



Year in Review

July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

River Cities Rotary Club

Chartered: December 22, 1983



We Meet: 1st & 3rd (& 5th) Tuesday 7:15 am

River Valley District Library

(214 S Main St. Port Byron, IL)

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River Cities Rotary

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What's Rotary?

Rotary is a global network of more than 1.4 million people of action in more than 46,000 clubs who share a passion for and commitment to enhancing communities and improving lives around the world. Rotary and Rotaract clubs exist in almost every country. Our members change lives locally and connect with other clubs to work on international projects that address today's most pressing challenges. They take action and make a difference and it brings them personal rewards and lifelong friendships in the process.

Taken from ROTARY BASICS a reference guide for members



2025-2026

Rotary International President

Francesco Arezzo

Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy



2025-2026
District 6420 Governor
Melissa McCormick
Rotary Club of Rockton-Roscoe, IL, USA





River Cities Rotary Club

Home to District 6420 Governors



H. Keith Speckman
1993-1994



David Bills
2021-2022

Our Club Officers for 2025-2026



Chalyn Fornero-Green— President

Jason Crawford – President Elect

Sue Hebel – Secretary

Kelley Doty - Treasurer

Josh Temple— Sergeant at Arms

Our Members

- Jim Bull – Charter Member (12/22/1983)
- Steve Dickhut – Charter Member (12/22/1983)
- Sue Hebel (3/20/2001)
- Beth Saelens (9/16/2003)
- Kelley Doty (10/25/2004)
- Mickey VanDieren (1/6/2009)
- Mary Beth Eggers (8/18/2009 / 1st joined Rotary 9/1/2005)
- Tom Bridge (9/1/2009 / 1st joined Rotary 2/1/1996)
- Chris Bode (9/8/2009)
- Dave McMillin (8/24/2010)
- Joe King (11/3/2015)
- Jacob Hines (7/27/2016)
- Jim Perkins (7/27/2018)
- Julie Perkins (7/28/2018)
- Cordova District Library
 - Karen Lonergan (8/3/2018)
- Bill Brockmann (5/1/2019)
- Bobbi Jo Brockmann (5/21/2019)
- Barb Cray (7/27/2021)
- Josh Temple (9/10/2021)
- Jason Crawford (10/12/2021)
- Andrea Crawford (11/2/2021)
- Scott Reed (11/16/2021)
- Roger Oliver (1/1/2022)
- Chalyn Fornero-Green (4/12/2022)
- Ted Doty – Honorary Member (5/17/2022)
- Roberta Robbins (9/10/2023)
- River Valley District Library
 - Kathy Peschang (6/24/2024)
- Aimee Vermeulen (10/3/2025)
- Heather Wuebben (11/9/2025)

28 Active Members + 1 Honorary Member Strong!

New Members for 2025-2026



Aimee Vermeulen (10/3/2025)
Retired legal clerk, US Army Corps of Engineers



Heather Wuebben (11/9/2025)
COUNTRY Financial Insurance Agent

Guest Speakers



July 2025:

Rotary Year Turn Over for New Officers

Chalyn Fornero-Green – Introducing Myself & Club Goals

2025 Interact Scholarship Winners & Nikki Stuart 2025 Citizen of the Year

August 2025:

Rita – Buffalo Bill Museum in LeClaire, IA

September 2025:

Boy Scout Troop 351 & Eagle Scout Presentation

Chalyn Fornero-Green – State of the Club

Kelley Doty – River Cities Rotary Year in Review

Guest Speakers



October 2025:

Harold Mire – Village of Rapids City Mayor

Tom Bridge – The Rotary Foundation Major Donor Presentation & Past District Governor

Laura Kann Polio Update

November 2025:

Riverdale High School Interact Presentation

Chris Caves – Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce

December 2025:

Breakfast with Santa & Wreaths Across America Updates

Manny Rivera – Riverdale School District Resource Officer

Guest Speakers



January 2026:

Laura Cary & Wesley DeClercq – Millie Moo Foundation
ClubRunner (new club management system & website host)

February 2026:

Barb Cray – Village of Port Byron Mayor
Riverdale High School Speech Team

March 2026:

Riverdale High School Distinguished Service Award Presentations
Club Business Meeting held at Cordova Library (also update on Teen Space)
Club Business Meeting – By-laws, Constitution, 2025-2026 Goal Updates

Guest Speakers



April 2026:

Riverdale High School Robotics Team

Hands Only CPR – Mary Beth Eggers & Jessica Short

May 2026:

Joe Ryan – Habitat Restore

Toni Lucas – Update on Human Trafficking Efforts to Educate Communities

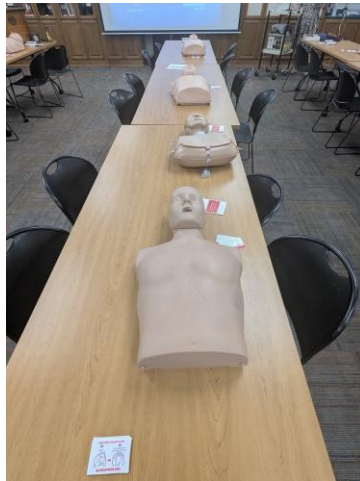
June 2026:

