



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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New Member Welcomed!

Rock Island Rotarians greeted our newest member, John Oliger sponsored by President John Phillips. Mr. Oliger is manager of Printing and Shipping for Modern Woodmen of America. He and his wife, Julie reside in Davenport where he is involved and a great fan of Youth baseball, High School Show Choir, fishing, and golf. He is kept busy not only by his duties for Modern Woodmen, but also by his seven children ranging from ages 25 down to 8. Three of the seven are currently attending Augustana College, so it's a safe bet that John won't be retiring anytime soon!

A big Rotary welcome to John Oliger, we all look forward to your fellowship and friendship through Rock Island Rotary.



Mentor Ernie Beane give a Rotary pin to new member John Oliger with sponsor John Phillips looking on.

SUCCESSFUL RAFFLE FUNDRAISER!

This week's Foundation 50 / 50 Raffle featured two great prizes. Monta Ponsetto was doubly lucky first winning the cash, which she donated to our exchange student daughter, Camilla Velasco in honor of Camilla's 17th birthday. Then Monta's generosity was rewarded when she also won the coveted bottle of fine wine donated from the Lo Milani cellar. Thanks to all who participated in the raffle!!

REMEMBER OUR ROTARY ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION

Committee Chairman, Tom Hammar, gave a quick update on our Club Foundation and urged all members to keep in mind how much Rotary has meant to each of us as we do estate planning and charitable giving. Our foundation is required to use money only on projects that better Rock Island, especially projects for youth and their education. Currently the fund exceeds \$263,000 with a goal to reach \$500,000 in the future. We all need to help!

September - November Calendar

- 09/07** – Labor Day Parade!
- 09/08** – Mike Oberhaus, State of the Schools joint meeting with Kiwanis
- 09/15** – Pamela Crouch Zayner, Living Proof Exhibit
- 09/17** – Blue Cat Brew Pub, 5:30 p.m. social
- 09/22** – Ellis Kell of RME!
- 09/29** – Mike Miller, Exec. Dir. Riverbend Food Bank
- 10/06** – Steve Pressly, Ultimate Plan
- 10/13** – Korah Wynn, Visiting China
- 10/20** – Doug Rick, Iowa IDOT
- 10/27** – Norm Moline, Urban China
- 11/03** – Bud Phillis, Rotary Foundation
- 11/10** – TBA
- 11/17** – Dr. Bette Truitt, Pres., Black Hawk College / Cuba
- 11/24** – Ted Pappas, Friendship Manor



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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

Club Notes and Announcements

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□ Welcome Guests!

Alleman Student Guests: Brooke Sheraden and Ali Milani. Tammy Weikert (prospective); Kyle Vietti (prospective); Peter Wessels (prospective); Visiting Rotarians: Mark Zimmerman (Davenport, IA Club); Duncan Cameron (Naples, FL Club); Joyce Chamberlin (Milan, IL Club). Youth Exchange Daughter, Camila Velasco Medina!

□ Save the Date!

The Illinois QC Rotary Clubs will be gathering at the Blue Cat Brew Pub on Sept. 17 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss utilizing future district grants and generate ideas for other interesting projects to plan for next year. Stop in join the discussion and fun!

□ New member proposed!

The Rock Island Rotary Board of Directors approved the membership of Tammy Weikert who is the Rock Island County Circuit Clerk. If anyone has questions or concerns call Membership Chair Steve Morenz.

□ Joint Meeting with Kiwanis on Sept. 8.

The club will be together with the Rock Island Kiwanis Club on Tuesday, September 8 for the Rock Island-Milan State of the Schools Address. Please plan to arrive a little early as the meeting will begin promptly in order to fit in the program.

□ Golfers Needed!

The Rotary District Gold outing is Monday, September 14th at Timber Creek Golf Course in Dixon, 12:30pm tee off. Fun Format!! Teams of 4, one ball, one club per golfer. New Zealand Format Tournament. We have three signed up, Bud Phillis, Sue Cassatt, and Bruce Peterson (canoe Bruce) need a fourth! Call Bud Phillis 309-787-0955 if you can play. More teams welcome too!

BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD



ROCK ISLAND ROTARY HOLIDAY PARTY

Circa 21 Wednesday, December 9th

Salon Party	5:00pm – 6:00
Buffet Banquet	5:45 – 7:00
Bootlegger Performance	7:15
ONE ADMISSION	\$46.25
TWO ADMISSIONS	\$92.50
<u>TWO WITH DINING BOOK COUPON</u>	\$57.36
Circa Subscriber? Pay Just	\$ 2.75 per person



McNeil Talks Fundraisers!

Rotarian Dan McNeil, Executive Director of the Spring Forward Learning Center, loaned his expertise in non-profit fundraising to Rock Island Rotarians as our guest speaker at Tuesday's meeting. Dan has served as Executive Director for River Action, The Figge Art Museum and now Spring Forward Learning Center. Dan emphasized that any non-profit event must be made special to have any hope of success. He said there are always two goals for such fundraisers: first, to raise money; and second, to raise awareness of the mission of the hosting organization.

McNeil said that there are two main considerations in planning a fundraising event. First, something must make the event unique so potential donors will be interested in attending. Second, great consideration must be given to who will help. There must be a significant corps of people willing to work in planning and presenting the event.

