



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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President, John Phillips

Incoming President, John Phillips, presented his vision for the coming year in an inspirational inaugural address. He began his comments by thanking outgoing president Mike Locander and those that served on his team. He said Mike had left us with a very strong and active club. He then told a bit about his personal background. John was raised in a small town rural Iowa setting and reflects the strong values of family and community that were at the core of his upbringing. He is married to Karen, and the couple has two children both currently attending college. Prior to locating in Rock Island, John served as the first city administrator of Rockford, Illinois. He served Rock Island as City Manager for 23 years prior to his retirement in 2011.

John's comments centered on Rotary International President Ravindran's theme of "Be a Gift to the World". Acknowledging that our club has done many great things through the years, Phillips challenged the club to build and do better. He singled out our local Rotaract and Interact Clubs, and our support of RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) as areas where we can do more. He asked that programs offered at club meetings be of high standards to inform and/or entertain our members. He stressed that our club committee chairmen are keys to a successful year and urged every committee to set goals and reflect how their work contributes to the vision of our club. Phillips mentioned the club's efforts to initiate a clean water project internationally and said he hopes significant progress toward that goal will be made during the coming year. He stressed the importance of stepping up fundraising to ensure the club can continue our good work locally. President John asked all to support, as much as is possible, both the Rock Island Club Foundation and the Rotary International Foundation. Acknowledging that some may find financial support difficult, he invited support via volunteering time and talents to club committees and projects. Phillips also stressed the importance of membership and reminded Rotarians that we all need to recruit new prospective members. In conclusion President John said that each member needs to be engaged so that we all can truly be "A Gift to the World". Not only did John present all these thoughts and more, but he actually concluded the meeting early enough to take questions and sent everyone home excited about the coming year.

July-September Calendar

07/07 – Club Meeting and inaugural address by John Phillips

07/14 – Club Meeting w/ visit by Rotary 6420 DG Jim Nelson

07/21 – Club Meeting w/presentation by Youth Exchange Rebound Colin Dismer!

07/28 – Club Meeting w/presentation by member Rick Seidler, Unity Point Trinity CEO.

08/4 – Club Assembly

08/11 – Ellis Kell

08/18 – Joe Moreno – QC Marathon

08/25 – Brian Hollenback

09/01 – Mike Miller, Exec. Dir. Riverbend Food Bank

09/08 – Mike Oberhaus, State of the Schools - joint meeting with Kiwanis

09/15 – Pamela Crouch Zavner. Living Proof Exhibit



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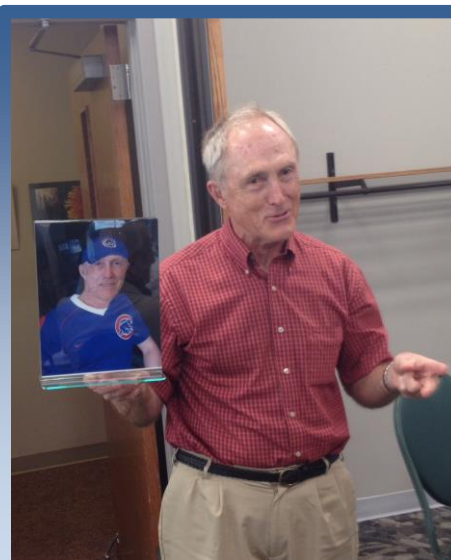
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Aug – Sept: Monta Ponsetto
Oct – Nov: Chris Lemon
Dec – Jan: John Wetzel
Feb – March: Bob Swanson
April – May: Kevin Koski
June – July: Diane Koster

This week's Foundation Raffle was a great success thanks to the generosity of our club members. Lo Milani donated a fine bottle of vintage wine, and Kevin Koski threw in 5 "Any Day" passes to the John Deere Classic and a parking pass. That with the money made for a fun 50-50 raffle! Thanks to all who participated!!

Club Notes and Announcements

- **Welcome Guests!** Prospective member, Justin Peterson, guest of Tom Hammar; Karen Phillips, lovely spouse of President John Phillips; and Ken Vandersnick, a member of the Bettendorf Rotary.
- **Rotary District 6420 Family Fun Day at the Ballgame!** Attention All Rotary Clubs in District 6450, 6440 and 6420! The Chicago White Sox have dedicated Tuesday, August 4th, as Family Fun Day! Over 10,000 Rotary Family Members, Friends and Supporters have attended in past years, so order your tickets early to ensure you receive the best seats available. The price of each ticket includes a contribution to our "END POLIO NOW" project. Order on line visit www.Rotary6450.org select "Calendar." Register by July 24th.
- **Rock Island Rotary Trivia Night!** The annual Rock Island Rotary Trivia Night has been scheduled for Friday, November 20 at Camden Center in Milan. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. and trivia begins at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Trivia will be hosting and the evening will be "Player Friendly!" Any questions – contact Kathy Trone.
- **Invocation Committee** – (Al Metz, Father Mirabelli, Rev. Hungerford, Ruth Lee, Chris Britton, Carrie Crossen, Paul Erickson, Bryan Stortz, Tim Wernentin, Rev. Benson, P.J. Foley) Meet on Tuesday, July 14th at 11:15am prior to our regular Rotary meeting to finalize the invocation schedule. If you cannot attend, advise Chairman John Neary by email (jneary@co.rock-island.il.us) which month you would like to provide the invocations.



