



WEEKLY REVIEW

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Rotary Club of Rock Island

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Meeting Tuesdays at Noon – Quad City Botanical Center

ANGELA CAMPBELL

Rock Island Public LIBRARY



We know Angela Campbell as a great fellow Rotarian, having joined our club 11 years ago. She led our club through perhaps it's most difficult and critical time serving as our president in the heart of the Covid pandemic in 2020-21. Her steady hand and solid leadership kept us together, smoothly transitioned us to virtual meeting attendance via Zoom, and continued "business as usual" during a very unusual time. Professionally, Angela is a librarian. Angela says, "My professional experience revolves around libraries. I've worked at libraries since I was 14 years old, beginning as a "page" at my local public library. Throughout my undergraduate years, I was a circulation clerk at my college library. Graduating magna cum laude from Lindenwood University with a Bachelor of Arts in Corporate Communication, I immediately entered graduate school at Dominican University to pursue my Master of Library and Information Science. One year later, I graduated with my MLIS and began working at the Davenport (IA) Public Library." She spent seven years as a reference librarian and book discussion group coordinator and had the great opportunity to build a new department in the Library, which allowed Angela to use both of her college degrees. With only one other staff person, she built the PR/Programming Department and was responsible for promoting more than 600 programs per year, planning special events, all media relations, graphic arts, and printing. It was a "one-stop-PR-shop" that also happened to do event planning. Her work helped increase library usage considerably. After 13+ years at DPL, Angela moved to Glenwood, Iowa and her first position as Library Director for the Glenwood Public Library. In two years in that position, she created a makerspace technology lab, and completed a \$175,000 renovation of a new youth services area. That experience with her previous years of library work allowed her to return to the Quad Cities when she was named Director of the Rock Island Public Library in 2013. In that position she established a new Mobile Library2Go service, and most recently led a huge capital campaign for the new joint Library/YMCA facility in the central part of the City. She skillfully leads the team of employees at the Rock Island Public Library, works with our Library Foundation, and collaborates with the City. Angela and husband Daniel reside in Rock Island, which she calls, "A wonderful place to call home!" Angela thanked Rotary for making the Library our District Grant Project for 2024-25 and said the funds will be used to purchase 3 Sensory Stations and 13 age specific Steam Kits that can be checked out. The Sensory Stations are self contained table/desks with items included to play with that help children develop their senses. The Steam Kits will double the number the Library has. Last year their 13 existing kits were checked out 181 times exposing thousands of children to **Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math**. Angela also asked for Rotary volunteers to help put together the Sensory Stations. She said the goal of all these tools is to help develop children's critical thinking, confidence, curiosity, creativity, and collaboration. She then thanked Rotary for designating the proceeds of our Cruise Raffle (currently in progress) to add colorful musical flower instruments to the John ^ Fran Mayeski Reading Gardens at the new Watts Library branch on 30th street. The garden is named in honor of fellow Rock Island Rotarian Mark Mayeski's parents and in recognition of a significant donation from Mark and Kim Mayeski to the Library.

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Most Who
Serves Best*

- #### July – Aug. Calendar
- July 30 - John Gripp – R.I. Park & Rec Director
 - Aug 6 - Sarah Stevens – “Pay what you can” Sanctuary Yoga Studio in Moline.
 - Aug 13 - Dr. Cheryl True - Vice Chair, Augustana Board of Trustees and Chair of the Board of the Quad City Health Initiative
 - Aug 20 - David DeSimone, Augustana Tennis Coach regarding new Tennis complex.
 - Aug 27 - Ashley Hicks - Hand in Hand

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Rebecca Arnold

Presenters

July: Tom Hammar
August: Erin Williams
September: Dave Hodge
October: Yolanda Pugh
November: Rebecca Arnold
December: Bob Swanson
January: Gary Rowe
February: Kai Swanson
March: Yolanda/Rebecca
April: Angela Campbell
May: John Wetzel
June: Tom Hammar

Club Notes & Announcements!