Ann's Helping Hands

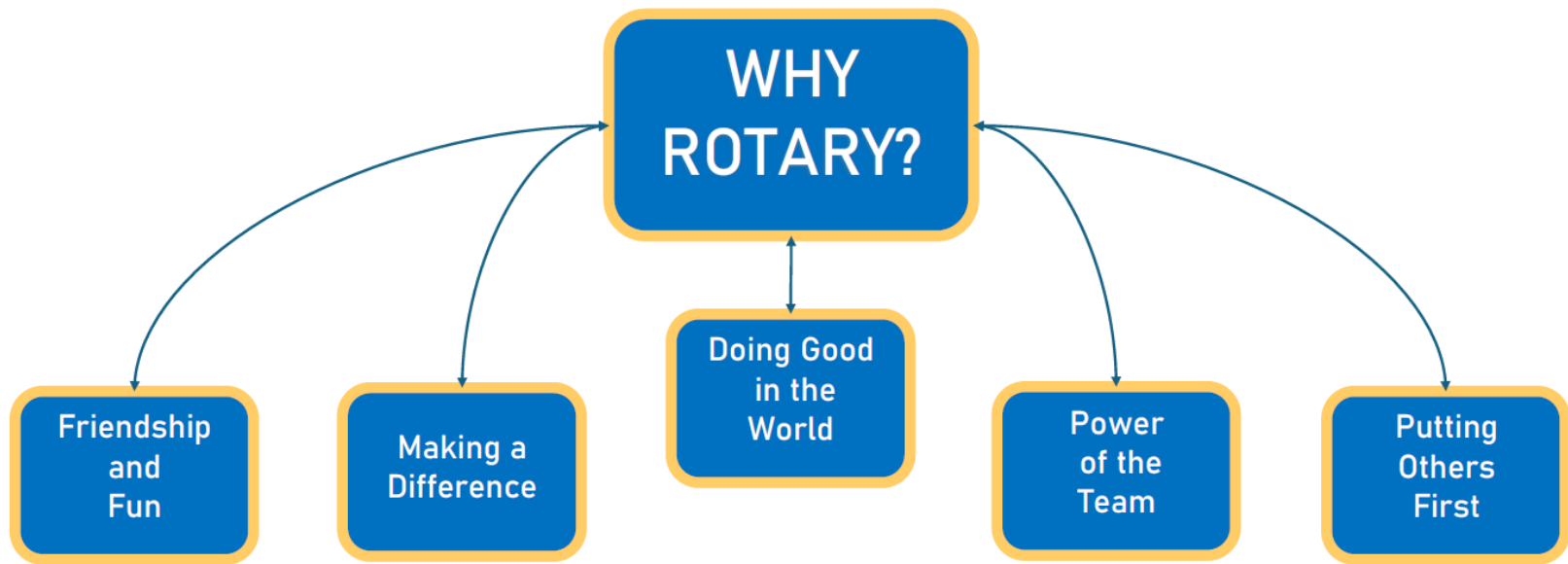
Jacob Hines – Pokémon

2026 Riverdale Interact Scholarship Winners; Citizen of the Year – Chris Bradshaw;
Rotarian of the Year – Joe King

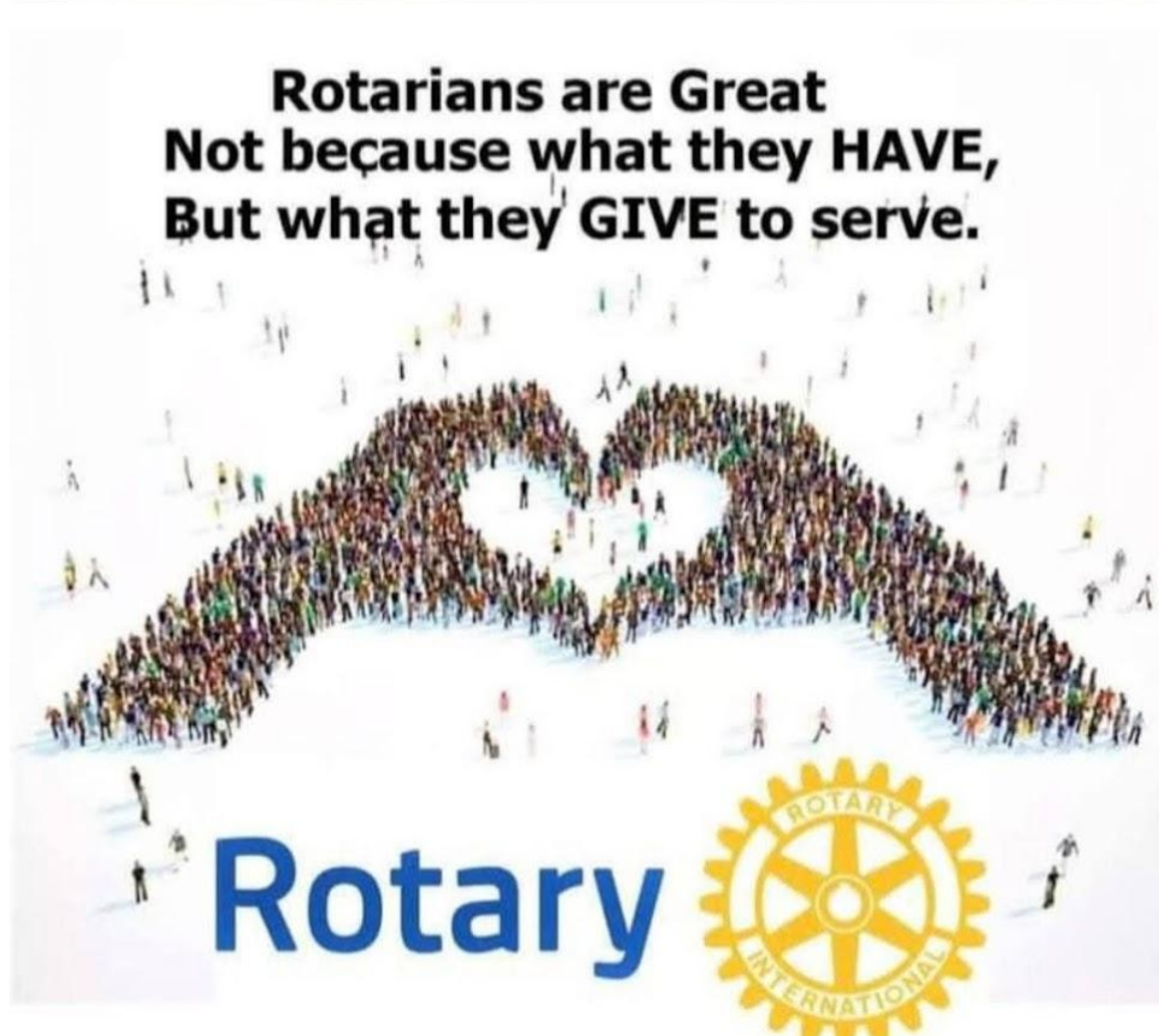
Hands Only CPR Program



In April, Mary Beth Eggers hosted a hands only CPR program. You never know when someone near you may have a heart related incident, so Mary Beth wanted to share this program with our members.



Community Impact



ImpactLife Mobile Blood Drive



We hosted two blood drives for ImpactLife in July 2025 & March 2026.

Cordova Cares Summer Food Program



The Cordova District Library saw there was a food insecurity for many children during the summer months. Our club took one week to serve the children of Cordova. Riverdale HS Interact members also helped throughout the summer with this program.

Cordova Day



We grilled yummy food and served walking tacos during the Cordova Day event held in July. The evening also included the band Flatbed Four and ended with a great fireworks display!

Tug Fest – Port Byron



Tug Fest in Port Byron was held August 7-9. Just look for the Mountain Dew wagon, and you find our club selling drinks and grilling up delicious food. We also use this as a fundraiser for our club which happens to be one of our largest money makers each year.

FREE Kids Fishing Derby



Each year we host a completely FREE kids fishing derby at the Nitz family farm in Hillsdale. The event was held in August. Fishing is open to kids ages 0-18 years old. Every child receives a prize to take home with them as well as snacks and drinks served throughout the morning. Over 70 kids along with their families attended the event.

Riverdale Rotary Readers Literacy Program



**Over 350
books
were
donated in
2025-2026**

We currently read to Pre-K, kindergarten, and 1st grade classrooms at Riverdale Elementary.

- Pre-K: Read in December and every student receives a book to take home. This program began during the 2005-2006 school year.
- Kindergarten: Two books are read and added to each classroom library during the months of September – May. In May, every student receives a book to take home. This program began during the 2007-2008 school year.
- 1st grade: Two books are read and added to each classroom libraries during the months of September – May. In December, every student receives a book to take home. This program began during the 2007-2008 school year.

Riverdale Homecoming Parade



We had a great time in the Riverdale homecoming parade! Our Rotarians had fun waving to the crowd and handing out bracelets.