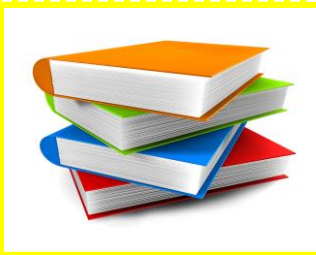
Cardinal Fan Dr. Bruce Peterson tells Rotary he's seen the light and shows off his move to the "good guys" as he sports his brand new **Chicago Cubs** jersey and cap. Bruce paid a hefty \$2 fine for the fun! There was something said about "Paybacks are hell!"

By the way, all time record:
Cubs 1121 – Cardinals 1094.

ANNE NEEDS HELP!!

Remember all those books we donated in support of our literacy committee's summer reading program? Well the time has come to distribute the books to the kids!

Chairman Anne needs as many Rotarians as possible to come to Lincoln Park on July 16th (that's next Friday) at 12:30 to distribute the books to the Summer Enrichment Program kids. It won't take long and should be a lot of fun and great PR for Rotary!



New President, John Phillips, gives a handshake and the 2014-15 Rotary Theme banner, "Light Up Rotary" to Retiring President, Mike Locander.



After the meeting the two executives had a chance to pose for the camera!



THERE'S A NEW SHERIFF IN TOWN!!

Bruce Peterson officially took the reins as our 2nd Vice President at Tuesday's meeting and was greeted by an appropriate chorus of Boos and Hoot Calls befitting the officer in charge of fining members throughout the coming year! Bruce promised to repay each and every member with equal enthusiasm!!

Much to the delight of former 2nd Vice President, Steve Morenz, he was greeted with an enthusiastic round of applause and cheers as he took over the 1st Vice President's job of introducing guests and visiting Rotarians. Steve did a super job last year, exceeding the projected fines budget!!

2015 - 2016 CLUB DIRECTORIES DISTRIBUTED

New Rock Island Rotary membership directories were unveiled at last Tuesday's meeting and distributed to all members present. Members who didn't get their directory may pick them up from the Sergeant At Arms at any future meeting. Directories are for Club use only and contain important contact information for members. Thanks to all who provided information and photos.

NEW MEMBER PROPOSED

Tom Hammar has proposed the membership of **Justin Peterson**. Justin and his wife live in Moline. He grew up in Rock Island and works for First Midwest Bank. He is a volunteer with Junior Achievement, American Heart Association, Trinity Health Foundation and The First Tee Program. He is also Carrie O'Neill's son-in-law.



Ribbon cutting for the new Rock Island High School INCubatoredu Entrepreneur and Enterprise Program is Thursday, August 6th at 2:30pm at Rocky. Our Club donated

\$10,000 to get this program off the ground so all Rotarians are welcome and encouraged to attend the ribbon cutting. The program is a hands-on course designed to get students excited about becoming true entrepreneurs. Join the fun on August 6th!



Rock Island High School Interact Club members and Club Members pause for a photo at the Interact Student/Staff Basketball game at Rock Island High School.

Rotary Global Rewards

Rotary International 2015-2016 President-elect K.R. Ravindran introduced a member benefits program at the 9 June closing session of the 2015 Rotary International Convention in Brazil, saying that many more hands are needed to continue Rotary's work around the world.

The program, [Rotary Global Rewards](https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/rotary-global-rewards), aims to boost membership and enhance member satisfaction. It will debut on 1 July.

The program will include discounts on car rentals, hotels, dining, and entertainment. Discounts on more products and services from companies worldwide are expected to be added throughout the year.

More information at

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/rotary-global-rewards>

HERE COMES THE GOV



Governor Jim Nelson

A very special guest will be with us at Tuesdays Rotary Meeting. District Governor Jim Nelson will be our speaker and will officially induct our Board and Officers into office for the 2015-16 Rotary year.

Tradition calls for us to dress a little finer, wear our Paul Harris pins and Medallions, and show the Governor the respect and honor he is due. The meal will also be a bit "upscale" so don't miss it!

Save the Date!

The Rock Island Rotary Club is sponsoring the ROCK the RIDE event on Sunday, August 16!

ROCK the RIDE is a bike ride event for families, and will be held from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The ride event utilizes bike lanes and the designated bike routes already in place in Rock Island. The focus is to highlight on the road bike amenities to the public, promote physical activity for youth and families and the need to create/maintain a safe environment.

Volunteers are needed! Please mark the date of August 16 on the calendar for now, and more information will be forthcoming about the volunteer tasks.