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TOM HEINOLD Army Corps. Of Engineers



Tom Heinold is currently leading the massive Illinois River Lock and Dam maintenance project for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Rock Island District, grew up in Massachusetts. His parents knew he was destined to be an engineer when they watched him dam up a stream in the backyard in order to have a place to swim with his brother. And an engineer he became.

He received a bachelor's degree in Aerospace Engineering from the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York, where he was commissioned second lieutenant. Heinold served in the Army and was on active duty for eight years with service in Germany, Korea and Kosovo. His last assignment as an active duty officer was for Rock Island District for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. "You get to pick where you go after a tour in Korea and I just wanted to go to the Army Corps and I didn't care where." Heinold explained that he had never even heard of Rock Island but loved it as soon as he arrived and fell in love with the Corps of Engineers. After resigning his active commission in 2000, he took on a civilian position and remained in the Army as a reservist. In 2011, Heinold moved to the Operations Division and today serves as the Chief Operations Division Rock Island for the Army Corps. Heinold is very accustomed to great responsibility and service. In Kosovo, he was the engineer for the Joint Task Force Shining Hope. He was a part of team that designed a refugee camp for families who were forced out of their homeland during the conflict. As the engineer, Heinold built the roads, homes (tents), sanitation facilities and kitchen facilities for more than 20,000 refugees. The largest effort Heinold was a part of came after he was deployed to Iraq in 2008-09. His job as an engineer was to work himself out of a job. "It was my mission to come home," Heinold said. "I was in charge of designing facilities for the Iraqi Armed Forces so that they could equip their own forces and take the mission away from U.S. Forces, so that our men and women could come home." He also received a master's degree in engineering management from University of Missouri-Rolla and is a licensed Professional Engineer in the state of Illinois. During his 31 years of federal service, he has received multiple military and civilian achievement awards including a Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal and the U.S. Army Superior Civilian Service Award. He has served as President for the Rock Island Post of the Society of American Military Engineers and as the Great Lakes Regional Vice President for the Society of American Military Engineers. He lives in Davenport, Iowa, with his wife, Eileen, and daughter, Meredith. Mr Heinold noted that the Corps of Engineers has a "multiple personality". They have a military function, building runways, barracks, messhalls, hangars, equipment facilities, etc.; a civil function, building, supervising, and upkeeping lakes, recreation areas, boat ramps, and reservoirs; and a navigation function; building and maintaining locks and dams and maintaining the required 9 foot navigation channel depths on domestic navigable waterways. The Rock Island District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers administers federal water resource programs in a 78,000 square-mile area encompassing the eastern two-thirds of Iowa, the northern half of Illinois and portions of southern Wisconsin and Minnesota, and the northeast corner of Missouri.

Mar - Apr Calendar

- Mar 12 - Tamara Felden, Pres. Planting Books: Seeds 4 a Better Future
- Mar 19 - Dr. Heidi Lung, Dir. of Museum Studies WIU Quad Cities
- Mar 26 - Jerry Lyphout – Pres. Modern-Woodmen
- Apr 2 - TBA
- April 9 - TBA
- Apr 16 - Bert Blood Scholarship presentation
- Apr 23 - Rotary Awards Luncheon
- Apr 30 - RIHS INNcubator Program Students

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Rebecca Arnold

Presenters

July: Tom Hammar
August: Kai Swanson
September: Rebecca Arnold
October: Holly Sparkman
November: Rebecca Arnold
December: Bob Swanson
January: John Wetzel
February: Kai Swanson
March: Angela Campbell
April: Gary Rowe
May: Gary Rowe
June: Tom Hammar

Club Notes & Announcements!

