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Rotary Club of Rock Island

Rock Island, Illinois

Meeting Tuesdays at Noon – Quad City Botanical Center

INSECTS IN ART and FASHION Dr. Tierney Brosius



OCT. – NOV. CALENDAR

- Oct 28 - Dr Tierney Brosius – insects in art and fashion
- Nov 4 - Josh Johnson - Curator Figge Art Museum
- Nov 11 - Nathan Windt SAU – Opera for Beginners
- Nov 18 - Anika O'Melia – Rock Island Line POD Cast

Affectionately known as “Dr. Beetle”, Tierney Brosius earned her B.S. at Wayne State College, and Masters and Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska. She is an entomologist with special interests in insect conservation, urban ecology, and cultural entomology. Dr. Brosius has an active ongoing research program that currently focuses on ground beetle diversity within urban landscapes. Her goal is to understand how mesopredation (lack of naturally occurring fire) and urbanization interact to influence forest ecosystem composition and structure at multiple trophic levels. Undergraduate students from Augustana have been directly involved in the data collection of many her projects and have had the opportunity to present research results at local and national scientific meetings. She is currently working on multiple student co-authored peer reviewed manuscripts. In her classrooms you will find a student-centered approach. Her students are given the opportunity to become actively engaged with the material. She is passionate about students understanding the importance and application of what they are learning in the classroom. Even while her class is learning about something as specific as the life history of a squid or a jellyfish, they are constantly relating that information back to the larger picture of ecology and evolution. Professor Brosius is on a mission to help people see the beauty in bugs through fashion. She said her fascination with “bugs” dates back to when she was four years old. Her mother brought home a dead Atlas Moth, a goliath of the insect world, the atlas moth is a gentle giant – but behind every oversized moth is a very hungry caterpillar. The atlas moth is among the biggest insects on the planet, and the largest of all moths with a wingspan stretching up to 27 centimetres across - that's wider than a human handspan. Tierney was hooked! “I’ve been collecting insect fashion items since I was in graduate school. Everytime I would see a shirt with an insect on it, I would buy it,” she said. “I was building up a nice little collection, and one time I was like, I wonder how many days I can go consecutively wearing a unique piece of clothing.” Starting in 2019 Dr. Brosius started a spring Ento-Fashion Challenge, to see how many consecutive days she could wear a different insect apparel. She documents each outfit on her Instagram account with the username Dr. Beetle. At last count she was over 40 days and says she now could go longer! People follow her for fashion, but she incorporates some educational parts to it, talking about insects, why they’re amazing, and also kind of sharing her love and passion. Dr. Brosius also told of the Tiger Beetle that lives in the Pacific northwest and has no problem walking through the boiling hot geothermal springs in Yellowstone Park dining on other bugs in the water filled with high concentrations of chemical toxins such as arsenic and other nasty chemical constituents. She said the studies are essentially trying to learn, “Why aren’t you dead?” She turned her attention to bugs in fashion. Noting that high fashion brands have frequently turned to bugs in design and adornment in fashion. Designers and artists including Gucci, Scaparelli, Alexander McQueen, and Disney’s fictional character Corella de Vil all sported bugs in their clothing and art. Dr. Brosius’ presentation included an ample supply of photos to illustrate how often bugs, bug designs, and even “real” bugs are used in fashion and art. This was a truly fascinating presentation!



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

Club Notes & Announcements!

★ **WELCOME GUESTS** – Today Rotary welcomed three guests. All were students at Alleman High School including Jr. Rotarians Claire Menocnko and Julian Hoffman. Also present was our International Exchange daughter, Noa Smith, also an Alleman student.

★ **ANOTHER ROTARY/NICA LOVES CHARITY PRESENTATION** – This morning Geno DelPreore represented Rotary and Anna DelPreore was there for Nica Loves Charity to donate books and stuffed toys to the Directors of Every Child (formerly Child Abuse Council) for distribution to children in their program. Presentation to the board was to protect the confidentiality of the children receiving services.



★ **A LAUGH FROM BUD** – “They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Typo.”

★ **WE NEED GREETERS FOR OUR UPCOMING MEETINGS. Why isn't anyone signing up!!!** Greeting is a simple and rewarding opportunity. It is a fantastic way to serve our club and make members and guests feel welcome when they attend. It is a perfect way to get to know fellow members and make new friends. We encourage new members to volunteer to greet as soon as you can. That way we can get to know you!

★ **CALENDAR ITEMS:** Make sure these items are on your calendar!