- ★ **WELCOME GUESTS** – We were pleased to welcome visiting Rotarian Duncan Cameron of the Naples, Florida Club. Brady Shattuck, son of Molly Shattuck and grandson of Tom Hammer and recently crowned member of the Iowa 11 and under baseball championship team was a guest of grandpa and mom. Anna DelPreore was a guest of new member Geno DelPreore and got to witness his Rotarian induction. We are always pleased to welcome guests, particularly prospective members! Rotarians are encouraged to invite colleagues, friends and associates who might potentially be great Rotarians.
- ★ **ROTARY POTLUCK PICNIC – August 25th 3 to 6pm. Location to be announced.** This event is for you and your extended family of kids and grandkids. There will be games and treats for kids and great food and fellowship for the adults. Mark the date now and be sure to “signup” so we know you’re coming!
- ★ **NEW CLUB DIRECTORY BOOKS** – Each member is entitled to one. If you have not received yours, get your 2024-25 Directory at the Sergeant at Arms Table. They are a valuable source of information for contacting fellow members, checking committee assignments, finding dates of annual club activities, plus information about Rotary International and our Club.
- ★ **DID YOU SEE? – DATES TO SAVE! –**
 - Saturday, August 17th at 10am: District 6420 Community Awareness Program on Human Trafficking. Led by our own Kathy Trone this is a FREE EVENT at the Holiday Inn, Rock Island. A survivor will speak and there will be coffee and pastries served. Support Kathy and the trafficking fight!
 - Saturday, August 17th at 9:30am: Martin Luther King Center “Soul of the City Parade. Line up at Francis Willard School. Parade begins at 10am.
 - August 25th 3pm – Rock Island Rotary Family Potluck Picnic!
 - September 27th 9am to 1pm. Pumpkin Palooza at the Corn Crib.
 - November 8-9, Rockford Embassy Suites, District 6420 Conference
 - Rotary Trivia Night - Nov 22nd at Holiday Inn, Rock Island
 - Rotary Holiday Party – Circa 21, Saturday, December 7th.
 - Rotary Reindeer Ramble, Sunday, December 8th 1pm
 - Rotary Rock & Roll Bingo- March 21st at Holiday Inn, Rock Island
- ★ **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?

JULY ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS

Ernest Beane	July 3	Frank Lambert	July 15
James Jones	July 4	Todd Thompson	July 15
Holly Sparkman	July 7	Kevin Koski	July 12
Geno DelPreore	July 16	Lindsey Honert	July 17
Doug Hultquist	July 28		

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Angela then displayed photos of new pollinator gardens planted at the downtown main library by our fellow member Kathy Lelonek who Angela said is also in charge of weeding the garden. Planting pollinator gardens is the new 2024-25 District 6420 service project and Kathy's work and Angela offering the Library as a site for our first such garden puts our club well ahead of many clubs in the district. An additional pollinator garden is planned for the Watts Branch Library in the spring. In concluding Angela urged us all to become more familiar with the "21st Century Library". She noted that the Rock Island Public Library provides five different library opportunities: The Main Library in downtown which house the administrative offices and the bulk of the library's collection, the Southwest Branch Library on Ridgewood Road, the Watts Library Branch on 30th Street, the Mobile Library that moves throughout the city, and the Online Library which is available 24 hours a day year round. She said anyone paying for subscrip^ts for movies, magazines, and news services should stop, since those can be checked out from the library free. She also said we would be surprised at all the items the library has available for check out, including tools, education and enrichment items, games and entertainment, hobby ideas with helpful instructions, technology items and equipment, and even lawn games! Turning to the future she said on the horizon is mental health assistance through the library and she distributed handouts providing scan codes and phone numbers for emergency help, the suicide hotline, the Robert Young Center, and a text number to speak with a trained counselor. Library patrons will also be able to use their Rock Island Public Library Card for free access to "News Bank" for reliable information on any topic and coverage of national, regional, and local news. One thing became very clear from Angel's presentation, libraries are much, much more than a building housing books. At our Library you can reserve a meeting room, use a computer, get access to WiFi, use a printer, get curbside pickup of items you check out, get something notarized, and even register to vote. Plus read newspapers, magazines and see items of local history including Rock Island High School Yearbooks going back for years and years. Thank you Angela for a very interesting and highly informative program – and thanks for all you do to make our Library special!

SOMETHING NEW AND FUN AT TODAY'S MEETING

2nd Vice-President Amber Wood introduced a new feature she will add to our weekly Fines and Happy/Sad Dollars on the 4th Tuesday of each month. She had all members of our club's Board of Directors stand and then read some clues about one of the directors. Nothing so obvious a name or current profession, but things like their first ever job, their proudest achievement, their best vacation, etc. Then each table of Rotarians were given a minute or two to collaborate and then each was asked for their guess of which Director fit the clues. Tables that got it right got to enjoy the sweet taste of success, while those sitting at a table that got it wrong (and there were two "wrong" tables!) got to each pay a \$1 fine. It was fun and interesting and those that were correct identified our club Treasurer as this month's "Who is the Director" subject.

