



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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District Governor, Jim Nelson

Rock Island Rotarians were entertained and informed by our new **District Governor Jim Nelson** this past week. Jim is a life-long Rotarian with membership ties to several Rotary clubs within District 6420. Jim currently is a member of the **Rockford Rotary Club** and serving his term as District Governor. DG Nelson discussed the broader goals of Rotary for the 2015 - 2016 year and this year's motto "**Be a gift to the World**". Rotary pins conveying that message were given to Rotarians present at the meeting. Specific goals that were

highlighted included membership where he asked us all to keep recruiting new members and to share the story of Rotary with our friends and colleagues. He would like Rock Island Rotary to end the year at +1 for membership. A very realistic but challenging goal that will only be achieved by the coordinated efforts of all of our members. DG Nelson was very appreciative of Rock Island Rotary's ongoing support of the Rotary International Foundation. He encouraged us to continue our giving and support and to give more when possible. Sharing the vision of RI President K.R "Ravi" Ravindran, DG Nelson talked about the creation of Rotary Community Corps that can be established to support local Rotary projects throughout the year. The Rotary Community Corps is a group of local residents that are non-Rotarians focused on service. They can be a very valuable resource to local clubs and also as a source of possible new members in the future. DG Nelson officiated in the induction of our new **President John Phillips, and the Board of Directors**. He wished us all a very successful and productive year and joined us in our traditional closing of the meeting where we recite Rotary's four way test. Thank you District Governor Jim !!!

Let's all have a great year and "**Be a gift to the World**".

July-September Calendar

- 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** – Dan McNeil, Exec.
Director Spring Forward
Learning Center
- 09/08** – Mike Oberhaus,
State of the Schools - joint
meeting with Kiwanis
- 09/15** – Pamela Crouch
Zayner, Living Proof Exhibit
- 09/22** – To be announced
- 09/29** – Mike Miller, Exec.
Dir. Riverbend Food Bank



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

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John Daly
Lawrence Davis
Jeff Eder
Mark Mayeski
Carrie O'Neill
Billy Puckett

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Program Chairs

2015-16

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

This week's Foundation 50 / 50 Raffle was won by our own Past District Gov., Fred Luckenbill. Fred generously donated his winnings back to the club as a contribution to the Rotary International Foundation. Thanks to all who participated!!

Club Notes and Announcements

- **Welcome Guests!** Karen Phillips, guest of spouse President John; Virginia Houlton, guest of spouse PDG Fred; Hilde Wray, guest of spouse Sam; Christie Puckett, guest of spouse Billy; Michael Campbell, guest of father-in-law Bill Green; John Oliger guest of President John Phillips; Bill Ortman, guest of Bruce Peterson; and Mark Zimmerman visiting Rotarian from the Davenport Rotary Club.
- **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.
- **Global Project Committee** – (Bob Swanson, Sam Wray, Jim Bishop, Ted Kutsunis, Tricia Barron, Don Peterson) Meet on Tuesday, July 21st at 11:15am prior to our regular Rotary meeting to review project goals. If you cannot attend, advise Chairman Bob Swanson.



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!



Books Distributed!

Over 550 books donated by Club members were distributed at Lincoln Park last Wednesday to students participating in the summer reading program. The highly successful program was spearheaded by our literacy committee under the leadership of Club past president, Anne McGlynn. A team of Rotary volunteers from Rock Island, Moline, and East Moline Rotary Clubs helped hand out the books to the Summer Enrichment Program kids. A great job by all who donated and helped!

< Some of the Rotary Volunteers

Below, Excited kids!



2015 - 2016 CLUB DIRECTORIES



Over the past two weeks new Rock Island Rotary Membership Directories were distributed to all members who were present. Members that did not get a directory may pick one up a copy from the Sergeant At Arms at any future meeting. Directories are for Club use only and contain important contact information for members.



Governor Nelson with newly Installed Rock Island Rotary President, John Phillips. Meetings of the Board are held on the third Monday each month at Geer - Dismar Architects office starting at 11:45. Meetings are open to all members.

NEW OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS INSTALLED

Newly elected officers and directors of Rock Island Rotary were formally installed by District Governor, Jim Nelson, at the Club's July 14th meeting. New officers installed were: John Phillips, President; Steve Morenz, 1st Vice President; Bruce Peterson, 2nd Vice President; Anne McGlynn, Secretary; Carrie Crossen, Treasurer; Mike Locander, Past President; **Board Members:** Angela Campbell, Sue Cassatt, John Daly, Lawrence Davis, Jeff Eder, Mark Mayeski, Carrie O'Neill, and Billy Puckett. Co-Sergeant At Arms Vic Boblett & Bob Swanson. Congratulations to the leadership team and **THANKS** for your service!

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.

EVER CONSIDER BEING A HOST FAMILY?



A host family is a vital part of the cultural exchange, immersing the student in a variety of activities while in the host country. The host family plays a large role in offering the student a view of another country and gains the opportunity to learn about a new culture from a young leader. Rotary provides detailed information to help prepare host families willing to explore

the challenge of welcoming a student into their home for a meaningful exchange. Hosting is a tremendous experience in which you can share in a young person's hopes and dreams and develop a lifelong connection with a student and family from another country. It can be challenging to help a young person transition to a new culture and ease into the surroundings but the rewards are immeasurable. Host families in the Youth Exchange program come in all shapes and sizes. They can be Rotarians or non-Rotarians, and may include young children, older children, or no children at all. Host families are need for our incoming Rotary Exchange students. Typically a student is placed with a host family for approximately 3 months so that a visiting student has the opportunity to experience several host families during their year with us. If you're curious about how it works, contact Youth Exchange Chairman, Jeff Dismer. No obligation, just great information!!

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](#), 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>