- Saturday, **November 15th** – Festival of Trees Set Up. Meet Sue Rector and Monta Ponsetto at the River Center in Davenport.
- Friday, **November 21st**, 9-10am – Public Image Committee ZOOM Meeting. Use this link to join: <https://tinyurl.com/PublicImageMeeting>
- Saturday, **December 6th** - **Save the Date** – Rotary Holiday Party at Circa21. The show is the ever popular “White Christmas”. We will have a private Salon Party prior to the show.

★ **HAVE ITEMS FOR OUR NEWSLETTER?** – Send to, bobdebswanson@att.net. Our newsletter goes out via email every Tuesday afternoon.

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?

OCTOBER ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS

Steve Morenz	October	8
Mike Thoms	October	26
Kenda Burrows	October	27
Sam Doak	October	27

Below are a few examples of the bugs in fashion slides provided by Dr. Tierney Brosius in today's program presentation.



TIME FOR ONE OF OUR MOST FUN SERVICE PROJECTS

The Botanical Center's Winter Nights Winter Lights display has become one of the favorite Quad City Holiday traditions. The annual display features over 225,000 glowing lights showcasing the largest light display yet for 2025! To hang and place all those lights takes lots of work by many volunteers. Rock Island Rotary has participated many times and again will be stringing lights on Thursday evening from 5:30 to 7:30 on November 13th. Dress appropriately for working outdoors. Family members are welcome to assist so bring your spouse, parents, grandparents, and children old enough to help. You do not have to climb or lift anything heavy (unless you want to) or have any special talent. Botanical Center staff will be on the job to provide the lights and point out exactly where they need to be placed. Best of all, we'll cap off the evening with hot chocolate, hot apple cider, and cookies for all who help! Sign up next Tuesday!

ROTARY FOUNDATION RAFFLE



Today our Foundation Raffle featured a bottle of fine Merlot Wine and a 50/50 cash drawing. Bud Phillis and Sue Rector handled ticket sales and Kate Mapes assisted, drawing the winners. The first ticket drawn has held by Jeff Dismar, who took the cash and donated it to Noa Smith. The second ticket drawn was held by Bill Stengel who took the wine. We thank everyone who purchased raffle tickets! Proceeds go to Rotary International and are equally distributed between the Polio Plus and General Funds.



FOUNDATION MINUTE

In recognition of October as The Rotary Foundation's Polio Month, this, and subsequent reports will be on the relentless efforts of Rotary to totally eradicate the crippling disease from the face of the earth. From Italy comes the news that, "There may be no better way to spotlight (literally!) polio awareness than through the can't-miss illuminations of global landmarks. Those monuments have included the Sydney Opera House, London's Houses of Parliament, Rome's Colosseum, the Egyptian pyramids, Scottish castles, and more. For World Polio Day 2024, the Rotary and Rotaract clubs in the Pisa area teamed up with community leaders to turn the floodlights on the Leaning Tower of Pisa. "This is a commitment that we wanted to share together precisely to reach a wider audience," the club presidents noted in a statement. They have displayed historic buildings for about 25 years and the city's signature tower over the past five. The clubs also had a video about polio eradication shown on monitors at the Pisa Airport."

FINES & HAPPY/SAD DOLLARS

Julie Gelaude egged on the boos but could not muster up many fines or happy/sad dollars today. Katie Resig volunteered a dollar fine for needing to leave early and then later added a second happy dollar for completing the task of moving her mother to Iowa. Sue Rector offered a dollar fine for going another week without a name badge. She cannot find it, and a new one has been ordered. Maybe we should delay delivery for a few weeks to see how much Sue will pay in total for replacing her badge. We are betting that within a week after the new one arrives, Sue will find her original! Justin Peterson paid a fine for plugging the raffle fundraiser tickets his daughters are selling for their dance team. Continuing, along that theme, our Exchange Daughter Noa Smith announced that she has "Pioneer Cash Calendars" for sale. It is a 365-Day Lottery Ticket - the Pioneer Cash Calendar - sells for \$25 and is the best ticket in town for a chance to win cash every day next year! They draw a winner every day of the year for a prize of either \$50 or \$100. If you want a calendar, see Noa at next week's meeting. Dannielle Scott finished our happy dollars today distributing a small flier regarding her recently published children's book, "Max the Great". Danielle's book is available at Walmart, Amazon, and Barnes & Noble. The flier has scan links to each purchase location.

PUMPKIN PALOOZA 2025!

