



# Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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## Two New Members Welcomed!

Rock Island Rotarians greeted two new members inducted by President, John Phillips at this week's meeting. Gary Rowe, rejoined our club after several years away. No stranger to Rock Island Rotary and to the speaker's lectern, Gary was a very active club member and served as our club president for the 1995-96 Rotary year. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and due to employment obligations was forced to drop his membership several years ago. Now retired, Gary is back in the fold and we are extremely excited to have him back! Our other inductee is Justin Peterson. Justin was born and raised in Rock Island and graduated from Rock Island High School. He played football for coach (and Rotarian) Vic Boblett and was on Rocky's state championship game team. He continued his football career at Knox College and earned his degree in business finance. After five years working in Chicago he returned to the Quad Cities and is employed by First Midwest Bank in Moline. Justin is very involved with numerous community organizations and activities and will be a fantastic addition to Rock Island Rotary! Welcome to both Justin and Gary!



*Gary Rowe Returns to Club*

*Justin Peterson & Mentor Tom Hammar*

This week's Foundation 50 / 50 Raffle featured three great prizes. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Steve Morenz continued his winning ways, collecting the 50/50 cash drawing and once again generously donated his winnings to the Rotary Foundation. The coveted Dr. Larry Tadlock hand turned Hickory Bowl will be taken home to Naples, Florida by guest Rotarian, Duncan Cameron. Finally, a fine bottle of wine courtesy of Lo Milani was won by Mark Mayeski. Thanks to all who participated in the raffle!!

### July-September Calendar

- 08/4** – Club Assembly
- 08/11** – Ellis Kell
- 08/16** – Rock The Ride
- 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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Mike Locander, Past President

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### 2015-16

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Feb – March: Bob Swanson  
April – May: Kevin Koski  
June – July: Diane Koster

## Club Notes and Announcements

- **Welcome Guests!** Gary Rowe and Justin Peterson signed in as guests and left the meeting as club members! Great to have you both in our ranks. Jessica Matrett, guest of Julie Gelaude. Rotarian Duncan Cameron visiting from Naples, Florida. Rotarian Mark Zimmerman visiting from the Davenport Club. Jamaul Stephens, Administrative Fellow at Unity Point Trinity, a guest of Rick Seidler. Christy Filby, a guest of Mike Locander. Christy, a representative of Activate Rock Island gave details for the upcoming *Rock the Ride* event.
- **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 4<sup>th</sup>**, 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](http://www.Rotary6450.org) select “Calendar.” Register by July 24<sup>th</sup>.
- **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.



## 2015 – 2016 CLUB DIRECTORIES

Members that did not get a new directory may get a copy at any future meeting from the Sergeant At Arms. Directories are for Club use only. Please, No solicitations!



Ribbon cutting for the new Rock Island High School INCubatoredu Entrepreneur and Enterprise Program is next Thursday, **August 6<sup>th</sup>** 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 6<sup>th</sup> at Rock Island High School!



## SEIDLER EXPLAINS HEALTH CARE

Rotarian Rick Seidler provided Rotarians with a detailed and informative program on the Affordable Health Care Act now in its first year of full implementation. Mr. Seidler is CEO of Unity Point Health Systems and is based at Unity Point (formerly Trinity Hospital) in Rock Island.

Mr. Seidler prefaced his comments with an observation that with over 141,000 pages of regulations, the AHCA is still a very complicated and confusing piece of legislation. The central concept of the act in addition to trying to provide medical coverage to all people, according to Seidler is to change the health care system from volume based to a value based system, rewarding providers for meeting pre-set metrics or goals and penalizing providers for failing to meet those metrics. The new system bases amounts paid to

providers on results. The goal is to reduce the reported \$200 billion spent on unnecessary services and the \$190 billion spent on administrative costs. Fraud is also a concern and a target of the system.