- ★ **WELCOME GUESTS** – Rock Island Rotary was pleased to welcome three guests today. Our Alleman High School Jr. Rotarians Maeve Okeefe and Ryan Schmitt were in attendance and recognized. Forrest Meyer, a prospective member, and guest of Ruth Lee also joined us. Rock Island Rotary loves to welcome guest and visiting Rotarians to our meetings. How long has it been since you invited a friend or colleague to be your guest at Rock Island Rotary? New members come from introducing people to what Rotary is all about!!
- ★ **MARCH BIRTHDAY BOOKS RESCHEDULED** – Due to the start of the school’s spring break, Thursday’s Birthday Books will be rescheduled. Stay tuned for updates on the new date and time.
- ★ **ROTARY READERS** – United Way is making a push for more volunteers for Read United. **Rotarians can volunteer for Read United at Earl Hanson using this link: [Spring Forward Read United webpage](#) PLEASE HELP - VOLUNTEER TODAY!**
- ★ **SAVE THE DATE** – Our Rotary District Conference will be held in Moline at the Stoney Creek Hotel on **April 26th & 27th**. There will be great speakers, interesting discussions, club displays, entertainment, and District awards presented. Talk to any of our members that attended previous Conferences and they will tell you it is an experience well worth your time. If you’ve not been to the Stoney Creek Hotel, it is just east of the Vibrant Arena and not far from Johnny’s Steak House.
- ★ **REGISTER FOR ROTARY ROCK & ROLL BINGO** – Rock Island Rotary Rock & Roll Bingo is coming up on March 22nd. You can email Kathy at kathy@wesselspc.com. You don’t need a team and you don’t need a table. Like any “BINGO” each person plays independently. Don’t miss this fun evening that has become one of our most popular **fundraisers!**
- ★ **1ST VP SUE RECTOR** – Is putting together raffle baskets for Rock & Roll Bingo and would greatly appreciate any items you might donate. Donations can be a complete basket (Sue will provide the physical basket if you need one) or items that can be combined with others to make a basket. Bring your items to Rotary or email t srector3614@gmail.com to arrange for pick up.
- ★ **HAVE ITEMS FOR OUR NEWSLETTER?** – Send to Bob Swanson, bobdebswanson@att.net. Our newsletter goes out via email every Tuesday afternoon. Items received by 11am Tuesday can be included that day. Rotary committee chairmen send advance notice of your committee meetings so we can get the word to your committee members..

The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian’s occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian’s personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

The Four-Way Test

(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?

MARCH ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS

Lonnie Behnke	13 th	Jerry Jones	22 nd
Kathy Trone	15 th	Mike Lootens	28 th
Gary Rowe	17 th	Avalon Thomas-Roebal	29 th
Danielle Scott	18 th	Bill Stengel	31 st
Clarence Darrow	22 nd		

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As chief of operations for the Rock Island District Mr. Heinold supervises 550 employees and their equipment including foresters, welders, tugboat pilots, engineers, and lock workers. Added to that are boats, heavy equipment, motor vehicles and the all the supplies and equipment needed to carry out the multiple functions of the corps. He advised that the 28 locks on the Mississippi between St. Paul and St. Louis are all 90 years or more in age. Funding for maintenance was cut off in the 1990's and needed work was stopped. Some of the lock gates failed and were temporarily replaced with bulkheads. Funding was restored in the past few years and catch-up work began. Heinold supervised the renovation of 8 locks on the Illinois River. Five were done in 2020 and 3 more in 2023. That covered a span from the Great Lakes to the confluence with the Mississippi River. Unfortunately, those repairs cause the shut down of navigation which is devastating to the navigation industry. Next on his "To Do" list is renovating the 28 locks on the Mississippi River between St. Paul and St. Louis, and in the case of 8 of the locks, doubling their size from 600 to 1,200-foot locks. Renovations will include replacing all the emptying and filling valves, gates, and mechanical mechanisms. Heinold noted that the money spent on locks has a benefit cost ratio much greater than 1 to 1. Keeping costs for transporting grain and multiple other materials at a minimum, while at the same time reducing semi traffic and fuel use on the highways. He noted river navigation is the cheapest and most efficient method to move goods, stating that one 15 barge tow is equivalent to 1,000 semis on the highway. In summing up Mr. Heinold said that maintenance is catching up, but it is still a race to renovate all the aging structures hopefully before a catastrophic failure creates a potential crisis in navigation and property damage. We thank Mr. Heinold for a very interesting and informative presentation.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER

Past President Angela Campbell had the pleasure today of inducting Todd Thompson as our most recent Rotary Member. Todd is Rock Island's City Manager and is a corporate associate member. As City Manager he oversees all city departments, manages the day-to-day operations of the city, oversees preparation and management of the annual budget, and implements policies set by the mayor and city council. Todd was named Rock Island City Manager in May of 2022. He brought to our city more than 27 years of local government experience.. He served as Galesburg City Manager from Jan. 2011 until joining the City of Rock Island. Prior to that, he was City Manager of Mexico, Missouri and Assistant City Administrator of Raymore, Missouri. Todd grew up in northern Illinois and served four years in the U.S. Navy. He graduated from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville with a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in public administration. He is a member of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and the Illinois City/County Management Association (ILCMA). Todd lives in Rock Island with his wife of 29 years, Leslie. They have two sons, one of whom is a student at Augustana College. In his free time, Todd enjoys golfing.