Rotarians under the leadership of project chair Sue Rector hosted about 80 1st and 2nd grade students from Earl Hanson Elementary School at the Corn Crib's Pumpkin Patch on Route 150 south of the Quad City International Airport. IH Mississippi Valley Credit Union covered the admission fees for all the kids, teachers, and Rotary helpers. Every child received a Rotary Pumpkin Palooza shirt, a new book, stuffed toy, ditty bag, stickers, balloons, treats, and of course, a pumpkin! Angela Cambell, Rock Island's Library Director had the Bookmobile on site and a scavenger hunt designed by Sue ensured that every child visited the mobile library. Geno DelPreore set up a tent, tables, and brought the Nika Loves Charity huge blowup unicorn, along with the books and stuffed toys purchased by Rotary to give to the kids. Gene added stickers and balloons for each child. World Polio Day materials were also distributed as take-home items. The kids had multiple fun activities riding the cow train, zip line, tug of war, bounce pad, pedal cars, sand box, hayrack ride, and more! Wezz DeLaRosa was on hand with camera to record the fun. A huge thank you to all club members who came to help make the day super special for the kids and our club!





**WATER, SANITATION,
AND HYGIENE**

One of Rotary's 7 Areas of Focus

Providing clean, safe, water is an ongoing major emphasis of Rotary International and for our Rock Island Rotary Club.

Rock Island Rotary started our own international service project eight years ago raising funds to purchase and provide water filtration units to schools in impoverished, remote villages in Kenya. This is an ongoing project and to date we have provided 279 Community water filters supplying safe drinking water to over 22,000 children. The villages were identified by the Kenyan government as previously having no access to safe drinking water. Yesterday we received confirmation from Replenish, Inc., that our most recently purchased 10 filters have been delivered, installed, and local school personnel have been trained in the use and maintenance of the filters. General sanitation training was also provided to the children and their parents. Unfortunately, the letter also included a list of 64 more locations identified to be without any source of clean water. Our project is ongoing. Donations in any amount can be made to Rock Island Rotary with the notation "Water Project" it will be deposited with other donations as we collect funds to purchase 10 more filters. The cost per filter is \$350. There is much yet to do. Worldwide almost two billion people have no access to safe drinking water. An estimated 88 percent of childhood illnesses are related to contaminated water and poor sanitation. At least 3,000 children die each day from diseases caused by unsafe water! Below are excerpts from the Replenish letter along with photos they provided.

HOMA BAY LIFESTRAW PROGRAM Report on Installation of 10 Additional Replenish Filters and Training - October 2025

The Homabay LifeStraw staff successfully conducted the installation of 10 additional LifeStraw Community Filters and retraining sessions in four Replenish-supported schools. These schools had previously received only one filter each since 2017. However, due to significant increases in student enrollment, the need for additional filters became evident to ensure consistent access to safe and adequate drinking water. The beneficiaries expressed deep appreciation to Replenish for their timely intervention and unwavering support, which continues to transform the learning environment and promote the health and well-being of pupils and staff alike.

Schools That Received Additional Filters

No.	School Name	Sub County	Filters Installed	Girls	Boys	Staff	Total Beneficiaries
1	Otondo Primary School	Rachuonyo East	3	229	207	15	451
2	Ariwa Primary School	Rangwe	3	206	211	16	433
3	Miriya Primary School	Suba South	3	206	206	13	425
4	Ponge Primary School	Suba North	1	97	109	12	218
Total			10 Filters	738	733	56	1,527

Ten LifeStraw Community Filters provided by the Rotary Club of Rock Island, Illinois, USA, were successfully installed in the four schools. Identification decals were placed on each filter. Retraining sessions were conducted for teachers and learners on filter use, maintenance, and safe water handling. Health and behavior change education sessions were delivered to enhance hygiene practices and promote sustained use of the filters. Repairs were conducted on previously installed filters to ensure full functionality. The activities were lively and engaging, with learners enthusiastically participating and enjoying safe water during the training sessions. The additional filters have significantly enhanced the learning environment, ensuring that both learners and teachers can enjoy safe, clean water throughout the school day. Staff noted that this support not only addresses water safety but also contributes to better health, concentration, and attendance among pupils.