As examples Dan turned to his own experiences with local fundraising events. As Executive Director of River Action he was involved with the "Taming the Slough" fundraiser. It was unique in that it was the only activity in the area that combined canoeing, off road bike riding, and running in one event. It is also the only event of its type on the Mississippi River. He was able to gather ample help by involving local canoeing, biking, and running associations, along with media sponsors.

When Executive Director of the Figge Art Museum, Dan was involved with the "White as Paper" fundraiser. It involved planning a dress in white social event around a display of contemporary art. The idea was unique to the area his help came primarily through a working committee and board.

His final example was the upcoming "Night At Marando's" fundraiser for the Spring Forward Learning Center. It is the first Gala event attempted by Spring Forward. It is unique in attempting to recreate the nostalgia and fun of Marandos Supper Club in the 50s and 60s, complete with a live big band for dancing and dinner items off the original Marando's menu. His help again comes from a working committee and dedicated supporters of the Learning Center. He also was able to enlist the help of local media and surviving members of the Marando family.

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

September Rotary Birthdays!

Tammy Weikert	September	2
Steven Bahls	September	4
Molly Hammer-Shattuck	September	4
Jeff Eder	September	22
Father Dan Mirabelli	September	24
Bill Groh	September	26
Al Metz	September	26
John Slover	September	28





Once again it's time to help Rotary with one of our most enjoyable fundraisers. Fred Luckenbill has a new supply of 2015-2016 Quad City Dining Tour Books! Books sell for \$35 of which Rotary retains \$10. Inside each book you'll find over 300 coupons good at more than 135 Quad City area restaurants. From casual fast food to the finest banquet dining, you'll find your favorite places and be introduced to exciting new venues! Best of all, you buy the book for \$35 and save more than \$35 with just the Circa 21 coupon which you can use for our Rotary Holiday Party! See Fred and get your book now! Coupons good until October 31, 2016.

A Message From District Governor Jim Nelson:

On Saturday, November 21, 2015 District 6420 Governor candidates for the Rotary year 2018/19 will be interviewed in Sterling, IL.

Past presidents who would like to be considered for this position need to apply to Nominating Chair:

*Kelley Doty
9103 217th St. N
Port Byron, IL 6175*

by Saturday, October 31, 2015.

The interested candidate must be nominated by their Rotary Club and be eligible and qualified by Rotary By-laws. Please see the following Governor-nominee form.

If you have candidates please forward the completed form to Kelley by October 31, 2015.

*Jim Nelson
District Governor 2015/16*

Do we have another potential District Governor? Take a look at the following two pages. If you have interest or believe a fellow club member should be considered, talk with either President John or with our own past District Governors, Fred Holton, Ruth Lee, or Fred Luckenbill.



Governor-Nomination Form

District governor candidate:

Please complete and sign this form, have your club secretary sign it, and submit it to the district nominating committee.

Governor year of service _____ District _____ Zone _____ RI membership ID number _____

Family name _____ First name _____ Middle initial _____

Name as it should appear on your badge _____

Member, Rotary Club of _____ Classification _____

Language(s) you wish to use for communicating with RI (listed in order of fluency):

Read _____ Speak _____

For each of the following categories, please circle only one language per category.

International Assembly:	English	French	Japanese	Korean	Portuguese	Spanish				
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Publications in 14 languages:	Arabic	Chinese	English	Finnish	French	German	Hindi	Italian	Japanese	Korean
	Portuguese	Spanish	Swedish	Thai						

Spouse/Partner Information (if applicable)

Family name _____ First name _____ Middle initial _____

Name as it should appear on your badge _____

E-mail _____ Gender ☐ Male ☐ Female

For each of the following categories please circle only one language per category.

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	Spanish	Swedish						
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For Rotarian Spouses/ Partners only:

Member, Rotary Club of _____ RI membership ID number _____



Governor-nominee Data Form

All signatures on this page must be handwritten (electronic signatures are not acceptable).

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT

I hereby state that I understand clearly the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of the office of district governor as set forth in the RI Bylaws and that I am fully qualified for said office and willing and able, physically and otherwise, to assume and fulfill the duties and responsibilities of that office and to perform them faithfully. Further, I have read and agreed to abide by the district governor code of ethics, as detailed in the Rotary Code of Policies. I agree in advance to accept the decision of the RI Board concerning my election to office without recourse to any non-Rotary agency or other dispute resolution system and further accept that any court costs and attorney's fees incurred by RI in enforcing this agreement shall be reimbursed by me in their entirety. I understand that if selected, I must attend, for their full duration, the governors-elect training seminar in my zone and the International Assembly to be held the Rotary year before taking office. I have read this form in its entirety and certify that all the information provided on this form is true and correct.

Date

Signature

CLUB'S STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE'S QUALIFICATIONS

The candidate herein mentioned is a member in good standing of the Rotary Club of _____

The club further attests that this member has been duly suggested for the office of district governor under RI Bylaws 13.020.4 and meets the qualifications as specified in RI Bylaws 15.070 and that the club membership information on this form is accurate.

Date

Club Secretary's Name

Club Secretary's Signature

CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION

The Rotarian named on this form is a member in good standing of the Rotary club listed and was duly nominated for district governor in accordance with the provisions of the RI Bylaws.

Date

District Governor's Name

District Governor's Signature