Riverdale Homecoming Concession Stand



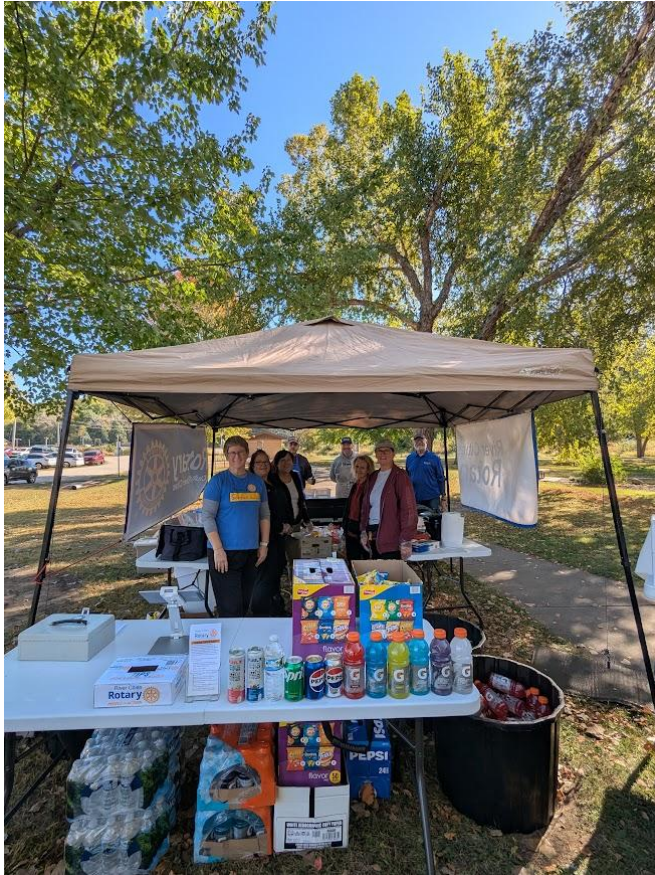
This year we lent a helping hand in the Riverdale High School football concession stand for the homecoming game. It was a busy night!

Honor Flight of the Quad Cities



In September, Kelley Doty had the honor of serving as a guardian for William Hart on the Honor Flight of the Quad Cities. Some of our Rotary members came out for the welcome home celebration that evening.

IESA Cross Country Sectionals Food Event



We were invited to set up our food stand for the IESA cross country sectionals held at Empire Park in East Moline. It was a nice fall morning to grill up some food.

Riverdale Elementary Fall Festival



The Riverdale PTO hosted a fall festival in October. Local organizations were invited to join various school groups in a fun and safe evening for our community. This year's theme was fall fun.

Mock Interviews with Riverdale High School Seniors



Thanks to Karen Lonergan, Kelley Doty and Beth Saelens for volunteering to help with mock interviews with our Riverdale High School Seniors in December. This was part of the students' final project for their Consumer Science class to help prepare them for future job and college interviews. All the students did a great job!

Riverdale HS Food Pantry Collection



The Riverdale HS Interact club held a collection of items to be donated to our local Upper Rock Island County Ministerial Food Pantry housed at Messiah Lutheran Church in Port Byron. Our members collected items in support of the Interact project.

Veterans Day Breakfast at Riverdale Elementary



We were invited to help sponsor the Veterans Day breakfast at Riverdale Elementary this year. Our members came out to help serve breakfast and bus the tables. We are excited to make this an annual event.

Breakfast with Santa



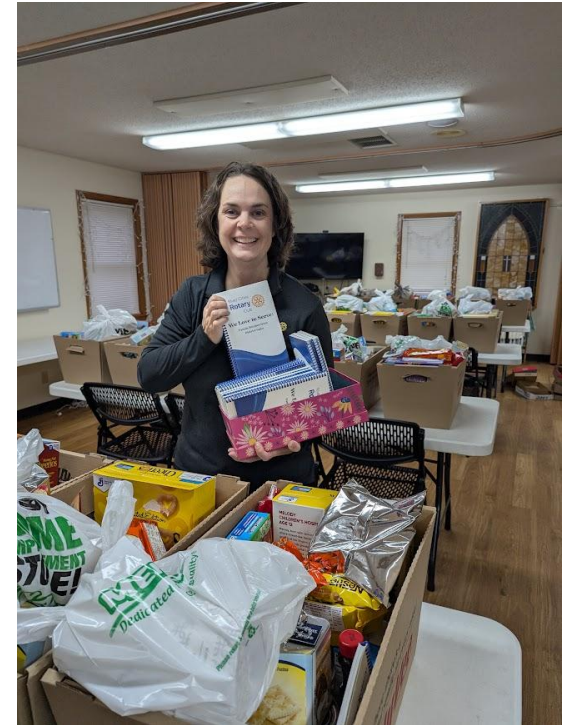
We hosted breakfast with Santa in December at the beautifully decorated Brockmann barn. Many families came out to have pancakes, and of course to see the big man himself. Every child who attended also got to pick out a book to take home with them. Riverdale HS Interact members and Cub Scout Pack 308 also volunteered their morning for the craft area and table cleanup.

Wreaths Across America – Cordova & Port Byron



Our event was held on December 13 in conjunction with other ceremonies all over the United States. We hosted the wreaths both at Cordova and Pleasant Point cemeteries. Thank you to Matcon employees who came out early to place the wreaths in Cordova before the snowstorm. A wreath was placed at the graves of those who have served in the military.

Food Pantry – Christmas Basket Packaging



We support the Upper Rock Island County Ministerial Food Pantry housed at Messiah Lutheran Church in many ways. This year Chalyn Fornero-Green and Kelley Doty helped prepare the Christmas baskets for distribution. What a great way to give back those in our local communities. We also included our Rotary cookbooks in the baskets!

Night to Shine



In February Kelley Doty, Chalyn Fornero-Green, and Karen Lonergan volunteered as buddies for the Night to Shine event held at Heritage Church in Rock Island. There were also several Riverdale HS Interact students who volunteered. Night to Shine is a prom held for people in our communities with special needs presented by the Tim Tebow Foundation.

Cub Scout Pinewood Derby



Club and family members helped with the Cub Scout Pack 308 Pinewood Derby. Some of our members even raced cars in the open division!

PETS Kits for Kids



Project C.U.R.E.--an international non-profit meeting the healthcare needs of people in poverty, disasters & violence--developed Kits for Kids to contain the items parents should have to care for their kids. Each bag contains items like bandages, ointments, fever reducer, toothbrush & toothpaste, soap, combs, and more.

How can you help? President Elects and other leaders attending Midwest PETS are asked to donate as many items as they can...and bring them to Midwest PETS in March 2026! **Look for a Project C.U.R.E. truck or Kits for Kids donation bins near the hotel entrance.**



Each of the six districts that make up Midwest PETS is responsible for two specific items listed below.

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| Rotary
District 6220 |  | Triple antibiotic ointment (Neosporin or generic equivalent)
Bandages (standard 3/4" or 1" size or assortment packs) |
| Rotary
District 6250 |  | Blunt tip scissors
Jr. or regular strength tablet acetaminophen (no liquids!) |
| Rotary
District 6270 |  | Nail clippers
"Ace" style or equivalent elastic bandages in 2" or 4" width |
| Rotary
District 6420 |  | 1% Hydrocortisone cream (generic acceptable)
Travel size tissues (2 packs per kit) |
| Rotary
District 6440 |  | 6" or larger combs (no "rat tail" pointed combs)
Bar soap (1 full-size bar per kit) |
| Rotary
District 6450 |  | Toothbrush & toothpaste (2 each per kit)
Tweezers |

At Jason Crawford's PETS training, Midwest PETS held a donation drive for Project C.U.R.E. organization. Thanks to our members, Jason was able to take 56 tubes of 1% hydrocortisone cream and 126 travel size tissues with him. In total, the 6 districts were able to make 300 kits!