Thank you for all that you do! Your partnership to make a difference in the lives of these students continues to be an inspiration! We look forward to our continued work together! *Photos on Next page and use this link to see more photos.*
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1vv3FtMCaDW0Hm9dc5yLKtSURzWM7MzqO>

Gratefully,

Barbara



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Use & Maintenance Training at Miriya Primary School



A learner displays filtered water and raw water at Ariwa Primary School



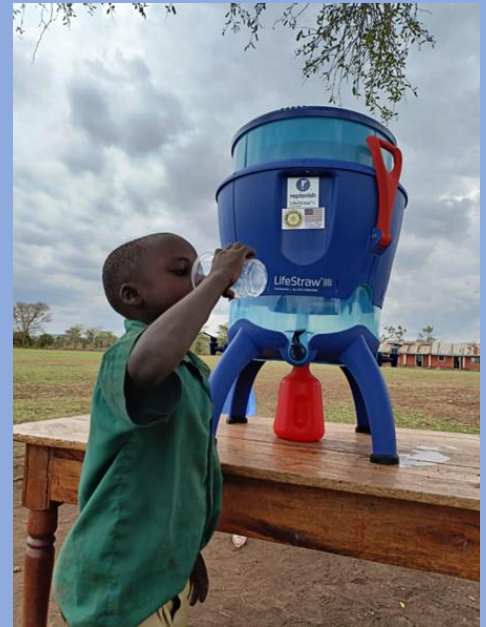
Large group session at Otondo Primary School



Safe water, bright smiles – the future begins here



Every drop drawn is a step toward a healthier, happier future



Enjoying his first taste of clean, safe water



From murky to crystal clear, the journey from risk to Resilience



Safe, clean water is now part of the daily routine for 1,500 more children in rural Nairobi, Kenya



NEW COMMITTEE LOOKING FOR MEMBERS²!

It's a committee looking for members – who will look for members! At the request of President John Oliger, the **Membership Retention Committee** is being formed. Bob Swanson will lead this group which will operate as a sub-committee of our Club's Membership Committee. The purpose is to ensure we maintain contact with our members and stay abreast of their needs. Committee members will periodically check with Club members who have been unable to attend meetings regularly to stay aware of their individual situations, and make sure they are ensured of participation opportunities outside the normal workday, are receiving newsletters and other club communications. The committee will hopefully discover how we can better keep members informed and involved in Rotary. Committee membership is open to all Club members and volunteers are needed. Work will primarily be done via telephone at your own pace from home, using attendance information provided by our Club Secretary. If you are interested in helping, please contact Bob Swanson at an upcoming Rotary meeting or at bobdebswanson@att.net.

ROCK ISLAND ROTARY HOLIDAY PARTY 2025



**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 6th**

A Circa '21 family favorite returns in this Irving Berlin classic! Two World War II vets, Bob Wallace and Phil Davis, have become partners in a song-and-dance act after the war. Looking for love, they follow a duo of beautiful singing sisters to a gig at a lodge in Vermont, only to discover that the nearly-bankrupt lodge where they were hired to perform is owned by their former commanding general. The classic holiday movie is brought to life onstage, filled with dancing, laughter, and some of the greatest songs ever written. The score features beloved songs "Count Your Blessings Instead of Sheep", "Sisters", "How Deep is the Ocean", and the ageless title tune. This promises to be a merry and bright theatrical experience for all ages.

Tickets include a private pre-show Salon Party
with Complimentary Hors D'oeuvres and Cash Bar (4:45-5:45pm)
Buffet Dinner (5:45-7:00pm)
Bootleggers Warm-up Show (7:15pm)
White Christmas (7:30pm)

GROUP RATE

ONE ADMISSION \$65.90 – STUDENTS 18 AND UNDER \$47.65
TWO ADULT ADMISSIONS \$131.80

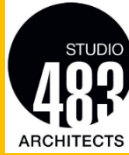
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October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
ACTION: PLEASE Try to Sell at least 10 tickets for the Pancake Breakfast.			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Noon Meeting: Speaker: Mark Poulos Diving the Rock & Mississippi	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Noon Meeting Speaker: Curtis B. Lewis Jr. Journey Live Production	15	16	17 Pumpkin Palooza – The Corn Crib – meet at 10 am	18 Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
19	20 Literacy Committee mtg Zoom 8:30 am Board meeting Noon	21 Fdtn. Tuesday Noon Meeting Speaker: Kim Gregg Epilepsy Network	22	23 Birthday Books 2:15 pm	24	25
26	27	28 Noon Meeting Speaker: Dr. Tierney Brosius – insects in art and fashion	29	30	31 Happy Halloween	

Invocations: Programs: **Yolanda Granberry Pugh and Rebecca Arnold** SAVE THE DATES

Friday, November 7 – Trivia Night.

Saturday, November 15 – Festival of Trees Set Up.

Friday, November 21 – Public Image Committee 9am virtual meeting.

Saturday, December 6 – Holiday Party at Circa 21 for “White Christmas”.