



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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INSPIRE CHOIR INSPIRES!

Our Rock Island Rotary was treated to a wonderful program at today's meeting. The Earl Hanson Elementary School **Inspire Choir** made their annual visit to the club and once again presented a delightful program of uplifting and well-performed music. Under the caring direction of Ms. Jean Mercer, the 20-member chorus kicked off their show with "All About Music" an upbeat tune written by a 10-year-old boy about the importance of music in his life. They followed that up with "Butterfly" an anti-bullying tune penned by a 16-year-old girl. The program took an upbeat turn with "Playing My Kazoo" with all 20 choral members showing Kazoo talent. The performance also included the inspirational "I Was Here", "Agents of Change", and "Each of Us is a Flower". The finale was a rousing version of "R-O-T-A-R-Y, That Spells Rotary" which by invitation was joined in by the entire Rotary membership. In introducing the group, Tricia Barron, our Club liaison to Earl Hanson School, mentioned that the choir is a voluntary after school activity and is dedicated to community service. The choir frequently performs at area retirement centers and nursing homes and participates in an annual arts project. Congratulations to Ms. Mercer and these 20 wonderful third through 6th grade students. They were truly **INSPIRING!**



March – May Calendar

- April 26 - Earl Hanson Inspire Choir
- May 3 - Rock Island Public Library – Rotarian, Angela Campbell
- May 10 - Privies to Plumbing: A Short History of the Bathroom – Ann Koski
- May 17 - Rotary Foundation – Rotarian, Bud Phillis
- May 24 - Financial Scams – Rotarian, Andrew Guzzo
- May 31 - Kiwanis Joint Meeting

The Inspire Choir keeps a close eye on director Jean Mercer as they delight Rotarian with their youthful enthusiasm and vocal talent.

They have been entertaining at Rotary for many years, pre-dating even our official "adoption" of Earl Hanson Elementary School.

Crayon collection is still in progress (24 ct. box) and will shift to glue sticks in May. If you don't care to shop you can donate cash and Club members will shop for you.



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Dec.- Jan: John Wetzel
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June – July: Diane Koster



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Club Notes & Announcements!

□ **Welcome Guests!** Several Rotary spouses were guests at today's meeting, attracted by our Inspire Choir program. JoAn Tadlock came with husband Larry, Nancy Luckenbill accompanied husband Fred, and Virginia Houlton joined husband Fred. We're always happy to see the "better half" of our members! We also were joined by several visiting Rotarians including Bill Burress a lumber retailer from the Davenport Club, and former Rock Island member, Penny Foy now a member of the Cedar Rapids Daybreak Rotary Club. Student guests from Alleman High School were Lily Coleman and Eric Bjork. New students from Rock Island high school were introduced including Chris Lerch and Jake Aunan. Last but definitely not least was Cecilia Nache, a prospective member and guest of Steve Morenz.

□ **Volunteers Needed for JDC!** The Moline Rotary Club has the 18th hole during the John Deere Classic. It takes about 10 to 12 persons at all times to make this happen and the Moline Rotary is extending an invitation to Rock Island Rotary to help cover the slots. The classic is the weekend of August 11, but will run from Wednesday thru Sunday. Your entrance fee is free, but you will have to buy a Tee Shirt that costs about \$25. You get free snacks while on duty and a free lunch at noon time. If you are interested, please contact Sam Wray at 799-5160 or Kent Crippen at 787-3514.

□ **Run and Walk for Great Causes!** If you like to run or walk for a cause, two Rock Island Rotary members are coordinating events this coming week. On April 30th the Steve's Old Time Tap Spring Chaser 5k in support of the Quad Cities Red Cross Chapter will take off at 9:00 a.m. in downtown Rock Island. To register visit www.springchaser.com or to volunteer contact Holly Sparkman at hksparkman@gmail.com.

Also on April 30th the Purple Dash supporting the Epilepsy Foundation kicks off at 10am. More information on the event page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/816538888490084> Contact Rotarian Monta Ponseto, 309-781-0660 if you would like to volunteer.

□ **Rotary International Foundation Committee!** Will meet May 3, 11:30 a.m. before the Tuesday noon meeting. Committee members are: Bud Phillis (Chair), John Slover, Ralph Crowe, Fred Houlton, Bill Green, Tricia Barron, Jim Stanbary, Chuck Austin, Gary Rowe.

□ **Have Items for our Newsletter?** For May publication send to Bob Swanson at bobdebswanson@att.net. For June publication send items to Holly Sparkman at hksparkman@gmail.com.

The F U N Committee!

