



# Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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Rotary Bell Ringers Howard Beck and Christy Filby! More on page 2.

## Jason's Box Receives \$500

Teri Johnson, Founder of Jason's Box, accepted a donation of \$500.00 from the club and thanked everyone for the generosity. Jason's Box is a non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the health and well-being of military men and women. Jason's Box provides physical support and emotional encouragement by sending deployed troops items they miss from home. Teri founded the organization and named it after her son Jason, a soldier KIA in 2009 in Iraq.



## Club Calendar

### December

- 12/01** – Rock Island High School Chamber Singers
- 12/08** – Committee Meetings: Nominating (11:09 a.m.) and Awards Luncheon (11:30 a.m.)  
Dr. Scott Cooper, Illinois Medical Society
- 12/09** – **Holiday Party/Circa 21**
- 12/15** – Tom Hammar "Tax Season is Coming: Be Prepared!"
- 12/22** – Julie Gelaude Black Hawk College Construction Program
- 12/29** - TBA

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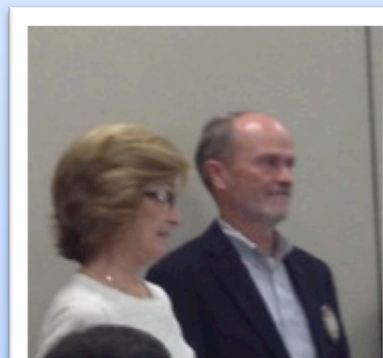
## Program Chairs 2015-16

Dec.- Jan: John Wetzel  
Feb – March: Bob Swanson  
April – May: Kevin Koski  
June – July: Diane Koster

**NOTE ON NEW MEMBER DUES OPTION:** The Rock Island Rotary Club does allow for reduced dues for new members, and this dues reduction is awarded by the Board on a case-by-case basis. Dues may be reduced from the current \$150/qtr down to \$95/qtr and will continue at this reduced rate for no more than two (2) quarters or six (6) months from the date of induction. The proposer of a prospective new member should tell the prospective member of the availability of this option. It is then the responsibility of the proposer to make this request to the Board.

## Club Notes & Announcements!

- **Welcome Guests!** Kyle Wilson (Weikert); Corey McGee (Phillis); Whitney Corrigan (Phillis); Terri Johnson (Jason's Box); Duncan Cameron (Naples, FL Rotary); Chuck Austin (Prospective); Karla Thies (RIHS Asst. Principal); Rock Island High School Jr. Rotarians Myranda Horton and Aldair Garcia; Alleman High School Jr. Rotarians Haley Decreve and Emily Kirik; Youth Exchange Daughter Camila Velasco Medina!
- **The Raffle raised \$79!** Howard Beck won the money and donated his winnings to the Foundation. We had two bottles of Lo Milani wine and Pete Wessels won one and Bud Phillis won the other.
- **Paul Harris Fellow Presentation!** Jan Peterson, wife of Bruce A Peterson, received a Paul Harris Fellow at the Tuesday, Dec. 8 meeting. Word on the street is that Jan is a Cubs fan – so as they saying goes "Opposites Attract!" Congratulations to Jan!
- **Rotary Roster Update:** Bill Stengel has a new email address [sbrlaw@sbrlawfirm.law](mailto:sbrlaw@sbrlawfirm.law)



## Great Day for Salvation Army Bell Ringing!

Thank you to the Rotarians who took the time to ring the bell for Salvation Army at Walgreens on December 5 in Rock Island! It was a beautiful day!



# Illinois State Medical Society Dr. Talks about Advanced Care and Hepatitis C

The speaker was Dr. Scott Cooper, President of the Illinois State Medical Society, spoke to Rock Island Rotary about two important topics: The importance of Advanced Care Planning and being informed about Hepatitis C.



As an emergency room physician, Dr. Cooper said he is often faced with life and death situations and families that don't know what to do or can't agree on what to do. He stressed that all people need to do **Advanced Care Planning** to ensure that individual wishes are followed and to ease the burden on family members. As an example, a young woman involved in a catastrophic accident did not make any plans for advanced care and between disputes among family member, doctors, and hospitals ensued for years and ended up going all the way to the Supreme

Court. Decisions are much more complicated than just "do we pull the plug." Dr. Cooper said people come in and are totally disabled or in a coma state and are expected to recover, but during the interim *someone* needs to make decisions while the individual is disabled. He urged all of us regardless of age to have these discussions with our families and to put into writing what our wishes are. He said the ISMS has forms on their website [isms.org](https://www.isms.org) that are free and available for use.

**Hepatitis C** is a virus that was unknown until about 10 years ago when doctors found it didn't fit the profiles of Hepatitis A or B...they just called it an "unknown virus." Now more is known – and "Hep C" is a virus that one can carry for long periods of time, often 30 years or more. When it becomes active it destroys the liver and causes death. Dr. Cooper said the sad thing is that there is a simple blood test that can identify the presence of the virus and a drug that is 100% effective in killing it. People have no idea they are carrying the virus and many doctors don't routinely screen for it. He urged all to talk with their doctors about Hepatitis C and to request that screening for it be added to their routine blood tests.