



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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October
Junior
Rotarians
Jasmine
Moseley,
Cassie
Wales,
Daria Taylor
and Dylan
Hart



A New Look for the Future I74 Bridge

Iowa Department of Transportation's Doug Rick loves talking about the new I74 bridge and never gets tired of sharing the scope of the project with the community. According to Rick, the current I74 bridge design and function is obsolete. It was never built for heavy traffic – and is narrow and congestive to traffic flow.



The project will cost \$1.14 billion and Rick is confident that it is fully funded. The new bridge will feature a “true arch” a.k.a. basket handle that is much taller than the current span of the I74 bridge. There will also be a pedestrian/bicycle friendly shared use path that will be 14' wide and feature an over look spot to view the river. The piers that hold up the span are designed to withstand any potential barge impact. The entire corridor is 7 miles in length from the Avenue of the Cities in Illinois to 53rd Avenue in Iowa. In 2017 the new bridge crossing will begin construction; and the “crucial” year will be 2019 when they have to reroute traffic to complete the crossing. All said and done, the phrase “bridge rage” will be out of the Quad Citian vocabulary for good and crossing the I74 Bridge will be a pleasant experience whether you are driving, biking, running or walking.

<http://www.iowadot.gov/i74corridor/default.htm>

Calendar

October

10/20 – Doug Rick, Iowa DOT
10/21 – **Pumpkinpalooza**
with Earl Hanson Elementary!
10/23 – **World Polio Day!**
10/27 – Norm Moline, Urban
China

November

11/03 – Dr. Bud Phillis, Rotary
Foundation
11/10 – TBA
11/17 – Dr. Truitt, Black Hawk
College
11/20 – **TRIVIA NIGHT!**
11/24 – Ted Pappas,
Friendship Manor

December

12/01 – Rock Island High
School Chamber Singers
12/09 – **Holiday**
Party/Circa 21

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Oct – Nov: Chris Lemon
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NOTE ON NEW MEMBER DUES OPTION: The Rock Island Rotary Club does allow for reduced dues for new members, and this dues reduction is awarded by the Board on a case-by-case basis. Dues may be reduced from the current \$150/qtr down to \$95/qtr and will continue at this reduced rate for no more than two (2) quarters or six (6) months from the date of induction. The proposer of a prospective new member should tell the prospective member of the availability of this option. It is then the responsibility of the proposer to make this request to the Board.

Club Notes & Announcements!

- **Welcome Guests!** Mark Zimmerman; Lisa Ahern (Alleman High School); Thomas Mason IV (prospective); Rock Island High School Jr. Rotarians Daria Taylor and Dylan Hart; Alleman High School Jr. Rotarians Cassie Wales and Jasmine Moseley; Youth Exchange Daughter Camila Velasco Medina!
- **Raffle!** Fred Luckenbill won the \$25 cash and donated to the foundation; Tricia Barron won the wine.
- **Cheese for Sale!** The Kiwanis Cheese table will be set up in the Botanical Center Lobby for the next few weeks. Remember – this is a fundraiser and our club receives some of the proceeds from the sale. New this year: Horseradish Cheddar and Blueberry Cheddar! Delivery date: Dec. 7.
- **Rock Island High School Entrepreneur & Enterprise program needs two more business mentors.** The RIHS incubatorEDU program has two spots for community business members to mentor the student groups through their projects for the school year. Please consider volunteering a couple of hours a week – it means a world of difference to the students to have a true business mentor talk with them about their project. Contact RIHS Business Teacher Trish Matson at trish.matson@risd41.org for more information.
- **New Member Proposal!** Lisa Ahern has been proposed for membership to the club. Lisa is the Marketing and Enrollment Manager for Alleman High School.



Reserve Now – Pay Later
Sign up at Sergeant's Table

ROCK ISLAND ROTARY HOLIDAY PARTY Circa 21 Wednesday, December 9th

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| Salon Party | 5:00pm – 6:00 |
| Buffet Banquet | 5:45 – 7:00 |
| Bootlegger Performance | 7:15 |
| Show – A Wonderful Life | 7:45 |

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| ONE ADMISSION | \$46.25 |
| TWO ADMISSIONS | \$92.50 |
| TWO WITH DINING BOOK COUPON | \$57.36 |
| Circa Subscriber? Pay Just | \$ 2.75 per person |
| Price includes Tip (not including deserts & bar) | |

Rotary Turkey Trivia Night!

Friday, November 20, 2015
Milan Camden Centre

Doors open at 5:45 p.m. Trivia begins at 6:30 p.m.

Tables are \$100 (up to 10 players). RSVP to Kathy Trone – Kathy@wesselspc.com or 309-794-9400.



June 2015: Rotary District 6420 sends Vocational Training Team to Combarbalá, Chile.

*September 16, 2015: Epicenter of sixth worst earthquake in Chile
is just 100 miles from Combarbalá. There are 200-plus aftershocks!*



Team leader Korah Winn, center and two Combarbalá teachers.



Team member Stephanie Jordan, right, and two Combarbalá teachers.

Your gift provides meaningful help and directly impact lives .

Dear District 6420 Rotary Clubs and Rotary Club members

Last month's 8.3 magnitude earthquake impacted the lives of tens of thousands of Chileans, including the lives of Combarbalá, Chile residents. District 6420 sent a Vocational Training Team there for two weeks this past June. The earthquake damaged schools, residences and businesses (including the hotel where the team stayed) and caused considerable emotional stress due to the 200-plus aftershocks which kept so many people on guard.

District 6420 has invested much time, treasure and talent in the Combarbalá community thanks to the work of the Vocational Training Team and financial contributions from the Rotary Club of Galena, a Rotary International Global Grant and District Designated Funds. This enabled strong bonds to develop, grow and evolve. Bonds that are well worth building upon.

District 6420 has asked Combarbalá Rotarians how the District might marshal resources to be of help as the community recovers from the earthquake. Combarbalá Rotarians appreciated our offer and suggested that the most meaningful help is continuing the work which the Vocational Training Team started. This help involves bringing Combarbalá teachers of English to District 6420 in order to enhance their English teaching skills by observing classrooms within

the district and speaking with native English speakers.

The District has set a goal of raising \$15,000 by Nov. 15, 2015, enough money to bring at least 10 teachers to District 6420 for three weeks in January/February 2016, summer vacation for Chilean teachers. These funds will be used to purchase round-trip airfare plus provide a small stipend to purchase English-language classroom materials. The teachers will stay in private homes in the District.

Your support of this project, through cash donations or airline miles, will impact lives—Chilean teachers, their students and the community and give hope to a community that needs hope. The Rotary Club of Galena, through its 501(c)3 charitable foundation will coordinate the project with the help of the Vocational Training Team. Tax deductible checks should be made out to the Galena Rotary Foundation and sent to Rotarian P. Carter Newton, 129 S. High St., Galena, IL 61036. Those who would like to donate airline miles are encouraged to call or email Rotarian Newton, chair of the District 6420 Vocational Training Team Committee, at 815-238-0318 or cnewton@galgazette.com.

Thank you very much for your consideration and your donation.

Sincerely
Jim Nelson
District Governor

P Carter Newton
Vocational Training Team chair