



# Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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## Annual State of the Schools Address

Rock Island-Milan School District Superintendent Mike Oberhaus gave the Annual State of the Schools Address on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at the joint Kiwanis/Rotary service club meetings. Reviewing the 2015-16 school year, Dr. Oberhaus reviewed many positive achievements. The Class of 2015 graduated 388 students; Rock Island High School celebrated 40 seniors who were named as Charles O. Austin Scholars. These students consistently achieved a GPA of 3.5 or higher for the first six semesters of their high school career. Dr. Oberhaus also lauded numerous awards won by District athletic teams and the Rock Island High School Marching Band.

Financially, the district ended the year with a \$700,000 deficit. The good news is that the State of Illinois passed a budget over the summer to fully fund education for the 2016-2017 school year.

New this 2016-2017 school year, the district is implementing a math curriculum called Eureka Math, which will help students with problem solving methods as opposed to relying on memorization. The district is also implementing a new English Language Arts curriculum. An important focus for this year is on enhancing positive relationships with students and their families to improve student success and increase interaction with families and engage them in education.

Dr. Oberhaus thanked the Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs for their support over the last year. Both organizations have made a tremendous difference to students - the Kiwanis Club provided school supplies (valued at \$95,000) for the First Day Project to more than 4,500 of our RIMSD students, and the Rock Island Rotary Club generously donated \$10,000 to the Entrepreneur program last year.

## Sept-October Calendar

- Sept 6 - Dr. Mike Oberhaus, State of the Schools
- Sept 13 - District Gov. Scott Shore
- Sept 20 - Rick Miers, RI High School 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

## REMINDER!

**District 6420 Governor  
Scott Shore is visiting  
next Tuesday!**

**RI Rotary Board  
members are to meet  
with him before the  
Tuesday meeting at  
11:00 a.m.**



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## Officers

Steve Morenz, President  
Bruce Peterson, 1st VP  
Sue Cassatt, 2nd VP  
Anne McGlynn, Secretary  
Carrie Crossen, Treasurer  
John Phillips, Past President

## Board Members

Dave Geenen  
Jim Nordquist  
Molly Shattuck  
Al Metz  
Tricia Barron  
Angela Campbell  
James Benson  
Billy Puckett

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Bob Swanson & Vic Boblett

## Program Chairs

**2016-17**  
July – Aug: Kyle Vietti  
Sept – Oct: Dave Geenen  
Nov – Dec: Gary Rowe  
Jan – Feb: John Wetzel  
Mar – Apr: Julie Gelaude  
May – June: Bob Swanson

## Club Notes and Announcements

- **Welcome Guests!** Duncan Cameron (Naples, FL Rotary); Brian Gustafson (Neary); Myah Ackerland (Locander); Alleman High School students Augie Darrow and Lucy Adlfinger; Dennis Weiss (Principal, Eugene Field Elementary); Dr. Jim Bishop (Rock Island-Milan Board of Education); Rock Island-Milan School District Administrators Bob Beckwith, Carmine Draude, Dr. Kathy Rugeberg, Alicia Sanders and Egan Colbrese; RIMSD #41 Communication Intern Chatavia Clark and Youth Exchange Daughter Agata Burzynska from Poland!
- **District Governor Scott Shore** will meet with our Board of Directors at 11am, Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Board Members - Mark Your Calendar!
- **Pumpkin Palooza is coming!** Rotarians needed to meet the Earl Hanson 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Classes at the Pumpkin Patch. The date is Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Time frame is 9am to 1:30pm. See Mike Locander for details.
- **The Raffle:** Monta Ponsetto won the cash and then donated it to Rotary's polio efforts; Bill Stengel won the wine!

### IT'S NOT TOO LATE -- MENTORS & COACHES NEEDED

The Entrepreneur Class at Rock Island High School is in need of mentors and coaches for the new school year. Rock Island Rotary donated \$10,000 to get this program underway and it enjoyed tremendous success and received statewide recognition last year. Several Rotarians served as Mentors and Coaches last year and more are needed this year with a growing program. See Mike Locander, Carla Thies, or Monta Ponsetto for details. NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Rotary's annual **Trivia Night** is set for Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. 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. See Kathy Trone

### DINING TOUR BOOKS!

Once again Rotary offers you the Quad Cities Dining Tour book with over 330 money saving coupons good at over 140 local restaurants! Best of all each book contains a two for one Circa 21 Coupon you can use for our Rotary Holiday Party. That one use will save you more than the entire cost of the book! Each book sells for \$35 and Rotary receives \$10 for each sale. See Fred Luckenbill and get your 2016-2017 Quad Cities Dining Tour Book today!

## 50 Things Every Rotarian Should Know About Rotary

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

### 6 – THE 4-WAY TEST

One of the most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics in the world is the Rotary "4-Way Test." It was created by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor in 1932 when he was asked to take charge of the Chicago based Club Aluminum Company, which was facing bankruptcy. Taylor looked for a way to save the struggling company mired in depression-caused financial difficulties. He drew up a 24-word code of ethics for all employees to follow in their business and professional lives. The 4-Way Test became the guide for sales, production, advertising, and all relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company was credited to this simple philosophy. Herb Taylor became president of Rotary International during 1954-55.

The 4-Way Test was adopted by Rotary in 1943 and has been translated into more than 100 languages and published in thousands of ways. The message should be known and followed by all Rotarians.

"Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

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

# Rock Island Labor Day Parade!



Above: Carrie Crossen and friend; John Phillips, President Steve Morenz, Sue Lerschen-Cassatt, YE daughter Agata, PDG Ruth Lee and Mike Locander.



Above: YE daughter Agata and Jeff Dismar



Left: The cutest Rotarian of them all! Molly Shattuck's son in his Ford Mustang convertible.



Left: Bud Phillis, PDG Ruth Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Sue Lerschen-Cassatt