The FUN Committee and the Membership Committee are jointly hosting an After Hours Meet and Greet event at the Blue Cat this Thursday, April 28, from 5- 7 p.m. We especially want to invite our newer members and provide an opportunity to socialize and get to know seasoned club members. Members of the RAH! Rotary After Hours club will also be involved. Even if you didn't sign up, you're welcome. Don't sit on the side lines --- get into the game! Show up!

Please also mark your calendars for Sunday, June 12, Noon-4 p.m. The Fislars are hosting a gathering at their FUN house (with a pool!). More details will follow. Contact Past President and PDG Ruth Lee for FUN information rotarianruth@gmail.com

Board of Directors votes to reimburse registration costs for any club member wishing to attend the 2016 District Conference. Here are the details ...

We're All Invited ---

To the Rotary District 6420 Conference:

Event: District Conference

Date: Apr 30, 2016 at 07:30 AM - May 01, 2016 at 12:00 PM

Fee: \$125.00

Location: Clocktower Resort

[View](#) 7801 E. State St

[Map](#) Rockford, IL 61108
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Rotary
District 6420



To register for our District Conference, click on the event for registration and hotel information at www.rotary6420.org home page.

For Room Discount make reservations by March 28th.

Separate registration required for Pre-Conference Foundation Dinner.

AND -- District 6420 Rotary Foundation Dinner

Event: Foundation Dinner

Date: Apr 29, 2016 at 05:00 PM - 09:00 PM

Fee: \$40.00

Location: Hoffman House

[View](#) 7550 E. State St.

[Map](#) Rockford, IL 61108
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Details: To register for this event, click on the event at www.rotary6420.org under Upcoming Events on the home page. You can also book family and friends.

FOUNDATION RAFFLE NETS \$100!

Good prizes and generous Rotarians caused the 50/50 raffle to reach \$100 today, all eventually coming back to the Rotary Foundation.

Rotarian Lo Milani donated two bottles of his best wine cellar collection. One was won by Larry Tadlock and the other by Tricia Barron. Rotarian Larry Tadlock donated a beautiful (even though Larry dubbed it the "ugly bowl") worm wood, hand turned bowl, which was eagerly won by Jeff Dismer. The cash drawing went to President-Elect Steve Morenz who by donating his winnings back made it a clean sweep for the foundation!

Thanks to all who participated!!



IT'S BIRDIES TIME!

Once again our Club's official "Birdman", Kevin Koski, has agreed to head up this year's Birdies for Charity Campaign for our Club.

In addition, our club's Board of Directors has approved applying all of the proceeds to our Rock Island Rotary Club Foundation. This insures that the funds will be used only for projects benefiting our local community.

In case you are unaware of how Birdies for Charity works, you simply pledge to pay either a set amount (\$25, \$50, etc.) or pledge 1¢ or 2¢ or more for each birdie scored by the PGA pros during the John Deere Classic Tournament. (1¢ usually equals about \$20). The John Deere Classic doesn't get any of your donation. It all comes to Rock Island Rotary, plus the Classic matches your donation in part. Our club actually makes more when you donate. You also are invited to guess how many birdies there will be. The prize, if you win is a new car! If you're the closest of any of our Club members, you win \$50! Donate today!

PRINT AND FILL OUT THIS PAGE. RETURN TO STEVE MORENZ AT NEXT WEEK'S MEETING

Rotary Committee Preferences: 2016 - 2017					
Please choose three committees that you would like to participate in during the upcoming 2016 - 2017 Rotary Year. Please check the column labeled "Interested" if that committee is of interest to you, and please check the column labeled "Chair" if you are interested in leading that committee. Please sign the form and return it to Steve Morenz. Thank you for your service in the Rotary Club of Rock Island.					
		<u>Interested</u>	<u>Chair</u>		
Program Committee:				Nominating Committee:	
August-September					
October-November				Public Image Committee:	
December-January				Newsletter:	
February-March				Website:	
April-May				Press Releases:	
June-July				Social Media:	
Membership Committee:				Interact/RILA:	
Chair - Bruce Peterson					
Recruiting				Rotaract:	
Mentoring					
Orientation				Earlyact:	
Budget Priorities:				Ambassadorial Scholars:	
Chair - Frank Lambert					
Salvation Army Bell Ringing:				Blood Drive:	
Bert Blood Scholarships:				Awards Luncheon:	
Invocations Committee:				"Fun" Committee:	
Fundraising Committee:				Rotary International Foundation:	
				Chair - Bud Phillis	
Youth Exchange:				RI Rotary Club Foundation:	
				Dvlpmnt Committee	
Literacy Committee:				Grants Committee	
Rotary Member:	_____				