Kids Against Hunger – Volunteering with Riverdale HS Interact Club



This spring, the Riverdale HS Interact Club hosted the Kids Against Hunger service project. They invited our club to join along with United Township and Moline HS Interact Club. It was an amazing morning of service and fellowship!

Mock Interviews with Riverdale Middle School 8th Graders



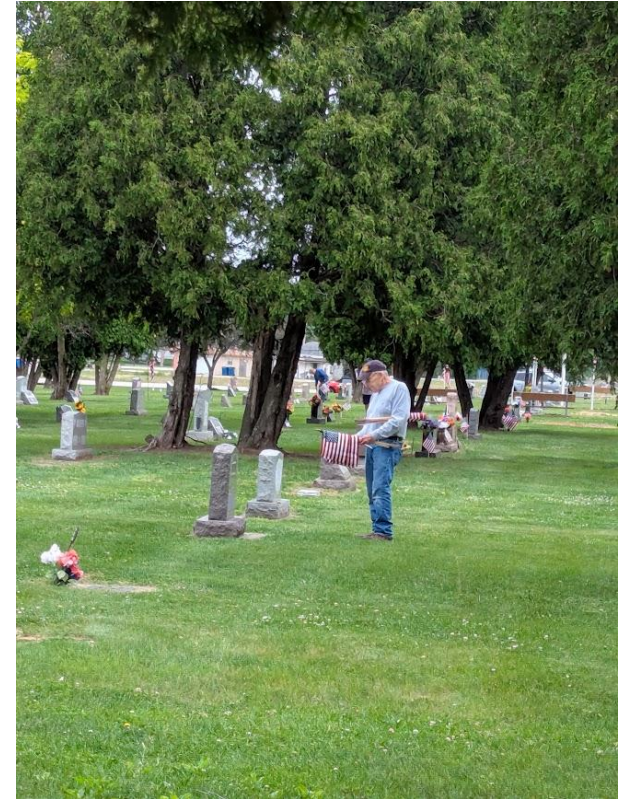
Thanks to Kelley Doty and Chris Bode for volunteering to help with mock interviews with our 8th grade Riverdale students in May.

Rock Island Arsenal Memorial Day Flags



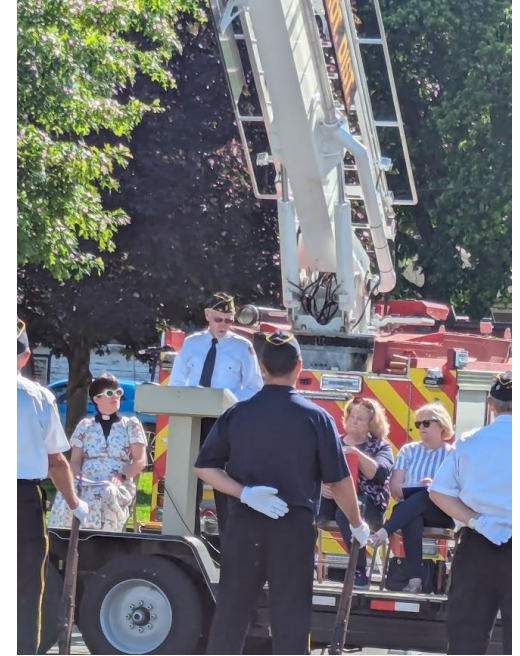
Every Thursday before Memorial Day, flags are placed at each grave at the Rock Island Arsenal Cemetery. We have past members and their spouses who are laid to rest there. Kelley Doty volunteered to place flags that afternoon.

Cordova Memorial Day Flags



Each year flags are placed at the graves of veterans at the Cordova Cemetery. Our members were honored to be able to help with the flag placement again this year.

Port Byron Memorial Day Ceremony



The Village of Port Byron held their annual Memorial Day ceremony. We had four club members participate in the morning's event.

River Valley District Library Block Party



River Valley District Library held a block party to kick off their summer reading program. There were a lot of fun events to be had that day. We brought the grill out and used this as a fundraiser.

Port Byron All Town Yard Sales



Each spring our club participates in the Port Byron all town yard sales. Not only do we have treasures for sale, but we also fire up the grill for the season. We also used this as a fundraiser. You can't miss us at the North end of town in the Knapp Storage parking lot!

Socials & Events

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Breakfast Socials



It's great to hang out with our Rotary friends during our twice a month breakfast socials at The Brothers Family Restaurant! Come out and join us at 7 am the second and fourth Tuesday's of the month.

Zones 25B & 29 Training



In October, Kelley Doty traveled to Minnesota for annual Zone training in the district learning facilitator role. She attended great breakout sessions and heard many inspirational speakers. Thank you for serving not only the River Cities Rotary Club but also District 6420.

Rotary Christmas Party



We hosted our annual club Christmas party at Harvest Bakery & More in Erie in November. We enjoyed fellowship and of course delicious food.

New Member Orientation



We hosted a new member orientation open to all of our members. New Rotarians Aimee and Heather learned more about Rotary International, our Rotary District, and of course our fun River Cities Rotary Club!

World Rotary Day



World Rotary Day was February 23rd. They declared it “Wear your Rotary t-shirt” day. Did you wear your Rotary t-shirt? Here are some of our members showing off their Rotary swag.

Midwest PETS Training



In March, Jason Crawford attended Midwest PETS (Midwest Presidents Elect Training Seminar) in Itasca, IL. It encompassed clubs from across the Midwest. Incoming club presidents learn about their roles and responsibilities, goal setting, club administration, member recruitment, education, and retention. The meeting is an opportunity for incoming club presidents to build strong working relationships with their district governor-elect and incoming assistant governors.

Midwest PETS Training Sessions



At PETS, Kelley Doty represented the district as the learning facilitator and also helped support in various roles during the conference.

District 6420 Conference



Kelley Doty, Chalyn Fornero-Green, and Jason Crawford attended the District 6420 Conference held in April in Rockford. Friday night and Saturday were full of learning and celebration.

District 6420 Conference Service Project



During District Governor Melissa's conference, we took Saturday afternoon to do a service project at the former Elliot Golf Course. Wild Roots Nature Center has purchased the grounds and is turning it back to prairie. We spent the afternoon picking up golf balls. Kelley Doty partnered with Sue Cassatt of the IL Quad Cities Rotary Club.

District 6420 Assembly



This spring, Jason Crawford attended our district assembly. This is designed to help prepare incoming club leaders, discuss annual goals, and develop or revise your club's strategic plans.

