admission is free, but we must provide our final count Thursday morning. If you want to go send and have not signed up, send a reply email stating how many seats you need. This is another family/friends event. You may request as many seats as you need at no charge, so be sociable and invite those you enjoy being with.
- ★ **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

**Tragically deceased*

Scholarship, from page 1 –



Upon college graduation she hopes to pursue a master's or law degree and wants to use her education to help others, whether in politics, business, or in the courtroom. In an essay submitted as part of the scholarship application process Claire noted that she was introduced to service as a young child by her father who took her with him to volunteer at the Knights of Columbus. She also stood at the HyVee Store doors soliciting funds for the intellectually disabled. Later, in high school with fellow Interact members she stood at the HyVee doors soliciting donations for the Student Hunger Drive. In four years at Moline High, Claire joined many organizations where she volunteered her time and talent to help her community. She earned over 130 service hours in school activities. Her work included putting up flags through-

out the community for patriotic holidays, she was a volunteer for the Quad City Marathon, the Student Hunger Drive, she helped pass out breakfasts during their Teacher Appreciation Week. Claire volunteered, and watched young children so their parents could participate in parent/teacher conferences. As a National Honor Society member, she helped decorate the school and baked and sold food to raise money for a winter clothing drive for the needy. She is eager to continue her community service at the college level and beyond. Claire is pictured above receiving her scholarship documents from Scholarship Chair Gary Rowe, Marcy Bell, and Dick Fislar. Mr. Rowe stated that we received a great field of applicants for the scholarship and Claire's qualifications and past service record made it a relatively easy choice. Claire spoke briefly, thanking our Club for selecting her for the scholarship and noted that in sitting with Dick and Marcy through lunch and hearing them tell Mary's story truly inspired her to live up to honor of receiving the first Mary L. Fislar Scholarship. We congratulate Claire and thank Dick and Marcy for their financial support of the scholarship. We also thank members of the Scholarship Committee, Gary Rowe, Marcy Bell, Julie Gelaude, Cindi Gramenz, Ruth Lee, Sue Rector, and Bob Swanson for their work in establishing the criteria, planning, and making arrangements for today's presentation program.

ROTARY FOUNDATION MINUTE

It's June and the children in K-12 schools are taking time off for the long-awaited summer holiday. Some lucky ones will go on vacation with their family members and loved ones; some will end up in camps and yet others will find themselves seated behind long benches at city parks for donated lunch bags provided by charitable organizations like Rotary International.

The Foundation Minute this week, by Brad Webber, is culled from the May 2024 Rotary Magazine and is a testimony to how Rotary, through its Foundation, improves the lifestyle of all people, especially the underserved in poor communities of the world. According to the report, "a community kitchen built by the Rotary Club of Nuevo Santander at a local school is ensuring hundreds of children have meals in low-income neighborhoods of Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, a city on the U.S. border. "Most of the houses in this area do not have running water or electricity," says Club President Jorge Tello. The club launched the \$150,000 project in 2018, and the kitchen at the Comedor Santa María school began operating in August 2020; meals were first served to-go due to the COVID-19 pandemic before the dining room opened in May 2021. "Operation costs for providing breakfast and lunch for 230 children every day is \$9,300 a month," Tello says. The funds are donated by businesses and individuals. Club members supervise the operation, and Rotarians are providing solar panels to the facility." Comedor Santa Maria School served more than 30,000 meals in 2023.

Similar stories happen all over the world because of the commitment of Rotarians to Service Above Self. We won't be satisfied until all those who are hungry are fed, all those who are sick are cured, and all those who are hopeless have opportunity. You're support of the Rotary Foundations is critical to achieve our goals!

FOUNDATION RAFFLE



Today's raffle featured cash and a bottle of fine wine. Guest Scholarship Winner Claire Doran drew the first winning ticket which was held by Bill Stengel. Bill took the cash and directed that it be donated to the Rock Island Rotary Club Foundation. He then drew the second winning ticket which was held by Jim Moran sitting directly across from Bill at the same dining table. Jim thanked Bill and took home a bottle of outstanding wine. Thanks to everyone who participated in today's raffle.



