In Memory of George

Karen Johnson, wife of recently passed Honorary Member George Johnson, presented a memorial check to the Rock Island Rotary Club for $500. She feels very fortunate to have the comfort of friends and family and thanked everyone in the club for their support over the last couple of weeks.

Club Notes & Announcements...

- **Welcome Guests!** Karen Johnson; Donna Albert (Mayeski); Ramona Dixon (Wernentin); Dan Rasmussen (Ferry); Mark Zimmerman; Brent Morlok; Alleman students Kevan O’Hanlon and Jeremy Keim; Rock Island High School student Steven Nowinski and Anna Teggatz; Youth Exchange son Leander Selter!

- **Raffle:** The $35 was won by Steve Morenz who donated back to foundation. Bud Phillis won the wine.

- **Salvation Army Bell Ringing** this year will be on Dec. 7 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm at the Rock Island HyVee, 18th Ave. Frank Lambert is coordinating this year and the sign up sheet will be available on Nov. 6.

- **Attendance:** This week’s attendance was 74% with make-ups for attendees of the recent Meet and Greet; Mike Locander, Mary Fislar, Anne McGlynn, Mark Mayeski, Frank Lambert, Marcy Bell, John Wetzel, Sue Lerschen-Cassatt, Fred Luckenbill, Don Peterson, Kathy Trone, Pete Wessels, John Phillips, and Jim Moran. Also attendees at recent committee meetings; Kathy Trone, Sue Lerschen-Cassatt, Billy Puckett, Angela Campbell and Sam Ferry.

- **Dining Tour Books are available!** See Fred Luckenbill. They are $35 apiece and there are more restaurants added this year! The club makes $10 from each book sold!

- **Say Cheese!** Tom the Kiwanis-man is holding the annual cheese sale again this year in the QC Botanical Center lobby. Now there are TWO delivery dates available: Thanksgiving Week of Nov. 25 and the week of December 9. There are gift boxes available that range from $26 - $30. Stop by the table and check out the offerings before each Tuesday Rotary meeting. THE BEST PART is that Kiwanis shares the cheese sale proceeds with Rotary!
School Improvement Grant at Rock Island High School

Rock Island High School Principal Tim Wernentin talked to the club about the School Improvement Grant that Rock Island High School received over the summer. Eleven high schools applied for the funds and only three (including Rock Island High School) were awarded the grant.

The School Improvement Grant (SIG) is a federally-funded, state administered grant that focuses on low performing schools and gives them the added funds to improve the school climate and hire staff. The money will help address the needs of struggling students and all learners. Rock Island High School received $6 million which will be spread out over three years.

During the grant application process, the high school had to choose one of four difference models. Each having their own critiera, the high school felt that the transformation model was the best solution. This school year, some of the $2 million allotted has already been spent on hiring more staff (18 people), purchasing technology, providing professional development for teachers and implementing programs for students.

New programs at the high school include Rock Time - a 25 minute advisory period where students are able to focus on making future plans (college and career) and also do team building activities. Building relationships is an important part of Rock Time and it is intended to improve the culture and climate of the entire school as well. Another program, Rock Solid, extends to the junior high school and will help 8th graders transition to Freshman.

There are a couple of community based measures that will take shape in the coming months: community computer kiosks and the start of a Parent University program.

Six million dollars is a lot of money and it goes very fast. Adding more instructional days, as well as more staff, will give Rock Island High School students more opportunities and transform the school into a place of learning and growth that will better prepare students for college and a career.
Membership Committee Schedule

The membership committee will be meeting in November and December on these dates:

- Saturday November 23rd - 8:30 – 9:30 am at Mama Compton’s in Rock Island
- Saturday December 7th - 8:30 – 9:30 am at Mama Compton’s in Rock Island
- Saturday December 21st - 8:30 – 9:30 am at Mama Compton’s in Rock Island

The meeting is open to all Membership Committee Members and any member of the club who is interested in membership. The meetings can count as a makeup for your weekly attendance if needed. If you have any questions please contact Mike Locander 1st Vice- President / Membership Chair.

Welcome to More Junior Rotarians

The Rock Island Rotary club welcomed two more Junior Rotarians from Alleman High School: Jeremy Keim and Kevan O’Hanlon. The two Rock Island High School students Anna Teggaz and Steven Nowinski will be with the club for a couple more weeks.

The students enjoyed networking with the club members and learning about Rotary service projects.

Youth Exchange Weekend Nov. 23 & 24

District 6420 Youth Exchange Inbound students are coming to the Quad Cities for a Youth Exchange weekend on Nov. 23-24. Moline and Rock Island Rotary Clubs are hosting, and the YE students will be helping IN the Quad City Arts Thanksgiving parade helping to guide the Genesis Health System balloon! Other details still being worked on but the weekend will include activities at Augustana College. Scott VandeWoestyne is involved with the event.

Catch up with our Youth Exchange Outbounds Abroad! Check out their blogs:
Hungary: Andrew Calder’s Blog http://andrewglen.blog.com

Megan (right) in Belgium!