



## Stephanie Acri – City of Moline Mayor



Stephanie Acri has served as Mayor of Moline for about a year, after serving on the City Council for six years. Since her election, a new City Administrator, as well as new Police and Fire Chiefs, are in place.

Infrastructure is a main focus for the Mayor and Staff. With 360 miles of roads and streets in the City, the goal is to sustain the condition. This requires a solid working relationship with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for much of that mileage. Mayor Acri stated that IDOT is a wonderful organization and great to work with.

John Deere Road is the busiest road in the Quad Cities. And, of course, the I-74 bridge project is in the forefront of activity.

Renew Moline focuses on development and redevelopment in Downtown Moline. One of the landmarks is the John Deere Commons, which is celebrating 21 years of existence. The Moline Foundation works hand-in-hand with Renew

Moline to accomplish development throughout the city.

The Quad Cities Mayors work together well and meet frequently as a group.

Some projects in the works:

- MetroLink with electric buses
- Anticipated train station
- Economic Development throughout the City
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Building
  - Overlook Village Senior Living Facility
  - Hawk Hollow Town Homes
  - Mercado on Fifth
  - Dolans Commons Business District

Please check out Moline further at  
<http://www.moline.il.us>



## Rotary.org wins Webby People's Voice Award

By Rotary International

The people have spoken. With a majority of internet user votes, Rotary.org won the prestigious Webby People's Voice Award for best association website. The International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences announced the winners on 24 April.

Rotary International's revamped website has been chosen by the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences as one of the best association websites in the world.

This year, internet users cast over 3 million votes worldwide. And with over 13,000 entries from nearly all 50 U.S. states and more than 70 countries, this year's contest is the biggest Webby Awards ever. Winners will be recognized at the Webby Awards' 22nd annual ceremony 14 May in New York, New York.

The Webby Awards are the leading international honor for excellence on the internet. Rotary was one of five websites nominated in the best association category. The other nominees were the Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance, 11th Macau Design Biennial, Trade Works for Us, and the Center for Court Innovation.

Rotary was also nominated for a Webby Award whose winner is chosen by the academy. That award went to the Macau Design Biennial.

Thanks to everyone who voted!

Watch the Webby Awards ceremony on 15 May.

## Former First Lady Laura Bush to speak at Rotary convention

By Rotary International

Former First Lady of the United States Laura Bush, an advocate for literacy, education, and women's rights, will speak at the 2018 Rotary Convention in Toronto this June.

For decades Mrs. Bush has fought for key national and global issues including launching groundbreaking education and healthcare programs in the U.S. and abroad. She founded both the Texas Book Festival and the National Book Festival in Washington D.C. As chair of the Women's Initiative at the George W. Bush Institute,

Mrs. Bush continues her work on global healthcare innovations, empowering women in emerging democracies, education reform, and supporting men and women who have served in the U.S. military.

Women's healthcare also has been a central issue for Mrs. Bush. Because heart disease is the leading cause of death among American women, she partnered with the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute to launch The Heart Truth campaign and Red Dress project. The Heart Truth raises awareness among women about their risk for heart disease.

Mrs. Bush is the author of the bestselling memoir, *Spoken From the Heart*, and bestselling children's book, *Our Great Big Backyard*. She serves on several boards including the National Advisory Board for the Salvation Army, the Council for the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, the Board of Trustees for the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Southern Methodist University Board of Trustees.

**GUESTS:**

Bettendorf High School

Students: Madison Watkins and Josh Turner

Pleasant Valley High School: Hallie Jones

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Toast to Rotary (District 6000 Meeting) was a big success with great attendance.
- Birdies for Charity slips are now available. Donations will go to Challenger League.
- **Next meeting will be at TPC Deere Run Golf Course. Alex Stuedemann**, grounds manager, will be our program.
- Lids for Kids presentations will be on April 27<sup>th</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup>
- Challenger League will begin in two weeks. Games will be on all Saturdays of May and June.
- **JD** is attending planning meetings for a joint fundraiser with the Davenport Rotary Club to be held on August 25<sup>th</sup> at Prairie Hills Park.
- Rotary Night at the Ballpark will be on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Our own **Emily Shenk-DeMay** will be singing the National Anthem.
- Photos are needed for several members for the directory.
- Please contact **JD** if you have ideas for programs.

**SARGE:**

**Happy/Sad Dollars:**

None

**50/50:**

C'mon **Mike!** Adam and Eve were the first to NOT sign the Apple Agreement ... Dave F's ticket was drawn. No red queen today!

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

Apr 26 – Alex Studeman (**Meeting at TPC Deere Run**)  
 4218 Friendship Farm Road; East Moline, IL  
 May 3 – Rotary Video (Polio/Hepatitis)  
 May 10 – Alessandro Lomaestro (our in-bound Exchange Student)  
 May 17 – Shawn Langan (Commercial Real Estate)  
 May 24 – Jake Klipsch (Mid-City High)  
 May 31 – Jim Collings (Ministry/Volunteerism)

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Apr 27 – Lids for Kids Distribution  
 May 4 – Lids for Kids Distribution  
 May 30 - Community Service Grant Applications due  
 Jul 19 – Rotary Night at the Ballpark (Modern Woodmen)

**BIRTHDAYS!!**

Apr 8 – Mark Collier

Apr 8 – Tim Schlicksup

Apr 9 – Sara Harris

Apr 23 – Mike Boyd

Apr 25 – Harry Mihm

**CLUB ANNIVERSARIES!!**

Apr 23 – Jeno Berta (3 years)

Apr 23 – Bob Benson (12 years)

**ANNIVERSARIES!!**

Apr 6 – Jake and Marilyn Jacks (44 years)

Apr 20 – Missy and Greg Gowey (33 year)

Apr 28 – Jeff and Kayne Kaczinski (34 years)

**FIRST DAY OF SPRING FACTS**

Students/Scholars told us about their experience as students for the month.



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Mike Ruby

**ROTARY CLUB AVENUES OF SERVICE:**

Club Service  
 Vocational Service  
 Community Service  
 New Generations Service  
 International Service

**NEED TO MAKE UP?**

Mon. noon	Davenport—The Outing Club
Mon. 5 p.m.	Davenport—(Mini) Lunardi's
Mon. 6 p.m.	Illinois Quad Cities—HyVee (John Deere Rd)
Mon. noon	Moline—Trinity Lutheran Church
Tue. 7:15 a.m.	River Cities—The Brothers, Rapids City
Tue. noon	Rock Island—Botanical Center
Wed. 7 a.m.	Valley Sunrise—Holiday Inn, Moline
Wed. noon	Bettendorf—Tanglewood Pavilion
Wed. 4:30 p.m.	North Scott (Mini)—Ridgecrest Village
Thu. 7 a.m.	Iowa Quad Cities—Holiday Inn Davenport
Thu. noon	Milan—Pinnacle Country Club
Thu. 12:15 p.m.	East Moline/Silvis—Christ UM Church
Fri. noon	North Scott—Steeplegate Davenport

Make ups count two weeks before or after a meeting.  
 You can attend another club or make up online at  
<http://www.rotaryclubone.org>

**CLUBRUNNER ACCESS:**

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/CPrg/Home/login.asp?cid=1647&lgValMem=0>

**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.

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 EVERY  
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