HAPPY-SAD DOLLARS & VOLUNTEERED FINES

NONE TODAY. John will be back on the job next Tuesday!

THREE MORE PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS!

Foundation Chair Sue Rector had the pleasure today of calling forward Monta Ponsetto. Monta is a current Paul Harris Fellow and today extended that honor to her three grown children, Emily, Nick, and John. Emily was able to join us today for lunch and thanked her mother for the honor and commented on how much she appreciates all that Rotary does for our community and the world. Monta urged others to also become Paul Harris Fellows, by donating a total of \$600 to the Rotary International Foundation. Once your donations reach that level our club will add \$400 in matching funds to get you to the \$1,000 requirement for achieving your Paul Harris Fellow award. Monta added, "If I can do it, anyone can do it." Don't sell yourself short Monta, but we agree with Club help it is a very reachable goal. Pictured is Monta with daughter Emily Greenfield.



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.

THE WEEKLY BIRDIE REPORT



Our Birdies for Charity chairman Kevin Koski reported that four weeks into the campaign we have received 25 pledges toward our goal of 42 and the cash pledge so far is \$3,700 about 60% of our \$5,500 goal. We have just three weeks to go in this year's Birdies campaign so for those who have yet to pledge, there is time, but it is running out! 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 7 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! If you don't want to mess with the form you can just email Kevin and tell him what you want to pledge. Be sure to include your guess on how many Birdies the pros will score in this years John Deere Classic.

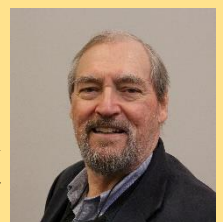
Rotary Night at the Ball Park

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 just \$13 for reserved seats. This is a social outing you won't want to miss! Sign up for tickets for Rotary Night at the Ball Park at next Tuesday's meeting or email John Oliger right now and let him know how many seats you want. John's email is john.oliger@modern-woodmen.org. This is a Rotary family/friends event. Don't forget to invite and include those you enjoy having fun with. You can't beat fun at the ole ballpark! {The opponent is a Cardinals farm team! – Go Bandits!}



HE IS DEDICATED AND GENEROUS!

John Wetzel was one of twelve Rotarians honored and celebrated today for having June birthdays. After the song was sung, John stepped to the mic and presented a check to the Rotary Foundation. He donated \$1 for every year of his life and \$1 for every year of his marriage. The total donation was \$137! Thank you John, have a happy birthday on the 16th and best wishes to you and Marcia for a wonderful anniversary! For 49 years you've been among Rock Island Rotary's very best!



ANNE McGLYNN BECOMES 4th MAJOR LOSS THIS YEAR

Rock Island Rotarians were stunned to hear of the death of our good friend and colleague, Anne McGlynn. This on top of losing Fred Houlton, Stan Coin, and Mary Fislar earlier this year. Anne fought a courageous and lengthy battle with cancer which came to an end on Sunday, June 2nd. Anne joined Rock Island Rotary in 2007. She served as our Club President in our 100th Anniversary Year, 2013-14 and took on an incredible Anniversary Project. She announced Rotary would raise \$100,000 to fund construction of a Children's Garden for the Quad City Botanical Center. This was by far the largest undertaking in our club's history. Anne achieved her goal, raising over the \$100,000 target. The Children's Garden today stands as a living memorial to Anne's drive and commitment to community service. For her incredible achievement, Anne received our highest honor, the A.T. Peara Award for 2013. After serving as president, Anne became our Club Secretary, a position she held until recently when deteriorating health caused her to resign. Anne is a Paul Harris Fellow and honored her husband and children with Paul Harris Fellow status. She served as a trusted advisor for all presidents that followed her tenure. During her 17 years in our Club Anne worked on virtually every project and attended every event we sponsored. Her death was a shock and an incredible loss to all Rock Island Rotarians. We will long remember her smile, her energy, and her commitment to Rotary and all our organization stands for. Rather than words, we will let pictures remind us of the friend we will miss.



FINAL CHANCE TO JOIN THE FUN – EMAIL bobdebswanson@att.net NOW!



Backwater Gamblers – Guinness World Record 60 Person Pyramid!

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

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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 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)

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ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

PHONE AND/OR EMAIL

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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:

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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.