HOW ABOUT BEING A ROTARY GREETER!

Believe it or not, we've actually had comments from new members that one of the items that attracted them to our club over others was having a greeter at the door for all of our meetings. It's an easy job just requiring a smile, handshake, and a warm "Welcome to Rock Island Rotary." It adds a caring and personal touch and can make "breaking the ice" for a visitor or prospective member much easier. Today it was announced that Kimberly Calhoun and Amanda De La Cruz have taken over "recruiting" greeters. It is a task highly recommended for new members as a quick and friendly way to get to know fellow members, It is also highly recommended for long term members as a quick and friendly way to get to know new members. And of course, it is highly recommended for members that aren't really new and aren't really long-term members as a way to get to know both the old timers and the new folks. Bottom line, it's just a super way to serve your club, so if you fit into any of the above mentioned categories, drop an email to Kimberly at kcalhoun@circa21.com or Amanda at adelacruz@ambankqc.com and tell then you want to greet. They can let you know what dates are open and get you signed up. All you need to do is arrive a few minutes early on the date you select.

NEXT WEEK

IMMEDIATELY AFTER OUR MEETING ADJOURNS FELLOW ROTARIAN RYAN WILLE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE BOTANICAL CENTER WILL TAKE US ON A GUIDED TOUR OF THE CENTER. FOR THOSE THAT HAVE NOT SEEN THE CHILDREN'S GARDEN THAT WE FUNDED WITH OVER \$100,000 THIS IS A MUST-SEE TOUR. ALL ARE WELCOME! PLAN TO GIVE YOURSELF AN EXTRA 20-30 MINUTES FOR THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY!

ROCK ISLAND ROTARY SUPPORTS ROCKY INTERACT

Interact Club Sponsor Lonnie Behnke asked for help and Rotary responded! This coming Sunday the Rock Island School District will host its annual “Rockin In the School Year” event at Schwiebert Park from 3 to 5pm. The Interact Club plans to have a booth to promote Interact and recruit members and asked for our help. Our Board said “Yes,” and Rotarian members came forward with a Patio Canopy, pencils, and pens to give away and arranged to have new Interact Club Brochures printed (thanks to John Olinger and Modern Woodmen) for distribution at the event. Club members were asked to donate candy as further giveaway items. Please drop off candy to Cindi at Christian Care in advance or drop it off at the Interact Booth at the event. We also need several Rotarian volunteers to help staff the booth and give out our Club brochures to students’ parents that express interest in knowing more about Rotary. There is no admission charged so just come to the event. If you can help staff the booth try to arrive by 2:30pm. The event ends at 5pm so it is not going to be a long day. There was also a request for tables and chairs, and we now have enough tables and two chairs. If you come to help, please bring your own lawn chair. Interact is the high school student version of Rotary and we are the sponsoring Rotary Club of the Rock Island High School Interact Club.

ROTARY FOUNDATION MINUTE

As the Foundation Minute bids goodbye to Barry Rassin and welcomes Mark Daniel Maloney as the new Trustee Chair of TRF, it seems quite relevant to remind readers why July is the beginning of the Rotary year. Initially, our conventions played a key role in determining the start date of our fiscal and administrative year. Rotary’s first fiscal year began the day after the first convention ended, on 18 August 1910. The 1911-12 fiscal year also related to the convention, beginning with the first day of the 1911 convention on 21 August. The next August, the Board of Directors ordered an audit of the International Association of Rotary Clubs’ finances. The auditors recommended that the organization end its fiscal year on 30 June to give the secretary and treasurer time to prepare a financial statement for the convention and board, and to determine the proper number of club delegates to the convention. The executive committee agreed and, in April 1913, designated 30 June as the end of the fiscal year. This also allowed for changes to the schedule for reporting club membership and payments. Even The Rotarian changed its volume numbering system to correspond to the fiscal year (beginning with Volume 5, No. 1, in July 1914). Rotary continued to hold its annual conventions in July or August until 1917. Delegates to the 1916 event in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, approved a resolution to hold future conventions in June, mainly because of the heat in cities where most of them occurred. The next one was held 17-21 June in Atlanta, Georgia. The term “Rotary year” has been used to signify Rotary’s annual administrative period since at least 1913. An article in The Rotarian that July noted, “The Rotary year that is rapidly drawing to a close has been signalized by several highly successful joint meetings of Clubs that are so situated as to assemble together easily and conveniently.”