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— JENNIFER JONES, RI PRESIDENT

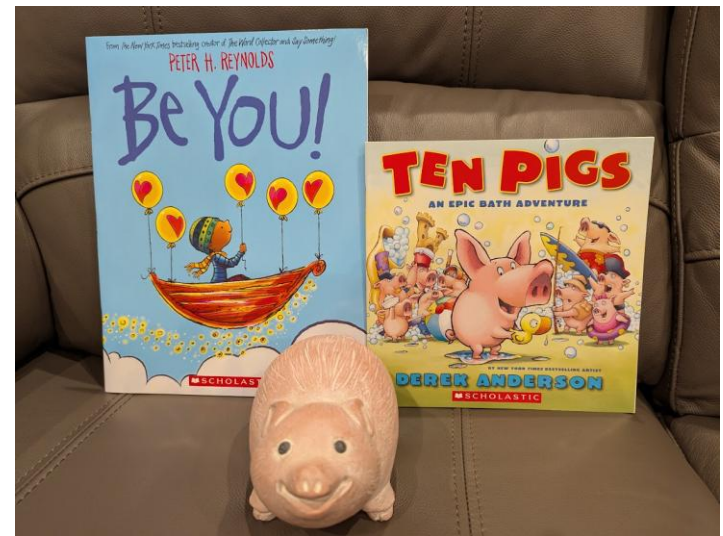
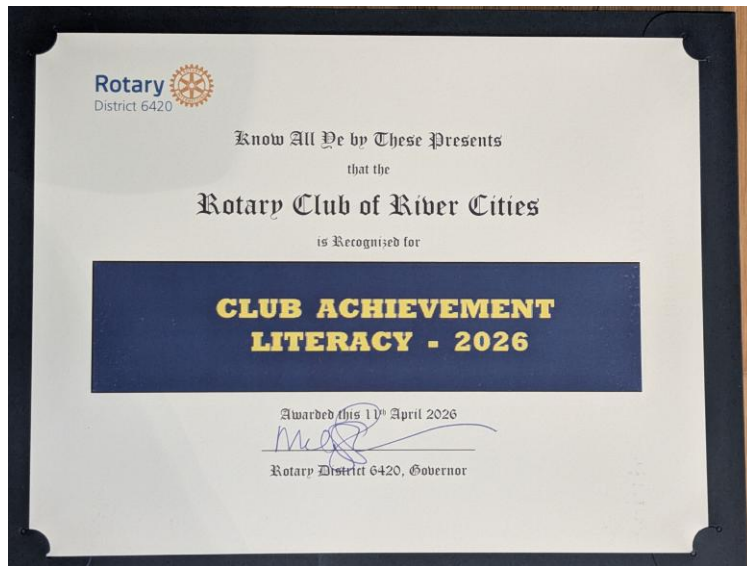
District 6420 Community Grant



We were awarded a \$2,057 District community grant this year. Our club also matched it with another \$2,057 donation. We were able to purchase buddy benches, books, and funnel ball game for Riverdale and Hampton Schools. There is more information on this grant in the donations section of this presentation.

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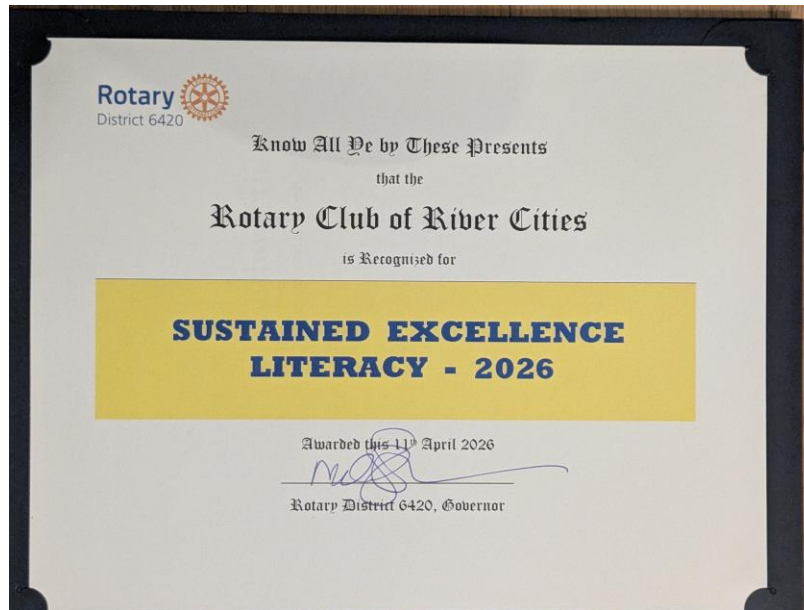
Literacy Club Achievement Award



This was awarded for our literacy achievements for the past year: Hands on projects like Rotary Readers, to monetary contributions to Riverdale Family Reading Night, to club programs with literary themes.

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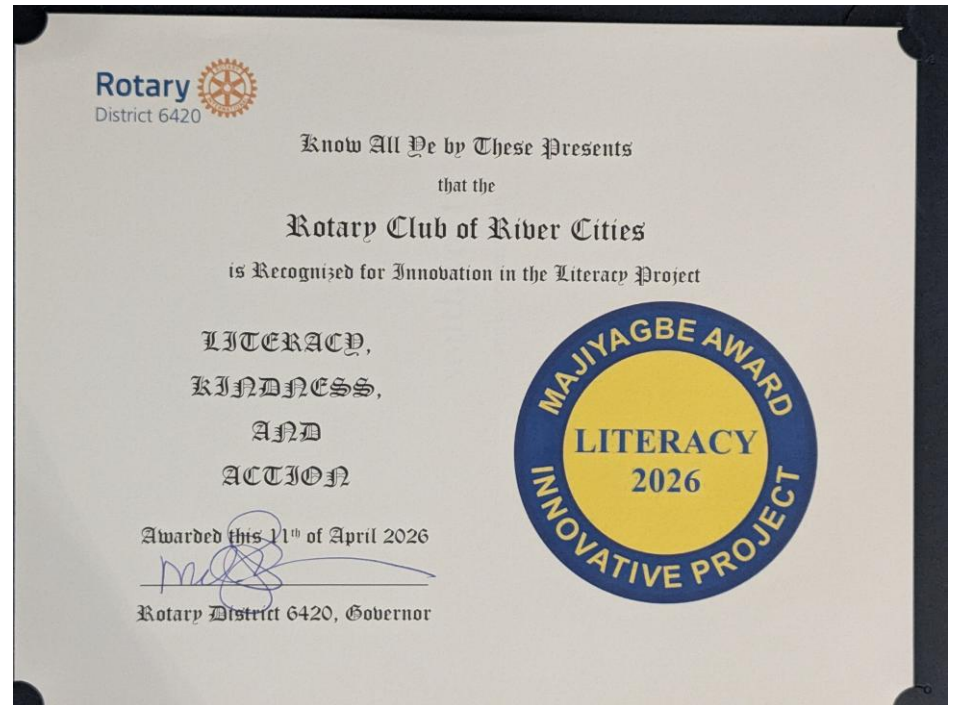
Sustained Excellence in Literacy



This was awarded for our continued literacy programs of the Rotary Readers Programs in Pre-K through 1st grade at Riverdale and personal dictionaries in 3rd grade at Hampton School.

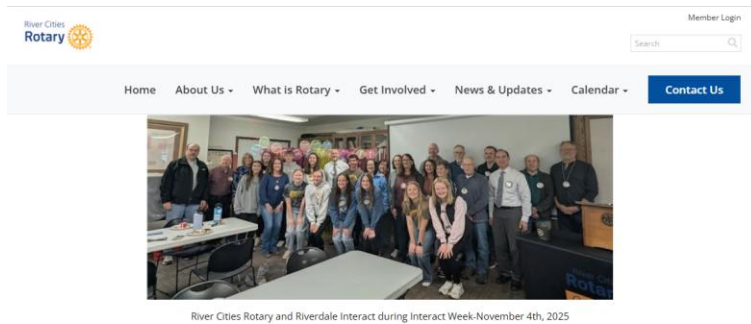
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Majiyagbe Award Innovative Literacy Project



Our club was awarded the Majiyagbe Award for an Innovative Literacy Project for the reading events we held in conjunction with our buddy bench project. Every kindergarten – 5th grade classroom both at Riverdale and Hampton Elementaries received a classroom book centered around the buddy bench theme. We were able to visit all of the Riverdale classrooms to read and present the books!

