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Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



August - October Calendar

- Sept 11 - State of the Schools, Dr. Mike Oberhaus, (with Kiwanis)
- Sept 18 - Ken Massey, CEO and Pres., Modern Woodmen
- Sept 25 - Tony McCombie, State of the State
- Oct 2 - Gwen Tombergs Quad City Storm Hockey
- Oct 9 - Paul Rumler CEO & President of the Quad City Chamber
- Oct 16 - Donna Honold - Emotional Intelligence
- Oct 23 - Alternate Fuels Forum - Progressive Action for the Common Good
- Oct 30 - Caitlin Russell - Russell Construction
- Nov 6 - James Jones - Economic Growth Corporation - Home buying Resources
- Nov 13 - TBA
- Nov 20 - Mike Locander - "Go with the Flow"
- Nov 27 - Rock Island High School Orchestra - Katie Benson

Fellow Rotarian, Dr. Michael Oberhaus, Superintendent of the Rock Island-Milan School District presented the annual "State of the Schools" address to today's joint meeting of Rock Island Rotary and Rock Island Noon Kiwanis. A packed audience including media representatives heard Dr. Oberhaus discuss the challenges and laud the many achievements of our schools. Mike used a well designed power point presentation to enhance his comments. The address took on special meaning as it is Dr. Oberhaus' last major address prior to his announced retirement at the end of June. Dr. Oberhaus earned his Bachelor's Degree from St. Ambrose University and an MBA from the University of Iowa. He is a Certified public accountant and began his Rock Island career 32 years ago as supervisor of payroll and accounting. Dr. Oberhaus continued his education earning his Doctorate Degree in Education from Western Illinois University. Dr. Oberhaus was named Associate Superintendent of Operations and Quality in 2005 and was appointed Superintendent of Rock Island-Milan School District 41 on July 1, 2010. Mike began his comments noting that the district has adopted the slogan, "Together we Rock Education". From there his presentation stressed the need for the entire community to take an active role in the education of our youngsters. Dr. Oberhaus believes that every student can be successful, The challenge is to find the key to igniting each child's interest and potential. He noted that in the past year 371 students graduated from Rock Island High School earning over \$3 million dollars in scholarships and devoting over 2,000 hours in community service activities. Students at Edison and Washington Jr. High Schools won 6 of the top 10 honors in regional math competitions. Rocky's marching band with 170 members won multiple championships last year. The Chamber Choir was one of just two choirs selected to perform at the state Music Educators conference. Two group from the Entrepreneurship class were competition winners. Denkmann's Principal, John Friedan, was named Pricipal of the Year for the Blackhawk Division and Tammy Kelly was lauded as the "Most Promissing Teacher of the Year" by the State Education Association. Athletic Director, Michelle Lillis, was inducted into the State Track Coaches' Hall of Fame, and Rocky student athletes received recognition as "Players of the Year" in girls swimming, boys soccer, girls basketball, softball, and boys track. Topping off the accomplishments was Rocky's softball team winning the 4A State Championship. Dr. Oberhaus also noted that the District is beginning to receive the 1% sales tax approved last year and are using the funds to construct new secure entries at multiple schools in addition to replacing roofs and completing masonry restoration at others. Dr. Mike said that the school district is guided by it's mission statement and progress toward each goal of the statement is charted and available online at the school district's webpage. He stressed that the goal of the district is to produce full rounded individuals ready to compete in and contribute to society. Oberhaus noted 3 Strategic Priorites for the District. 1) Increase Student Achievement 2) Build Respectful Relationships 3) Improve Operations. Work toward these priorites includes programs to improve attendance and literacy & reading. Establishing 'Building Leadership Teams" in every school.

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Club Notes & Announcements!

WELCOME GUESTS! Rock Island Rotary was pleased to welcome a number of guests to today’s meeting. School Board President and former Rotarian Holly Sparkman were on hand representing the school district. Prospective members Alex Kelly from the Corn Crib and Jeff Whitaker, Rocky Principal were guests of our club. Andrew Hains was a guest of Kathy Lelonek, Ted Pappas was a guest of Rick Devinney. Virginia Holton was a guest of PDG Fred Houlton. Our exchange daughter, Rocio Robolledo Hernandez (Sheño), along with Alleman student Rotarians, Alexandra Cajigal, and Sydney Heller were in attendance. We had two visiting Rotarians today, Mark Zimmerman from the Davenport Club and Duncan Cameron from the Naples, FL club.. Rock Island Rotary enjoys welcoming guests to our meetings. Have you invited a prospective member to be your guest? Membership recruitment is a responsibility of all Rotarians!