ROTARY FOUNDATION MINUTE

The news this week is from the Northeastern State of Assam, in India, where the health minister, Keshab Mahanta, inaugurated three –state-of-art facilities — a blood bank, an eye hospital and a –physiotherapy unit — at the KGMT Hospital, –Guwahati, in the presence of Rotary District Governor Nilesh Agarwal, and Past District Governors Manas Chaudhuri, Kalpana Khound, and Debashish Das. The facilities were set up by Rotary International District 3240 at a



cost of \$240,876 USD) through a Global Grant project with Rotary International District 3282, Bangladesh, as partner. During his tenure as governor in 2019–20, PDG Das initiated the project with \$30,000 as a Directed Gift to form a seed fund for the project. Later, a committee was formed with Budhin Borthakur as the primary contact. Past District Governors Arvind Phukan

(from the US), N N Dutta, Prabhat Kedia and Arijit Endow, Dr Anil Mahanta and other Rotarians from all the eight clubs in Guwahati contributed to the success of the medical project. Your support of the Rotary International Foundation makes such grants possible!

FOUNDATION RAFFLE



Today our Foundation Raffle offered a 50/50 Cash Drawing and a bottle of fine wine. The first lucky number was called, and no one answered! After several recalls, an alternate ticket was pulled, and lucky Frank Lambert took the cash. A second ticket was pulled, and the holder was Sue Rector who isn't a wine drinker and said, "pull again". Anne McGlynn accommodated and pulled a fourth ticket. Did we say "Lucky"? Frank Lambert had that ticket too and took the wine home with his cash! Better head to the casino tonight! Thanks to everyone who played!



FINES & HAPPY/SAD DOLLARS

2nd VP John Oliger once again began his portion of the meeting saying how he hates to fine people and decided not to fine anyone today. -- And then proceed to fill the Club Coffers! He fined frequent guest Mark Zimmerman in absentia for news that he had a prominent Hawkeye at his Zimmerman Honda for a recent promotion. Then John reported a \$1 fine from Dan McNeil for leaving early and another \$1 fine for Ruth Lee leaving her Rotary Pin at home. Angela Campbell paid a happy dollar noting the that new Library Events Guild for March-April was out with an included survey seeking to learn with people want and expect from their library. She encouraged everyone to complete and return the survey. Bill Stengel offered a very generous \$100 donation to the Club Foundation in celebration of his birthday approaching on March 31st. Clarence Darrow paid \$5 to remind us of the various Saints celebrated in March including St. Patrick and St. Joseph, but his main point was to mention St. Urho, who was "created" in Northern Minnesota in the 1950 by Finnish folks who wanted another day of celebration following St. Patrick's Day. Clarence pointed out that Urho is and never was a "Saint" and his setting the record straight was all in fun knowing that Kevin Koski would be lauding St. Urho's day next week and trying once again for a "free lunch!". John then fined Bud Phillis and displayed a color photo of Bud wearing Crown and Robe having been elected **Valentine's Day King** at Friendship Manor. Finally, Mark Mayeski has a sad \$82 dollars in honor of his mother who passed last week. He thanked the club for our card and words of sympathy and encouragement. Mark said she is in a better place now. We agree and share your sorrow.

CLUB FOOD COLLECTION APPRECIATED!

SAL Community Services' Welcoming Center coordinators pause to say thank you to Rock Island Rotary for collecting food items in February to help stock SAL's food pantry shelves with rice, flour, sugar, and oil for the culturally specific needs of area immigrants, refugees, and English-language learners.