Since the executive committee’s decision in 1913, the end of the Rotary year has remained 30 June.

FOUNDATION RAFFLE



Today’s raffle featured cash and a bottle of fine wine. Raffle official Bud Phillis called on guest Brady Shattuck to draw the winners and like a wonderful son, pulled his mom’s ticket on the first try. Molly Shattuck took the cash. Brady drew another ticket, and the wine went to Brian Williams, one of today’s new member inductees. So, mom’s happy and Brian got a prize for joining! Nice job Brady! Thanks to all for participating in today’s Foundation Raffle! Proceeds go to the Rotary International Foundation.



HAPPY-SAD DOLLARS & VOLUNTEERED FINES

Our new 2nd Vice President, Amber Wood was again “warmly” greeted by a solid chorus of “BOOs”. She collected a fine “deposit” (ask Tyla about that). from Tyla Sherwin-Cole for leaving early. John Olinger was fined for a recent newspaper article stating that his employer, Modern Woodmen made Forbes’ list of “The World’s Best Life Insurance Companies – 2024”. Congratulations John MWA. Bob Swanson offered a happy dollar for Modern Woodmen and John Olinger for printing 500 brochures for the Rocky Interact Club and doing it with just 2 days notice. The new brochures will be handed out this Sunday. Geno DelPreore put in a Happy Dollar for chairing our Rotary entry in the M. L. King Center “Soul of the City” Parade. Duncan Cameron put in a Happy Dollar noting that he was wearing his Milwaukee Brewers shirt. He did lament that last night the Cubs beat the Brewers. Monta Ponsetto has a happy dollar for having just returned from the Incubator Entrepreneur National Competition. She noted that former Rocky Incubator participant Ty Lewis has been selected as an Incubator National Competition Judge. She also noted that a Rocky Student was one of just five students in the world to receive a special Incubator Award. Brian William put in a happy dollar for being inducted as a Rock Island Rotarian today. Amber Wood finished the day explaining her new “Name the Director Game” explained on the previous page. We loved hearing the good news and appreciate the fines!

THREE NEW ROCK ISLAND ROTARY MEMBERS

President Sue Rector had the great pleasure of inducting three new Rock Island Rotarians at today’s meeting. Courtney Conrad joins us as a Corporate Associate member representing Quad City Bank & 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. Brian Williams is employed by WIU Quad Cities WQPT-PBS as their underwriter outreach coordinator. He previously served as an account executive with North Scott Press in Eldridge and was a member of the North Scott Rotary. Brian and his family reside in Moline and have been longtime volunteers for WQPT. Geno DelPreore is a landlord and real estate developer with properties in Rock Island, Moline, and Davenport. He is also an author, editor, and publisher of children’s books. Geno and his wife Anna reside in Davenport. His membership was approved last month, but packed meeting agendas and Geno’s busy schedule caused his formal induction to be delayed. Please take a moment to greet them at future meetings!



Courtney Conrad



Brian Williams



Geno DelPreore

Rock Island Rotary



July 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Cruise Raffle tickets are available. \$20 each See Ruth Lee for tickets.	1	2 Noon Meeting DG John Hurley Installation of the 2024-25 Board of Directors	3	4	5	6
7	8 Board Orientation 5 pm Hammar's 3422 14 th St. Moline Appetizers provided BYO Beverage	9 Noon Meeting Plans for 2024-25 PDG Laura Kahn – guest MEMBERSHIP Committee Mtg following Rotary	10	11	12 River Bandits – 6:30 pm	13
14	15 Board Meeting 11:45 am Gere Dismar Lofts 124 Arts Alley, Rock Island	16 Noon Meeting Angela Campbell – District Grant Children's Library Grant pres: Argrows House	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Noon Meeting Jack Cullen Downtown RI update	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 5 th Tuesday meeting – Noon John Gripp RI Parks and Rec Special: after mtg TOUR of the Botanical Center	31	Invocations: Julie Gelaude Raffle – Bud and: 1 st Julie G.; 2 nd Cindi G.; 3 rd Holly/Tammy; 4 NEED 5 NEED Programs: Tom Hammar Greeters: 1 st 2 nd 3 rd 4 th 5 th		

August Calendar deadline: July 23 Send Rotary information for calendar to srector3614@gmail.com
 Save the Dates: **August 17** – District 6420 Community Awareness Program on Human Trafficking.
August 25th – RI Rotary Family Friendly Potluck 3-6 pm **August 30th** – 5th Friday social with Illinois Rotary Clubs – Old Oaks Winery 5-7 pm

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