



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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**CHESS
CHAMP!** Earl
Hanson student
Avery Brandt
was crowned
the Chess
Champ by
President **John
Phillips** and
Earl Hanson
mentor **Tom
Hammar**,
Teacher **Kim
Dillender** is
**extremely
proud!**

Welcome New Member Linda Golden

Rock Island Rotary members welcomed new member Linda Golden to the club on Tuesday, February 2. Linda is a retired teacher from the Rock Island-Milan School

District (40 years teaching!) and lives in Rock Island. She is the daughter of beloved Honorary Rotarian Sue Golden.

Linda enjoys working with teens in mentoring programs, reading and biking. Please welcome her to Rock Island Rotary at the next lunch meeting!



February Calendar

Feb 2 - Scott Mullen, Exec. Dir. IWireless Center

Feb 2 - Rotary Blood Drive

Feb 9 - Matt Splittgerber – Iowa Interstate Railroad

Feb 16 - Jeff VenHuizen – Rock Island Police Chief and Tour of new station.

Feb 23 - Rock Island H.S. Entrepreneur Class

Mar. 1 - Dan Logan – Earl Hanson Principal

Mar. 8 - TBA



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Program Chairs 2015-16

Feb – March: Bob Swanson
April – May: Kevin Koski
June – July: Diane Koster

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!** RIHS Junior Rotarians Adam Cady and Maggie Flowers; Mark Zimmerman; Alleman Junior Rotarian Sarah Menage and Gabby Kerker; Joy Toporowski; Sue Hammar; Avery Brandt (Earl Hanson Chess Champion 2016); Kim Dillender (Teacher, Earl Hanson); Youth Exchange Daughter Camila Valasco!
- **1st meeting of Wine-ing Rotarians will be Monday Feb. 15th 5:30 pm at The Grape Life!** Please join your fellow Rotarians (and guests) at the first meeting of the Quad Cities Area Fellowship of Wining Rotarians at The Grape Life Wine Store and Lounge in Davenport, corner of Kimberly and Elmore. Recently purchased by Rock Island Rotarian Diane Koster and her husband Kevin Koster, The Grape Life offers an ideal spot for the group to gather. The store will close to the public at 5:30 p.m., and Rotarians can mix and mingle until 7:30 p.m. There is no charge to attend, but it is expected that each of us will purchase at least one glass of wine or other liquor/beer! Not a problem!
- **The Fun Committee Meeting!** There is a FUN committee meeting scheduled for 11:15 a.m. on Tuesday, February 9, just preceding the club meeting. Please plan to attend if at all possible, come equipped with ideas for FUN!

**FELLOW
ROTARIANS
INVITE
SOMEONE TO**



BE A PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER

**Thursday, February 25, 2016
5:30 to 7:30 • Rogalski Center**
(on the St. Ambrose campus)

Cost: \$10 • All Guests Free

*Appetizers & hosted keg beer • Cash bar available
Keynote: Davenport Mayor Frank Klipsch
Short presentation from each Rotary club
This is a Quad Cities Wide Rotary Event*

RSVP by Feb. 21 - <https://serviceforsuccess.eventbrite.com>



*Attending will count as a makeup meeting



I-Wireless Center A QC Gem

Scott Mullen Executive Director of the I-Wireless Center, visited the Rock Island Rotary Club on Tuesday, Feb. 2. He is responsible for operations of the center and working to secure the entertainment shows that are programmed there throughout the year. Mullen is very proud of the ranking of the I-Wireless Center as one of the top 5 venues of its size and has held this distinction since its inception.

He highlighted some of the specific tasks involved with negotiations for celebrity artists that perform at the center. He wears many hats, everything from contract negotiations, special requests, and partnerships with concert promoters across the USA. He calls the I-Wireless Center the best well kept 20 year old venue that exists today!

Sharing Banners and Friendship

Members of the Vocational Training Team to Combarbala, Chile Stephanie Jordan, Luis Renato Tapia Castillo and Karla Manriquez Michea presented banners to the Rock Island Rotary Club.