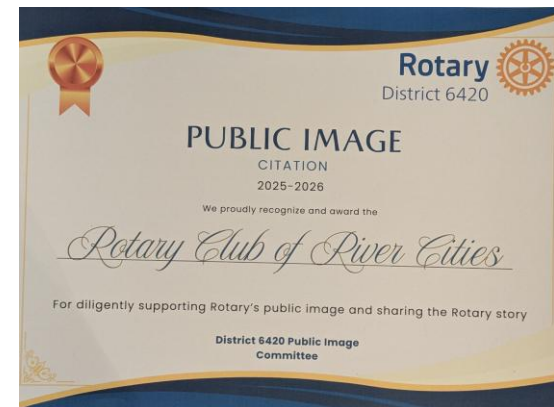
District 6420 Public Image Citation



Welcome to River Cities Rotary!

Are you someone in the Cordova, Hampton, Hillsdale, Port Byron or Rapids City area who wants to make positive changes in your community and the world? Our club members are dedicated people who share a passion for community service and friendship.

Becoming a Rotarian connects you with a diverse group who share your drive to give back.



Our club received the public image citation for our presence on Facebook and our newly updated website. The more we're in the public eye the more people will learn about the great things Rotary does!

District 6420

Level-Up Leadership Recognition



District Governor Melissa McCormick had challenged each club to participate in a program in our community to prepare our young leaders. We were recognized for investing in the next generation of leaders through our members participating in the Riverdale High School mock interviews in December.

Citizen of the Year



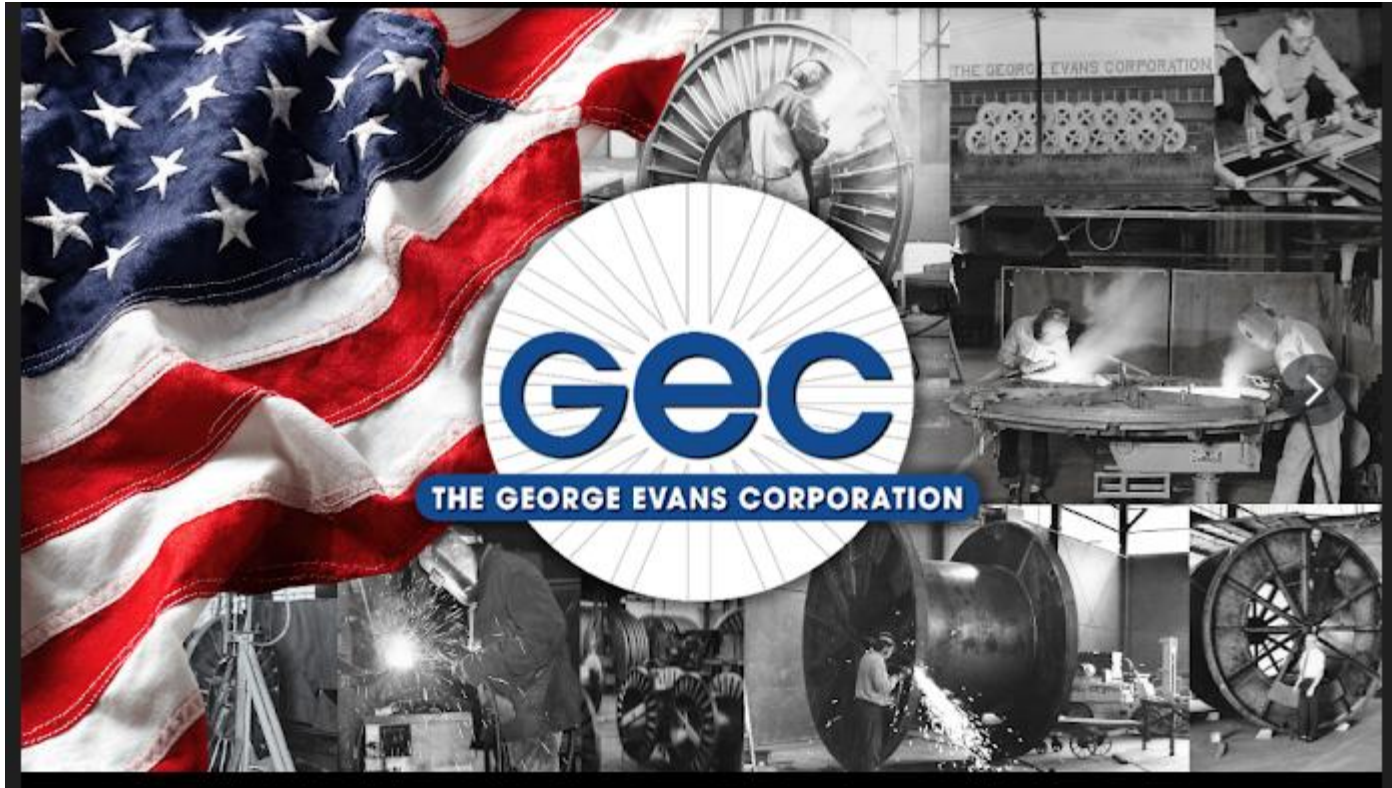
This year's Citizen of the Year was presented to Chris Bradshaw. Chris is one of the school secretaries at Riverdale Elementary School. She is always one of the smiling faces to greet you when you check into the office. Chris is very passionate about her job and has brought new ideas to the school over the years. This year she coordinated the veteran's day breakfast and approached our club for sponsorship and volunteers. She also brought Deede the dumpster for recycling to the school. Chris is very passionate about the environment, and works with the students to show them the importance of keeping our Earth clean and healthy. The environment is one of the seven areas of focus for Rotary International which is one reason why Chris makes a great citizen of the year. Congratulations to Chris on her award!

Rotarian of the Year



This year's Rotarian of the Year was presented to Joe King. Joe has been a member of our club since November 2015. If you see our Rotary grill at a community event, it's because of Joe! You might hear him called the Grill Master or Chief Food Guy! He has streamlined our food stand setup process to help our group be the best we can be out and about in our community. We appreciate all that Joe does for our club which in turn makes our communities a better place. Congratulations to Joe!

Club Sponsorships



New this year we introduced club sponsorships. The George Evans Corporation in Moline, IL is our first sponsor. Thank you to Andrea Crawford for introducing her company to our club. We hope to have more sponsors in the coming Rotary year.

Fundraisers



“A penny saved is a penny earned.”

\$12,375.59 has been earned



Fundraisers

Breakfast With Santa



\$696.95 RAISED



Money raised was from free-will donations. A pancake breakfast with other yummy sides was served. There were crafts for the children and every child received a book to take home with them. The highlight of the event was sitting with Santa Claus!

Fundraisers

Cash/Golf Raffle

\$2,490.00 RAISED



This year we brought back the cash raffle during the month of May and also added a golf package that was donated by The Davenport Country Club.

Fundraisers

Cordova Day



\$527.27 RAISED

We participated in the Cordova Day events in July. We brought down the grill and also served up walking tacos. Cordova has such a great community, and we were excited to be a part of their festivities.

Fundraisers

Happy Pot



\$3,215.00 RAISED



At each meeting we pass the bucket around where members can put money in for happy thoughts, favorite sports team, or bad things! Thank you to Sergeant of Arms Josh Temple for his words of wisdom that kick off the happy pot each week.