NEW GUEST/MEMBERSHIP BROCHURES, printed courtesy of John Oliger and Modern Woodmen, were distributed last week. Get a few from the Sergeant at Arms and use them! They are excellent to hand to anyone you think might be a potential new member. Every member should have several! Bring a guest next week!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY – Help is still needed with the Heart of Hope Food Pantry. We help every Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30pm. It’s easy duty and is truly Service Above Self at its most basic definition. Volunteers have been scarce lately, so please contact Al Metz to join our team of volunteers! Used but sound plastic bags are needed too. Call Al Metz to help at 309-236-2013.

Have Items for our Newsletter? Email to bobdebswanson@att.net. If you attend a Rotary event and take pictures, please also email or text them to Bob. The newsletter is much better with lots of photos!

Foundation Minute

Through academic training, study and practice, The Rotary Peace Centers program develops leaders who become catalysts, for peace and conflict prevention and resolution in their communities and around the globe. Each year, up to 100 Rotary Peace Fellows are chosen to participate in a master’s degree (lasting 2 years) program or a certificate program (lasting 3 months) at one of our partner universities. Fellows study subjects related to the root causes of conflict and explore innovative solutions that address real-world needs.

As of 2016-17, there were 1247 Rotary Peace Fellows working around the world. Peace centers can be found in Bangkok, North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Tokyo, England, Australia and Sweden.

Your contribution to TRF enables this to happen. Thank you.

QUAD CITY DINING BOOKS ARE BACK!



Bud Phillis has the new Quad City Dining Books available for purchase from Rotary. Cost is \$35 per book. With over 150 restaurants represented you’re sure to find your favorites along with new places to try. If you only use the Circa 21 coupon the savings more than pays for the book! For every book sold our Club receives \$10. Look at all the establishments you can visit and save at least half off! They also make excellent gifts for friends and family member. Everyone enjoys eating out so why not save half price each time you go and fundraise for Rock Island Rotary at the same time!

FOUNDATION RAFFLE REPORT



Today's raffle featured fine wine from the Lo Milani Collection, a 50/50 cash drawing, and a Dr. Larry Tadlock wood vase. The first lucky ticket was held by Bud Phillis, who opted for the cash and then donated it to the Rotary Foundation. The second lucky ticket was held by John Olinger who snapped up the Tadlock Vase. Jeff Dismer had the third winner and gladly accepted the wine. Keep in mind, all raffle proceeds go to support the International Rotary Foundation.

Thank you to all who participated!

NO DOUBT – WE ARE WINNING THE BATTLE!

Polio, according to the CDC, is an incurable, "crippling and potentially deadly infectious disease caused by a virus that spreads from person to person invading the brain and spinal cord and causing paralysis." One evidence that the battle is being won is that most Americans under the age of 50 have no idea what Polio is. Yet in 1952, 57,628 cases of polio were reported in the United States alone. Worldwide the number reached hundreds of thousands. On Apr. 12, 1955 the results of the Salk vaccine trials showed the vaccine was 80-90% effective and the US government licensed the IPV (inactivated polio vaccine) vaccine the same day. On Aug. 24, 1960, a polio vaccine (OPV; oral polio vaccine) created by Albert Sabin, MD, was licensed for use in the US. By 1968 US use of Salk's IPV vaccine was phased out and Polio was declared eradicated in the Americas on Sep. 29, 1994. Rotary took the lead, adopting the task of eradicating Polio from the world by raising millions of dollars and funding the purchase, distribution, and administration of the vaccine throughout the world. The World Health Organization states, "As a result of the global effort to eradicate the disease, more than 16 million people have been saved from paralysis". So, are we winning the battle? **YES**, as of 2015 Polio now exists in only 3 countries, all located in South Asia and Africa.

Although internal conflict and war has made reaching these people extremely difficult and dangerous, even there the numbers are falling:



	Afghanistan	Pakistan	Nigeria
2015	20	54	0
2016	13	20	4
2017	14	8	0

We will see the battle won!



