



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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OUR DAUGHTER HAS ARRIVED!

Today Rock Island Rotary welcomed our new Youth Exchange Daughter, Agata Burzynska. A contingent of Rotarians along with a former youth exchange son and his father greeted Agata at the Quad City International Airport Monday evening. After the 10-hour flight from Poland to Chicago, Agata boarded the final leg of her journey to the Quad Cities arriving at 6:05pm. Then at noon today the entire club had the opportunity to meet and welcome Agata who will be initially hosted by Sue and Bob Cassatt. On hand to greet Agata were recently returned outbound student, Melissa Hagerty (2015-16 to Spain), former exchange son, Leander Selter (2013-14 from Germany), and former outbound student, Liam Otto (2011-12 to Sweden). Also on hand in strong support of Agata were host mom and dad, Sue and Bob Cassatt, and Youth Exchange Officer, Jeff Dismer and spouse Martha



Rotarians Greet Agata at QCI Airport



Agata Meets Host Mom & Dad



Youth Exchange Officer Jeff Dismer proudly presents former exchange sons and daughter along with new daughter, Agata.

July - August Calendar

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| Aug 9 | - Mark McQuate - 1 Marine 1 Life Foundation |
| Aug 16 | - Kenny Massey, CEO of Modern Woodmen |
| Aug 23 | - Rene Gellerman, Quad Cities Chamber |
| Aug 30 | - TBA |
| Sept 6 | - TBA |
| Sept 13 | - District Gov. Scott Shore |
| Sept 20 | - Rick Miers, RI High Historian |
| Sept 27 | - Paul Fessler, Community Caring Conference |
| Oct 4 | - Dr. Allison Haskill, Augustana Speech, Language, Hearing Clinic |
| Oct 11 | - Leslie Kilganno, Quad Cities Interfaith |
| Oct 18 | - Jodie Kavensky, Norma Leah Ovanian Cancer Initiative |
| Oct 25 | - Alan Ross, Jewish Federation of the Quad Cities |
| Nov 1 | - Angie Peterson, Children's Therapy Center |

Mom Sue and daughter, Agata share a moment listening to Jeff Dismer talk about Youth Exchange.





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Jan – Feb: John Wetzel
Mar – Apr: Julie Gelaude
May – June: Bob Swanson

Club Notes & Announcements!

□ **Welcome Guests!** Rock Island Rotary welcomed many guests at today's meeting. Barbara Parker wife of Rotarian David Parker along with daughter, Beth Ducey were on hand kicking off Barbara and David's 60th Anniversary. Congratulations to the "Young Lovers"!! Jennifer Garrity was introduced as a guest (for the final time) of John Wetzel. Kim Mayeski was a guest of hubby, Mark. On hand to welcome Exchange Daughter Agata, were Martha Dismar, Bob Cassatt, Liam Otto, Leander Solter, and Melissa Hagerty. The Club also welcomed Rotarian visitor, Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport Club. Guests are always welcome, particularly prospective members! Invite a friend next week!!

□ **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.

□ **Have Items for our Newsletter?** For August publication send items to Bob Swanson at bobdebswanson@att.net.

FOUNDATION RAFFLE

This week's raffle featured cash, fine wine from the Lo Milani's cellar, and an "Any Day Pass for the John Deere Classic donated by Sam Wray. Al Metz was the first name drawn and he jumped on the John Deere Classic pass. Bill Stengel was the next lucky winner and he took the cash and immediately presented it to our new Exchange Daughter, Agata Burzynska. The final lucky ticket belonged to Tricia Barron, who happily took home the wine. Thanks to all who participated!



MEET OUR NEWEST ROCK ISLAND ROTARIAN

Jennifer Garrity was inducted today as our newest Rock Island Rotarian. Jennifer has been employed by MetroLink in Rock Island, Illinois, for 18 years and has been in her current role as the manager of administration since 2005.

Jennifer's duties include managing the strategic affairs of the organization and the administrative staff, as well as providing support in implementing the vision and direction for the organization. She has been instrumental in creating a culture that embraces innovation and has developed strong personal relationships with staff and

the board of trustees, and has incorporated a team environment to drive initiatives forward.

Garrity serves as the public relations and marketing expert of MetroLink and spearheaded marketing campaigns recognized nationally by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), as well as locally. Garrity also serves as the media liaison and has generated positive local media pieces in print and television, as well as the national publications Mass Transit, Green Building Designs and Passenger Transport.