Fundraisers

Riverdale MS XC Concessions



\$410.63 RAISED



Riverdale Middle School hosted the IESA Cross Country Sectionals, and we were invited to bring our grill to serve as their concession stand. It was a beautiful morning for grilling.

Fundraisers

River Valley District Library Block Party



\$252.93 RAISED

The River Valley Library held a block party the end of May to kick off their summer reading program. We brought down our grill to serve to party goers.

Fundraisers

River Valley Library Fall Fest



(\$99.09) RAISED

* Don't be alarmed. We really didn't lose money, but we shared some of the food costs with the XC concessions the next weekend.

The River Valley Library held a fall fest for the community. We brought our grill once again to serve food to the guests.

Fundraisers

Great River Tug Fest

\$3,290.71 RAISED



We were back at it for Tug Fest in August. This is a great event to get our name out in the community. It's some long days, but it is a nice fundraiser for us.

Fundraisers

World Polio Day Fundraiser



\$287.40 RAISED



This year for World Polio Day we partnered with Tuggers for Chow Down 2 Raise Money. We had a great turnout and the food was delicious. All funds were donated to The Rotary Foundation's PolioPlus campaign.

Fundraisers

Yard Sale



\$1,303.79 RAISED

We hosted our yard sale in June. We had the grill fired up, too. This year we invited the Pulse84 drink wagon to join us. A special thank you to the Knapp family (especially Gary Knapp) for donating a storage shed throughout the year & letting us host the yard sale in their parking lot!

Donations



Lending a hand to our community.

\$17,220.77 has been donated.

\$11,493.77 Donated from club budget

\$5,727.00 Collected from special sources

Donations

Christmas Project Black Hawk Area Special Ed

\$435.00 – member cash donations

\$168.25 – club donation

\$603.25 DONATION (IN TOTAL)



This was the second year for this project. We purchased Christmas gifts for students of Black Hawk Area Special Ed.

Donations

Boy Scout Troop 351

\$200.00 DONATION



Our club is their charter organization. They meet at First United Methodist Church in Port Byron Monday evenings.



Friends of Scout Troop 351

Donations

Boy Scout Trivia Night-Food Event

\$204.27 DONATION



The Boy Scouts held their annual trivia night, and this year we hosted the food area. All money raised was donated back to the Troop!



Friends of Scout Troop 351

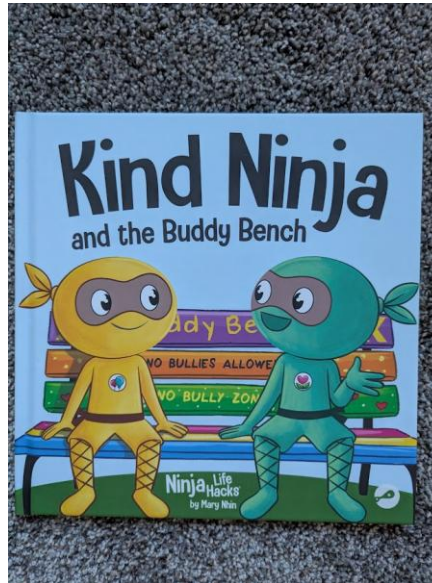
Donations

Community Grant for District 6420

\$4,114.00 TOTAL DONATION

\$2,057.00 from District 6420

\$2,057.00 from club funds



For 2025-2026 Rotary year, our club received \$2,057 community grant from District 6420. This year's grant was used to purchase buddy benches, classroom books, and funnel ball game at Riverdale and Hampton Elementaries. The teachers explained the concept of the buddy benches before they were installed. They are getting a lot of use, and when we read to the Riverdale classrooms they were able to tell us all about how they are using the bench during recess! It doesn't cost anything to be a kind human being. KWQC Channel 6 News even came out in the spring and did a news story on the project.

Donations

Cordova Cares

\$499.68 DONATION



Our club provided meals for one week. Monday we would serve a hot meal and have grab and go items for participants to take home for Tuesday meal. Wednesday we would serve a second hot meal and have grab and go items for participants to take home for Thursday and Friday meals. Thank you to the Cordova District Library for coordinating this event all summer.

Donations

Cub Scout Pack 308

\$200.00 DONATION



Our club is the charter organization for the Pack. They meet at First United Methodist Church in Port Byron.



Friends of Pack 308

Donations

Annual FREE Kids Fishing Derby



\$320.00 – member cash donations (plus food & prizes donated by members)

\$802.48 – club donation

\$1,122.48 DONATION (IN TOTAL)

We were excited to host the annual Al Vroman FREE Kids Fishing Derby hosted by River Cities Rotary at the George Nitz family farm. We had around 70 kids plus their families come out for a morning of fishing and fun. Every participant receives a prize, plus we have extra prizes for winners of first fish, heaviest fish, and longest fish in 3 different age divisions.

Donations

Jr. Rams Basketball Sponsorship

\$100.00 DONATION

We are incredibly thankful for all of our Jr. Rams Basketball sponsors! Their contributions help us provide equipment, uniforms, and opportunities for our young athletes. We couldn't do it without their support!! A huge THANK YOU to our Gold Sponsor River Cities Rotary for your generous donation and support! [See less](#)



This was our first year for sponsoring the group. We were a gold sponsor which helps provide equipment for the teams.



Riverdale JR. Rams Basketball

Donations

Literacy – Riverdale Pre-K Rotary Readers

\$145.86 DONATION

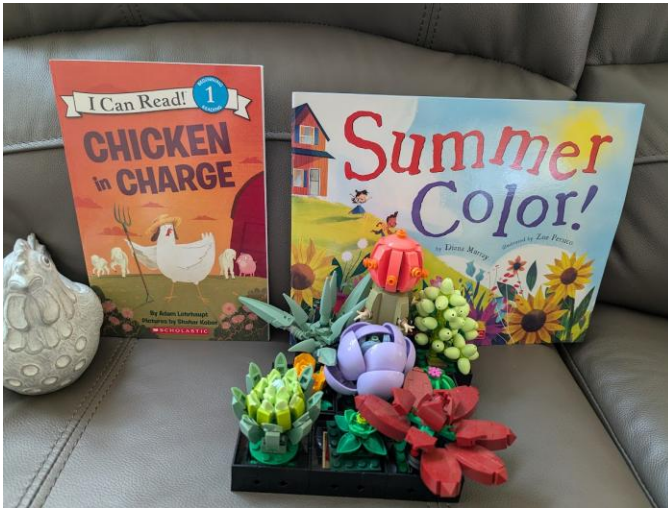


Every Pre-K student received a book in December. The book was “Little Bear’s Special Friend” by Claire Freedman. Our club began this program during the 2005-2006 school year.

Donations

Literacy – Riverdale Kindergarten Rotary Readers

\$522.56 DONATION



Each student received a copy of the book “Chicken in Charge” by Adam Lehrhaupt in May. During the months of September – May, two books were read and also added to each of the four classroom libraries each month. Our club began this program during the 2007-2008 school year.

Donations

Literacy – Riverdale 1st Grade Rotary Readers

\$522.67 DONATION



Each student received a copy of the book “The Gingerbread Pup” by Maribeth Boelts. During the months of September – May, two books were read and also added to each of the four classroom libraries each month. Our club began this program during the 2007-2008 school year.

Donations

Literacy – Riverdale 2nd Grade

\$150.00 DONATION



We used funds from the literacy budget to help with DeeDee the Dumpster that was brought to Riverdale Elementary to promote the environment.