WINE RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE



Tickets for our Wine Raffle Fundraiser are available from President, Sue Cassatt. All members are asked to help promote and sell tickets. First prize is \$750 worth of wine of the winners choosing. 2nd place is \$500 and 3rd place \$250. Wine will be provided by the Grape Life Wine Store & Lounge. Cash prizes are available if the winner lives too far away to come select their wines. The winners will be drawn at our fall Rotary Trivia Night on November 9th. Tickets are just \$5 or five for \$20. We need to sell lots of tickets! All members are encouraged to not only purchase tickets, but to take a packet and sell to your not-Rotarian friends and associated. We need the entire Club to pitch in on this. Sold some? Sell some more!!!

A REQUEST FROM FOUNDATION CHAIR BUD PHILLIS

Would all members please go online to Rotary International and set up an account with Rotary (no money or credit card involved). To do so go to "rotary.org" then click on "My Rotary", then "Register for an account", then follow the instructions. After setting up your account pull up your donations record and review what Rotary International shows for you. Bud has found many inaccuracies. The only way to catch the errors and get them corrected is for you to check your donation record and see that it matches what you have actually given. Let Bud know if you discover any discrepancies.



Rock Island Rotary TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, November 9th at 6:30pm

SAVE the DATE and get your team together for Rock Island Rotary's annual fundraiser! Cash prizes, cash bar, 50/50, silent auction and TONS of FUN with MR. TRIVIA!!!

This fundraiser supports Earl Hanson Elementary School.

When: Friday, November 9th, 2017

Where: Milan Community Center, 2701 1st Street East, Milan

Time: 6:30pm START time, doors open at 5:45pm

Cost: \$100 a table, up to 8 players at a table

RSVP: Kathy Trone 309-794-9400 or Kathy@wesselspc.com

The Rock Island Rotary Club is challenging all other Rotary Clubs in the QC Area to participate and TRY to win the "Traveling Trophy" for the SMARTEST ROTARY CLUB!

The *Wine Raffle* winner will be announced at the event. Don't know what that is? Haven't bought a ticket? Win up to \$750 worth of wine. One ticket \$5, 5 tickets for \$20"

PUMPKIN PALOOZA IS FAST APPROACHING!

It's that time of year again when Rock Island Rotary prepares to treat all the Kindergarten and first graders from Earl Hanson Elementary School to a day at the Pumpkin Patch. All the kids get a tee shirt, lunch, petting zoo tour, hayrack ride, adventures through the corn maze, panning for "gems", and a ride on the wild cow train! The date is **October 3rd** and Rotarian volunteers are needed to help with the kids and to join in the fun. But our chances to get involved go beyond spending time with the kids. **Event sponsors are also needed. For a donation of \$100 your business or family name will be printed on the tee shirts that the kids will wear throughout the year.** It's some of the best priced advertising and good will you can buy! Contact Mike Locander or Trisha Barron to be a sponsor or to volunteer to help on Palooza



SCHOOLS – Continued

The district is also working to provide a family liaison in each elementary school to help foster family involvement, to ensure the district is informed and aware of family trauma, and to help develop cultural competency throughout each school. The district is also attempting to employ highly qualified minority staff members. Dr. Oberhaus noted that this is a very challenging task since nationally only 17% of the college graduates in education are minority students. High quality graduates are a scarce commodity and are in high demand. The district's personnel department is working to attract quality candidates for our schools. The district is also highly concerned for the safety and security of our children. Oberhaus stated that schools now practice evacuation, lock down, and intruder drills. He said it is unfortunate that this is necessary and prays that there will never be an actual situation, but stressed that the district must be, and is prepared in the event of an emergency. Finally, Dr. Oberhaus stated that the District has maintained its fiscal integrity through all the tough years and was pleased to note that the state has finally reformed the school funding formula which provided the Rock Island-Milan District with \$1.4 million in additional funds this year. Those funds were used to reduce class size throughout the district and to employ counselors for all elementary schools. Rock Island still has about \$2,000 per student less than the state average for school funding. In summary Dr. Oberhaus stated that the district enrollment after decreasing for the past several years has leveled off with 5,900 students enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade and another 400 children in the district's pre-school program. The presentation concluded with an interesting, short video stressing the importance of early childhood education, the district's after school program, and emphasized the importance of family involvement along with community support for our children. Thank you, Dr. Oberhaus for an outstanding and informative presentation. Your retirement is a real loss for our schools and community.

Rotary & Kiwanis Officers Pose with Dr. Oberhaus for a #Rocktownreads photo.



SAVE THE DATE
ROTARY/KIWANIS
HOLIDAY PARTY



Wednesday, December 5th