Jennifer has two children, aged 8 & 11, which she says occupy all of her non-work time. Please take time to meet and greet Jennifer at an upcoming meeting. She was sponsored by John Wetzel.

CONGRATULATION AUGUST ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS!

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| Jay McEvoy | August2 |
| Monta Ponsetto | August4 |
| Dan McNeil | August9 |
| Pat Cunningham | August9 |
| Jennifer Garrity | August10 |
| Marci Bell | August11 |
| Mary Fislar | August11 |
| Bud Phillis | August12 |
| Tricia Barron | August15 |
| John Daly | August19 |
| Jim Nordquist | August21 |
| Ben Farrar | August24 |
| Carrie Crossen | August25 |
| Julie Gelaude | August29 |
| Bruce Peterson | August30 |



LITERACY COMMITTEE SUCCESS!!

Over the past three weeks our Literacy Committee solicited donations for school supplies to ensure that no child, regardless of family abilities, would face starting the school year without adequate supplies.

Rock Island Rotarian generously poured in over \$100, which allowed the committee to fill the coffers with notebooks, crayons, pencils, pens, scissors, and other badly needed materials. Thanks again for stepping to the plate Rotarians!

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. It was established in 1957 to show appreciation for and encourage substantial contributions to the Rotary International Foundation. Rotarians have a tradition of supporting the Foundation by honoring others. The Rotary Club of Pikesville, Maryland, USA, made a donation in the name of Mother Teresa in 1980. The entertainer Pearl Bailey also became a Paul Harris Fellow through a joint effort of the Rotary clubs in Cape Cod, Mass. Many other notable figures have been named as Paul Harris Fellows, including U.S. President Jimmy Carter, Russian President Boris Yeltsin, U.S. astronaut James Lovell, UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, and Jonas Salk. The number of Paul Harris Fellows reached the one million mark in 2006.



Mark & Kim Mayeski

Rock Island Rotary has a rich tradition in supporting the Paul Harris Society, with 50 current members being Paul Harris Fellows and many have honored multiple family members and colleagues naming them also as Paul Harris Fellows.

That Tradition continued today with Rock Island Rotarian, Mark Mayeski naming his lovely wife, Kim, as our most recent Paul Harris Fellow. Mark mentioned that he plans now to begin working toward honoring his children as Paul Harris Fellows. Congratulations Kim, and thank you Mark for your strong support of Rotary!

KERI BASS AT THE “CORE”



Rock Island Rotarians enjoyed an enthusiastic and informative presentation today by Keri Bass, Director of Augustana College's CORE Center. We learned that CORE stands for Career, Opportunities, Research, and Exploration. When asked, few in the room were aware of the program or its purpose. Ms. Bass explained that the Center was designed to help students prepare for future careers. They do so by helping students determine and blend what they love to do, with what they are good at doing, with what they can be paid to do, and with what the world needs. Sounds simple, right? Not necessarily since what they love to do, might be something they really aren't very good at. Or it might be that there really isn't a market for what they want to do. The Center provides workshops, teaches interview skills, helps with resume preparation, and generally works on career development. In addition, the Center provides graduate

school preparation, etiquette training, speed networking, jobs and internships, and multiple community service opportunities for students. Thank you Keri for a very interesting and informative program!

50 Things Every Rotarian Should Know About Rotary

Taken from an article by Steve Garret, District Governor 1994-1995

1 – DEFINITION OF ROTARY

How do you describe the organization called “Rotary”? There are so many characteristics of a Rotary club as well as the activities of a million Rotarians. There are the features of service, internationality, fellowship, classifications of each vocation, development of goodwill and world understanding, the emphasis of high ethical standards, concern for other people and many more descriptive qualities.

In 1976 Rotary International Board of Directors was interested in creating a concise definition of the fundamental aspects of Rotary. They turned to the three men who were then serving on Rotary's Public Relations Committee and requested that a one-sentence definition of Rotary be prepared. After numerous drafts, the committee presented this definition, which has been used ever since in various Rotary publications:

“Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all coactions and help build goodwill and peace in the world”.

These 32 words are worth remember when someone asks, “What is a Rotary club?”

We'll follow up with more of the 50 Things Every Rotarian Should Know About Rotary in future issues.

COMING SOON – ROTARY NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK.

Friday, August 19th. Social at 6, Game at 7pm.