Donations

Literacy – Hampton 3rd Grade

\$96.00 DONATION

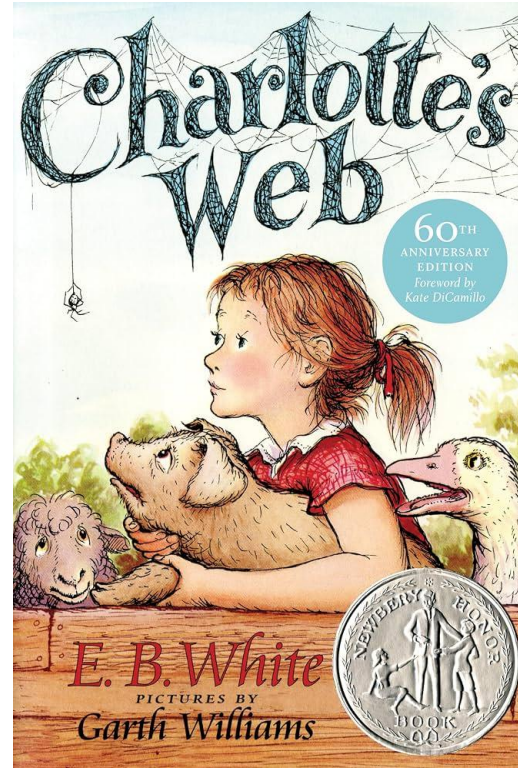


We donated personal dictionaries to all 3rd grade students at Hampton Elementary. Our club began this program during the 2007-2008 school year.

Donations

Literacy – Riverdale 4th Grade Novel

\$250.00 DONATION



4th grade ordered additional copies of “Charlotte’s Web” for their reading program.

Donations

Literacy – Riverdale 5th Grade

\$150.00 DONATION



We used funds from the literacy budget to help with DeeDee the Dumpster that was brought to Riverdale Elementary to promote the environment.

Donations

Riverdale Elementary Family Reading Night

\$250.00 DONATION



Riverdale Elementary hosted Family Reading Night this past February. Our club donated money so they could purchase books to participants to choose from to take home to add to their personal libraries.

Donations

Upper Rock Island County Ministerial Food Pantry – Thanksgiving Basket Gift Cards

\$25.00 – member cash donations

\$475.00 – club donation

\$500.00 DONATION (IN TOTAL)



We donated 50 - \$10 gift cards to HyVee

<https://messiahlutheranpb.com/community/>



Messiah Lutheran Food Pantry

Donations

Upper Rock Island County Ministerial Food Pantry Shelving Units

\$425.00 DONATION



We helped purchase rolling carts for the food pantry. Individuals are now able to do their own shopping from the rolling carts so they are able to make their own food selections as if they were shopping at the grocery store.

<https://messiahlutheranpb.com/community/>



Messiah Lutheran Food Pantry

Donations

Local Food Pantry-Stocking Shelves

\$110.00 – member donations



Members donated money, food, and non-food items to be divided amongst the Upper Rock Island County Ministerial Food Pantry and the little food pantries in our communities.



Donations

Riverdale HS Interact Club



\$200.00 DONATION



The Riverdale Interact Club worked on many service projects this year. Their advisor Nikki Stuart did a great job motivating the Interactors! Thank you to Rotarians Chalyn Fornero-Green and Karen Lonergan for being the liaisons with the Interact club.



Riverdale Interact

(there are currently two different pages setup)



Donations

Riverdale HS Interact Scholarships



\$2,000.00 TOTAL DONATION



Caitlyn Mumma was awarded \$1,000.

Braeden Bode was awarded \$1,000.



Donations

Riverdale HS Yearly Service Project



\$200.00 DONATION



Our club helped support the Riverdale HS Interact club with their yearly service project during the fall. They chose to donate non-food items to the Upper Rock Island County Ministerial Food Pantry. Our members also donated items to add to their collection.

Donations

Kids Against Hunger (RHS Interact Project)

\$300.00 – member cash donations

\$250.00 – club donation

**\$550.00 DONATION
(IN TOTAL)**



The Riverdale High School Interact Club participated in the Kids Against Hunger food packaging in the spring. We had some members who volunteered for the event. We also made a donation to help in their fundraising efforts. United Township and Moline Interact Clubs also volunteered with our groups.

Donations

Warren Sutton Memorial / Riverdale Unified Boosters
Golf Tournament

\$250.00 DONATION



We are a hole sponsor for the Riverdale Unified Boosters golf tournament. The Riverdale Unified Boosters support activities and athletics at Riverdale HS and MS.



Riverdale Rams Booster Club

Donations

Riverdale Schools Student Basic Needs

\$300.00 DONATION



This year we donated funds to the Riverdale District School Nurse to help provide for items students may not have. She was able to purchase socks and other needed items for the students.

Donations

Rotary District 6420 PolioPlus Raffle Basket

\$70.00 – member cash donations

\$180.00 – club donation

\$250.00 DONATION (IN TOTAL)



Our club donated a raffle basket for the District 6420 PolioPlus Raffle. All money raised during the silent auction during the District Conference was donated to The Rotary Foundation's PolioPlus campaign.

Donations

URICRA

\$300.00 DONATION



We are a team sponsor for URICRA sports. We also have a board in the baseball outfield



Uricra

Donations

Riverdale Veterans Day Breakfast

\$300.00 – member donations



This was our first year for donating and volunteering for the Riverdale Veterans Day breakfast. It was a well attended event. What a great way to thank our veterans in our local communities. The students did a great job of decorating the gym.

Donations

Wreaths Across America-Cordova

\$1,900.00 – member, community & family donations



The ceremony was held at the Cordova Cemetery this year. Volunteers then placed wreaths on the graves of those who served in the military that are buried at Cordova Cemetery. Thank you to the employees of Matcon who came earlier in the week to place the wreaths before the snowstorm hit.

<https://www.wreathsassacrossamerica.org/>

Donations

Wreaths Across America-Pleasant Point Port Byron

\$210.00 – member & family donations

\$595.00 – club donation (will be used for 2026 wreaths)

\$805.00 DONATION (IN TOTAL)



We continue to place wreaths at Pleasant Point Cemetery in Port Byron. This year we also placed the 8 ceremonial wreaths at the war memorial in Port Byron ahead of the event. The official ceremony was then held at Cordova Cemetery. Volunteers then placed wreaths on the graves of those who served in the military that are buried at Pleasant Point Cemetery.

<https://www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/>

Thank You!



Thank you to Chalyn for a great year of service. We are looking forward to the new year with Jason and more great things to come!

Looking ahead to 2026-2027

What we're looking forward to in the new Rotary year ✨

- 💛 More service projects that make an impact 🙌
- 💛 More leadership, more laughter
- 💛 Volunteering > doomscrolling
- 💛 Welcoming new members (and becoming besties with them 🐾)
- 💛 Creating change that lasts

2026-2027

Rotary International President Olayinka Hakeem Babalola

Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, Nigeria



2026-2027

District 6420 Governor

Tina Curtis

Rotary Club of Walnut, IL, USA



Our Club Officers for 2026-2027

Jason Crawford – President

Aimee Vermeulen – President Elect

Chalyn Fornero-Green– Secretary

Kelley Doty - Treasurer

Josh Temple– Sergeant at Arms





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