



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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Welcome to
our new
member
Thomas
Mason IV!
He is
employed by
Rock Island
Lubricants
and
Services.
Sue Cassatt
is serving as
his new
member
mentor.



A China Frame of Mind

Thinking in a “China Frame of Mind” is easy for Augustana professor Norm Moline – he says it is easy to toggle his brain back and forth between the US and China...after all he has been there 39 times. Why should anyone here care about what's happening in China? Because China is the second-largest economy in the world, and there are implications for this country as China continues its rise.

Moline first visited Shenzhen, China in 1977. A few years later the area was the city was declared a special zone. Fast-forward a couple of decades and now Shenzhen encompasses 10.6 million people and is dubbed the “fastest urban growing city in world history.”

There were several key economic policies that steered Shenzhen in that direction – namely moving city planning to a local level and decentralizing the tax structure and using farmland for urban growth. There are a number of challenges in growing an economy that quickly and keeping up with the infrastructure growth and services to the community. Norm’s knowledge and relationship-building with China has made him a leader in diplomacy and he looks forward to when he can visit again. “The US and China have a lot to share and we have to keep talking with each other.”

Calendar

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); Sarah Gorham (Stengel); Cis Ryan (McGlynn); Tyler Kargl (Peterson); Rock Island High School Jr. Rotarians Daria Taylor and Dylan Hart; Alleman High School Jr. Rotarians Andy Maynard and Emily Bauer; Youth Exchange Daughter Camila Velasco Medina!
- **Raffle!** Howard Beck won the cash and donated it to the foundation; Sue Cassatt won the bowl and Vic 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.
- **Rotary Roster Update!** Ralph Crowe has a new address: 212 West 20th Avenue, Coal Valley, IL 61240. Email: rkcrowe719@gmail.com
- **Rotary District 6420 Foundation Dinner.** The District Foundation Dinner is going to be held at Deer Valley Country Club Nov 17, 2015 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM. Special guest and keynote speaker Rotary International Director Elect Robb Knuepfer as he makes his first official visit to our District. Register through the District web site <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50144/>

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.

Congratulations to former RI Rotary member Rebecca Arnold! She received the 2015 International Impact Award for outstanding work in the field of public health! Rebecca will be presented with the award on Nov. 10 Read more at <http://bit.ly/1KKW1uX>



A Perfect Day for Pumpkinpalooza!

Rotary Club members took a group of students from Earl Hanson Elementary to the pumpkin patch on Oct. 21 for some fall fun! It goes without saying that some of the Rotary members have just as much fun as the students! Thank you to all of the volunteers and sponsors that made the event possible!



Mike scores a pumpkin!

Al Metz and
some Earl
Hanson
students
make a new
friend.



RI Rotary volunteers and spouses!



Above: the perfect pumpkin!
Above right: Students enjoy a ride in the cow-mobile.
Below right: Students around the "campfire."