Our next food collection will begin in April with donations going to World Relief. The District goal for food collection this year is 20 pounds per Club member. So far we have collected for Christian Care, Heart of Hope, and Project Now / Head Start. Our April collection will be the last for this campaign. Need to catch up on your 20lbs? Chair Danielle Scott will let us know what World Relief needs!



**COMING SOON - ROTARY WINE & DINE RAFFLE
TICKETS ARE READY FOR DISTRIBUTION!**



What: RI Rotary Rock & Roll Bingo Fundraiser –
\$20/2 cards OR \$125 for table of 8, 50/50, cash bar, bring your own snacks!

When: Friday, March 22nd, 2024, at 6pm, doors open at 5:15pm

Where: Holiday Inn, Rock Island

Why: This fundraiser supports our commitment to QC Youth Programs and Community Projects

Purchase cards/tables below OR pay at the door!

Single Player-two cards

Table of 8-two cards each



2024 Rotary District Conference In Our Own BACKYARD

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District 6420 Conference

“Rotarians: People of Action”



**Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center
Moline, Illinois**

**Friday, April 26th, 4:30pm through
Saturday, April 27th, 9:00pm**

- * Informative Speakers**
- * Literacy Awards**
- * Silent Auction**
- * Fellowship**
- * District & Club Table Displays**

Reservations Opening Soon on District Website

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ROTARY AWARD NOMINATION SUBMISSION

1. All current members may be considered for the Luckenbill-Wray Award

2. The following Club members are previous A.T. Peara Award Recipients and are not eligible for that award.

Tricia Barron 2015	Mark Mayeski 2020	Gary Rowe 2000
Carrie Crossen 2020	Anne McGlynn 2013	Molly Shattuck 2021
Jeff Dismer 2010	Jim Moran 2022	Holly Sparkman 2012
Tom Hammar 2004	Steve Morenz 2018	Bob Swanson 2014
Frank Lambert 2002	John Phillips 2019	Kathy Trone 2023
Ruth Lee 2009	Bud Phillis 1991	John Wetzel 2011

3. Current members who can be considered for the A.T. Peara Award:

Rebecca Arnold	Doug Hultquist	Mark Poulos
Heather Ballou	Randy Hurt	Tracy Pugh
Howard Beck	Carlos Jimenez	Yolanda Grandberry-Pugh
Lonnie Behnke	Mariah Johnson	Sue Rector
Marcy Bell	James Jones	Jeremy Richard
Amber Brummit	Jerry Jones	Jeff Rose
Kenda Burrows	Pam Jones	Kathy Ruggeberg
Kimberly Calhoun	Beth Kauzlarich	Danielle Scott
Angela Campbell	Kevin Koski	Tyla Sherwin-Cole
Hannah Carr	Kristia LeShoure	John Slover
Clarence Darrow	Kathy Lelonek	Tia Steele
Amanda De La Cruz	Kate Mapes	Bill Stengel
Rick Devinney	Miranda Marshall	Arron Sutherland
Patrick Doherty	Ann McIntyre	Kai Swanson
Rick Emery	Dan McNeil	Andrea Talentino
Trista Foster	Thais Meredith	Avalon Thomas-Roebal
Peter Galbraith	Christine Murdock	Todd Thompson
Julie Gelaude	Jim Nordquist	Mike Thoms
Linda Golden	Mike Oberhaus	Tammy Weikert
Sarah Gorham	John Olinger	Pete Wessels
Cindi Gramenz	Jen Osing	Eric Westphall
Bill Groh	David Parker	Jeff Whitaker
Jennifer Hirsch	Frank Perez	Ryan Wille
Brett Hitchcock	Bruce Peterson	Erin Williams
Dave Hodge	Justin Peterson	Amber Wood
Lindsey Honert	Monta Ponsetto	

4. **Copy and fill out the nomination form on the previous page. Feel free to nominate more than one person for an award if you feel they are worthy. Also please consider submitting nominees for each of the awards. As Rotarians we seek to honor those who serve and can only do that if all of us participate in providing quality nominees.**

Give your completed nomination forms to Sarah Gorham in person at a meeting, by email at sgorham@sbrlawfirm.law, or mail or drop them off at her office: Stengel, Bailey & Robertson 1617 – 2nd Avenue, Suite 200, Rock Island, IL 61201.