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State of the Schools



Dr. Michael Oberhaus a Rotarian, and the Superintendent of Rock Island – Milan School District presented the **22nd Annual State of the Schools**. The meeting was attended by Rotarians, Kiwanis members, and several members of the local media. The presentation was titled “ **Dream Builders Every Child, Every Day, Every Way – Make a Difference** “. Dr. Oberhaus delivered a strong directive to the members of our community to focus attention on building a legacy of well educated citizens. The school system and the community are joined in “ our moral imperative to prepare students for individual success “.

As part of the District’s updated strategic plan a new logo was created for Rock Island High school. # **THIS HOUSE ROCKS!** is a tool to help communicate positive developments and success in the District.



Sept. – Nov. Calendar

- Sep 12 - Jeff Hancks –The WPA
- Sep 19 - Betty Clementz – D6420 Friendship Exchange
- Sep 26 - Ruth Lee – Africa Trip and Water Project Report
- Oct 3 - Joe Witty – Happy Joes
- Oct 10 - Doug Hultquist QCBT
- Oct 17 - Bob Ontiveros – Group O
- Oct 24 - Linda Bower – Linguisystems
- Oct 31 - Tom and Wanda Hanson Old time Radio Hour – The Bickersons
- Nov 7 - Molly Shattuck – Attracting Millenials to Rotary
- Nov 14 - RME – The New Bix Beiderbeck Museum
- Nov 21 - Pastor Willers – Salem Lutheran Church – Thanksgiving
- Nov 28 - RIHS Orchestra

As part of the strategic plan the District identified a graduate profile of a “ college and career ready global citizen”. This ideal student will Master and apply core skills, communicate effectively, think critically to solve problems, exhibit strong personal qualities, interact productively in teams, and be able to use technology as a continuous tool for learning. The graduating class of 2017 included 394 students that have been prepared to closely model the ideal student. The goal for these students and successful graduation is celebrated with a focus on making improvements for those that did not yet achieve this goal. In the year 2016 – 2017 the district is proud to recognize that seventeen students were named as Illinois State Scholars from Rock Island High School. The Incubatoredu Entrepreneurship Class continues to be a success. A student led team from Rock Island High School competed in a National Pitch Night Competition and was a co-national winner in the competition. The District continues to maintain fiscal integrity and will finish with an operating deficit of \$1.6 million due to delays in state payments. Without the delays the District would have broke even for the year. Dr. Oberhaus discussed the complex challenges the district faces when considering state funding for the schools. He highlighted three levels of optimism in regards to state funding: **Good News** where there is a Illinois State Budget that includes allocation for schools, **Better News** where the budget calls for a evidenced based funding model to distribute education funds, and **Best News** where just last week the state passed a bill to evening the playing field for a more equitable procedure to share education funding throughout the state. For 2017-2018 he highlighted new curriculums for K-5th math and Language Arts. These will better prepare students for future success. The **Challenge 5** initiative will focus on lowering absenteeism. In conclusion Dr. Oberhaus thanked both the **Rotary and Kiwanis** for ongoing support to the schools in Rock Island. Rotary has partnerships with Ear Hanson and RIHS and Kiwanis supports the 1st Day fund for students.

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Club Notes & Announcements!

- **WELCOME GUESTS!** Rotary thanks our guests and Kiwanis for joining us and encourages our members to extend an invitation to any prospective member!
- **MARK YOUR CALENDAR – Thursday, September 28th** is our next Fellowship of Wining Rotarians at Grape Life Wine Store & Lounge. Gather any time after 5pm, live music starts at 7. Libation and snacks available! November's Wining get together will be Thursday, **November 9th**
- **ON GOING SERVICE OPPORTUNITY**– In Rotary, some members are able to give money, others can give time. Service Above Self can manifest itself in many ways. Our Club is partnering with the Heart of Hope Food Pantry. Volunteers are needed Thursdays 6 to 7:30pm just once a month. If evening is a problem a Thursday morning opportunity is also available! Contact Al Metz or Steve Morenz to join our team of volunteers! Used but sound plastic bags are needed too. Don't throw them away, bring them to Rotary. The food pantry goes through 160 bags each night!
- **PUMPKIN PALOOZA** – Save October 4th for our annual trip to the Pumpkin Patch with the 1st and 2nd graders from Earl Hanson School. Sponsors are needed. \$100 to be a sponsor. Contact Angela Campbell. To volunteer to help with the kids at the Pumpkin patch, contact Tricia Barron. Sponsors still needed for the t-shirt \$100 and September 10th is the deadline to get your logo on the t-shirt.
- **Literacy Project** – Wednesday September 13th 3:30 pm we will be staining and painting the Little Wooden libraries to donate to the elementary schools. Contact Dan McNeil for details.
- **ROTARY TRIVIA NIGHT** – Mark your calendar. November 10th is the date of our 2017 Trivia Night. This is one of our major fundraisers for the year. We need everyone's support. Teams and items for silent auction are needed!
- **Have Items for our Newsletter?** Email items for publication to Bob Swanson at bobdebswanson@att.net.

Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund – Look for more updated information after Hurricane Irma

<https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-districts-collect-emergency-funds-hurricane-harvey-victims>



FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Today's raffle featured fine wine from the Lo Milani Collection and CASH! **Jeff Dismer** won the money and donated it to our exchange daughter Pat.

Anne McGlynn was proud to win the bottle of wine.

Don't forget the proceeds of our raffle go to the **Rotary Foundation** to help carry on the fight against Polio, provide sanitation and clean water to the third world, and foster international peace through numerous education and exchange programs.

Thanks to all who participated!

TRIVIA NIGHT - Friday, November 10th is the date of our 2017 Trivia Night Fundraiser. Start gathering your team! Silent auction items are needed. Please help fill the auction table with treasures!

FOUNDATION MINUTE

Foundation Minute for Week of September 4

Nearly 20 years ago, Ignacio Holtz was suffering from chronic kidney disease and in need of a transplant. His wife, Beatriz, made the lifesaving donation of a healthy kidney. When he joined a Rotary club a few years later, he talked with fellow members about how to help less fortunate patients in the same situation.

Working with the Heart 2 Heart program, a decade long collaboration among clubs in Mexico and the United States, Holtz led efforts to provide 10 disadvantaged young people with kidney transplants. The program has since saved more than 500 lives, with the help from six global grants from The Rotary Foundation and matching funds from a local nonprofit.

Holtz and members of his club work with local hospitals to screen potential donors and recipients, negotiate rates, and offer logistical support to participating families.

The inspiring stories of recovered patients motivate Holtz to keep giving. Holtz is still in touch with the first patient they helped, then a 15-year-old girl whose uncle donated a kidney to keep her alive. The project covered the fees for the operations, and today she is the healthy mother of a young daughter. "It took me some time to discover the miracles that Rotary can achieve. By multiplying what we give, The Rotary Foundation gives us the opportunity to make a better world," says Holtz. Your continued support of the Rotary Foundation enables such things to happen. Thank you.

Please Complete Your Member Survey and get it back to Sue Cassatt and the Membership Committee: The power of the club lies in our members. It's important to know what's on the minds of our club and we want you to be aware we are open for change. What is your ideal experience? Everyone needs to complete the survey to express your opinion. We will share the results with the club and then develop an action plan that builds on your likes and dislikes. Please contact the membership chair, Sue Lerschen-Cassatt regarding questions. Slerschen-cassatt@firststateil.com 309-644-0101. Thank you for investing a few moments in the future of our great organization. **The Survey was emailed to you! If you need another copy notify Bob Swanson.**

THEY'RE BACK!!

Once again Rotary is pleased to offer our Quad City Dining Book, not only for your dining pleasure, but also as an important Club fundraiser. The books cost \$35 and contain over 350 coupons redeemable at 150 LOCAL restaurants, offering substantial discounts at the area's top-quality restaurants. The Circa 21 Coupon alone will save you more than the cost of the book and can be used at any time, even for our club's annual holiday party! Books will be available at next Tuesday's meeting. Make your check out to "Rock Island Rotary".

- Dining Tour books make great gifts!
- Introduces you to new restaurants!
- Save money with every coupon!
- Not expensive to buy!
- Coupons a good until Oct. 31, 2018



For every book purchased Rock Island Rotary receives \$10! Every member should have at least one! Get yours at next Tuesday's meeting!!

District 6420 Rotary Foundation Dinner

Nov 04, 2017 4:45 PM

The Foundation Dinner is a celebration and recognition of District 6420 Rotary member's and their support for The Rotary Foundation. The dinner is open to all district members who want to learn about The Rotary Foundation. Deadline for Registration is October 28th, all reservations must be pre-paid.

4:45 p.m. Social Time (cash bar)

5:45 p.m. Welcome -- DG Steve Kuhn

5:50 p.m. Rotary Moment -- DRFC Ruth Lee

6:00 p.m. Dinner (see menu below)

7:00 p.m. Recognitions

7:30 p.m. Program

Preliminary Program

Polio Plus -- Paul Stromborg, Chair

Annual Fund Officer -- Michelle Gasparian

Keynote -- PDG and PRID, RI Foundation Trustee --
Mary Beth Growney Selene

Closing DG Steve Kuhn and DRFC Ruth Lee

Plated Meal: Entree Options selected at table (If vegetarian option is required, Contact Betty Clementz)

MENU: Salad, Bread and Rolls, Two center plate entrees: Apple and Brie Stuffed Chicken Breast or Beef Medallions, Baby Red Potatoes, Fresh Vegetables, Dessert, Coffee and Tea

Location: Brandywine Banquets, 441 IL Route 2, Dixon, IL The cost per meal is \$42.50

Register Online at: <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50144>

Click Foundation Banquet in "Upcoming Events"



2017 Rock Island Labor Day Parade !!!



President Bruce !!



Molly and the cool kids.



Sue and Jeff ... do the wave !!



Exchange daughter Pat plays drums.



Host parents Mike and Denise



Kathy Lelonek and Lo Milani



Dan McNeil and Biker Mike



The Diz Mobile !!

Future Rotarians Ready to Roll !!!

