



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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Rotary Exchange Influences Life!



Rock Island Rotary welcomed the return of our 2001 Outbound Youth Exchange student, Dylan Davis, as our guest speaker for today's meeting. In 2000, Dylan, then a student at Alleman High School and son of Rock Island Rotarian, Todd Davis, applied to be a Rotary Exchange Student with hopes of being

placed in France. A paperwork mix-up resulted in Dylan being accepted for placement in Turkey. While contemplating with his parents whether or not to accept that placement, Dylan received a call from Rotary officials advising that the error had been discovered and although all placements in France were filled, he was offered a placement in the Czech Republic. Dylan and his parents felt this was an ideal placement opportunity and he accepted. He spent the 2001-2002 school year in the Czech Republic and built many lasting friendships. Dylan said the most important experience of his year abroad was the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. Dylan said the outpouring of sympathy, compassion, and concern expressed to him by his Czech host family, friends, and schoolmates made an indelible impression on him and his understanding of world peace and understanding. His Exchange experience lead him into international studies in college, multiple return trips to Eastern Europe, and a college semester of studying abroad in Russia. After earning his undergraduate and master's degrees, Dylan worked for the National U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce, serving as Communications Director. However, he became concerned that his work there was not really directly benefiting people. Most of his efforts promoted big business contracts and corporate activities. Wanting to impact people, Dylan returned to the Quad Cities and a place where he had served as an intern while in college. He accepted a position with Bethany for Children and Families, currently serving as their Marketing & Development Coordinator. In addition, Dylan works with their Family Furniture Assistance program, the After School Tutoring and Mentor program, assists with Foster Parent training, and directly impacts all 22 programs offered by Bethany throughout the Quad Cities. Dylan concluded his comments by acknowledging that his Rotary Exchange experience was the catalyst that started him down the road of service. He mentioned that he is just 1 of over 8,000 students that annually participate in the Exchange program and suggested that the positive impact of Rotary Youth Exchange reaches far beyond what we may contemplate.

August – October Calendar

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| Aug 16 | - Kenny Massey, CEO of Modern Woodmen |
| Aug 23 | - Rene Gellerman, Quad Cities Chamber |
| Aug 30 | - Mark McQuate - 1 Marine 1 Life Foundation |
| Sept 6 | - Dr. Mike Oberhaus, State of the Schools |
| 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 Ovarian Cancer Initiative |
| Oct 25 | - Alan Ross, Jewish Federation of the Quad Cities |
| Nov 1 | - Angie Peterson, Children's Therapy Center |



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Mar – Apr: Julie Gelaude
May – June: Bob Swanson

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Rotary's annual
Trivia Night is set
for Friday,
November 11th. Get
your team organized
and ready to
compete!
Silent Auction items
are needed and can
be donated
individually or in
the name of your
company/business.

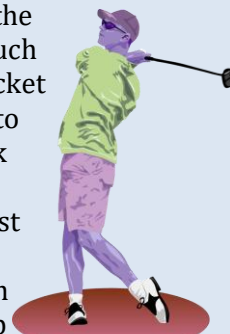
Club Notes & Announcements!

- **Welcome Guests!** Rock Island Rotary welcomed just one guest at today's meeting. Frequent visitor, Duncan Cameron, from the Naples, Florida Club joined us for lunch. Guests are always welcome, particularly prospective members! Invite a friend next week!!
- **Rotary Prepares for Labor Day!** President Morenz advised members that our Club will again participate in the Rock Island Labor Day Parade. Steve will be chauffeured in Bud Phyllis' Prowler. Exchange Daughter, Agata Burzynska will ride in Jeff Dismers' convertible, and a third convertible will be available for other club officers and past District Governors. All Rotarians are invited to walk or bike along with the Rotary vehicles.
- **Have Items for our Newsletter?** For August publication send items to Bob Swanson at bobdebswanson@att.net.

MEGA RAFFLE BENEFITS ROTARY FOUNDATION!



Today's Foundation Raffle offered a record number of prizes and brought many dollars into the coffers of the Rotary Foundation. Prizes included cash, a select bottle of fine wine from the Lo Milani Cellar, 11 Any Day passes to the John Deere Classic PGA Tournament, and 2 All Day Free Parking Passes for the Tournament. Gary Rowe was owner of the first ticket drawn and in true Rotary fashion elected to take the cash and donated it in total to the Foundation. For being such a fine fellow, Gary was rewarded as owner of the second ticket drawn. This time he took the wine – and did not donate it to anyone! John Oliger was the next lucky winner and he took 2 John Deere Classic tickets. Steve Morenz held the next winning ticket and he took 4 John Deere Classic tickets. Past District Governor Ruth Lee got into the winner's column taking two more John Deere tickets. Christy Filby then won two more tickets leaving just one up for grabs. Bill Groh held the ticket that took home the last All Day Classic pass. But, we're not done yet!! John Daly got into the act, winning a free parking pass for the Classic and our newest member Jennifer Garrity, closed out the fun taking home the final free parking pass. Thanks to all who participated and to Chuck Austin and Kevin Koski for providing the John Deere passes, and Lo Milani for donating the wine!

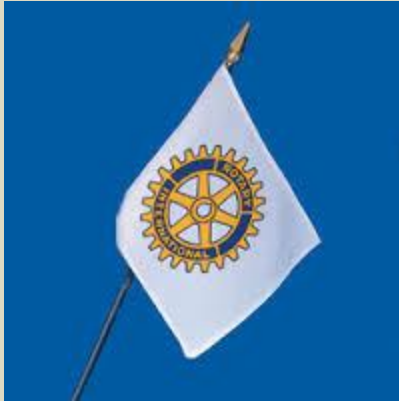


COMING SOON – Rotary Night at the Ballpark
Modern Woodman Park – Friday, August 19th
Social on the Patio at 6pm
Game at 7pm
Fireworks Following the Game!

50 Things Every Rotarian Should Know About Rotary

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

2 – THE OFFICIAL ROTARY FLAG



An official flag was formally adopted by Rotary International at the 1929 Convention in Dallas, Texas. The Rotary flag consists of a white field with the official wheel emblem emblazoned in gold in the center of the field. The four depressed spaces on the rim of the Rotary wheel are colored royal blue. The words “Rotary” and “International” printed at the top and bottom depressions on the wheel rim are also gold. The shaft in the hub and the key way of the wheel are white. The first official Rotary flag reportedly was flown in Kansas City, Missouri, in January 1915. In 1922 a small Rotary flag was carried over the South Pole by Admiral Richard Byrd, a member of the Winchester, Virginia Rotary Club. Four years later, the admiral carried a Rotary flag in his expedition to the North Pole.

Some Rotary clubs use the official Rotary flag as a banner at club meetings. In these instances, it is appropriate to print the words “Rotary Club” above the wheel symbol, and the name of the city, state, or nation below the emblem. The Rotary flag is always prominently displayed at the World Headquarters as well as at all conventions and official events of Rotary International.

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



Guest speaker and former outbound Youth Exchange Student Dylan Davis poses with Rotarians influential in his Rotary Experience. Left to Right, Tom Hammar, former Youth Exchange Chairman and Past President, Past District Governor/Past President Ruth Lee, Dylan Davis, Past President Gary Rowe who supervised portions of Dylan's intern experience at Bethany for Children and Families, and Past District Governor/Past President Fred Luckenbill.