Some effects of the new system are an emphasis on out-patient as opposed to in-patient care; greater reliance on nurse practitioners and medical assistants, and "bundled payments" where for a particular procedure one set fee is paid to the hospital and they then pay the doctors, anesthesiologists, radiologist, labs, etc., rather than each billing the patient for their services. Changes to Medicare have implemented penalties for readmissions (returning for hospitalization within 30 days of release). Medicare hopes to get to half of all their payments through bundled care in the near future.

Seidler indicated that several unexpected consequences have occurred with the implementation of the Affordable Health Care Act, in addition to the political issues and tax consequences that continue to be hotly debated. One consequence has been an increase in shopping for insurance. With all now required to have insurance and rates being high, consumers are doing more shopping and comparing than in the past. A consequence of high rates has been consumers opting for high deductible policies. Often requiring the patient to pay \$3,000 - \$5,000 or more before insurance kicks in. This has resulted in patients delaying or failing to get medical care when needed and that has led to an increased use of emergency room care. Seidler reported an 18% increase in ER use at Rock Island's Unity Point compared to last year. Seidler also mentioned that all persons needing care are treated. With Illinois' current financial crisis, Medicare payments are simply not being paid. Providers continue to give care and as of last year Unity Point provided \$30 million in charity care, an increase over prior years.

Some positive consequences of the Act have been increased transparency in the health care industry through reporting and rankings; Triple Aim Performance with efforts to improve community health, provide better health care, and provide better value for dollars spent. There is also emphasis on connecting with the community through need assessments, collaboration with local agencies and working closer with area nursing homes. Another trend is moving all medical records from paper to electronic and sharing records so a patient could go on line and see all of their records from hospitals, clinics, and doctors. This is a highly expensive transition and will take time to implement. Small office practitioners may have difficulty affording the transition.

As we have frequently found to be true, often our best programs are those provided by our own members. Today's presentation by Rick Seidler proved again how true that is! Thanks Rick!



### Did You Know – Club History

The first Tuesday of each month Rock Island Rotary celebrates the birthdays of members born during the month. Birthday Rotarians are given a position of honor, seated up front at the “birthday table”. Our president recognizes each member by name, and month and day of their birth. Then the entire club joins in a chorus of “Happy Birthday” to celebrate the occasion. The birthday honorees don’t get off totally free. The tradition is that each is fined \$1 unless their birthday happens to fall on a club meeting date (Tuesday). If so the fine is doubled to \$2. Some of our loyal members started their own tradition a decade or so ago, voluntarily upping their fine to \$1 for each year of their age. It’s all in good fun with the birthday fines adding to the great work that Rock Island Rotary does for our community and the world! So, be alert all August birthday Rotarians. **Next week is your week to be honored.** Bring your best birthday smile and a few dollars for the fine box!

Happy Birthday!



### CLUB ASSEMBLY

President John has designated next week’s meeting as a club assembly. Rather than having a guest speaker, club members will be asked to sit at tables with fellow members of Rotary committees. Time will be used for committee discussion and planning for the coming year. President John has asked each committee to prepare written goals and to provide a “blue print” of how the committee hopes to meet their goals. It should be an interesting and worthwhile Rotary experience!

## 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. Contact Dan McNeil to volunteer.

## NIGERIA SEES NO WILD POLIO CASES FOR ONE YEAR



A few days ago marked one year since Nigeria last reported a polio case caused by wild poliovirus, putting the country on the brink of eradicating the paralyzing disease. The last case was reported on 24 July 2014 in the northern state of Kano. If no cases are reported in the coming weeks, the World Health Organization is expected to remove Nigeria from the list of countries where polio is endemic, leaving just two: Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Nigeria is the last polio-endemic country in Africa. The continent is poised to reach its own first full year without any illness from the virus on 11 August. “Every Rotarian in the world should be proud of this achievement,” says Rotary International President K.R. Ravindran. “We made history. We have set Africa on course for a polio-free future. But we have not yet reached our goal of a polio-free world. Raising funds and awareness and advocating with your government are more crucial than ever.”