



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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Thanks Mark and Michelle for a great year of catering service at the QC Botanical Center!

Rotary Slate of Officers 2016-17

The members below have been proposed by the nominating committee for the Rock Island Rotary 2016-2017 officers. The club will vote at the meeting on December 29th. If anyone has any questions please contact President John.

Slate of Officers for 2016 - 2017 year:

Board of Directors:

1 Year Term --- Angela Campbell

1 Year Term --- James Benson

1 Year Term --- Billy Puckett

1 Year Term --- Jeff Eder

2 Year Term - Dave Geenen

2 Year Term - Jim Nordquist

2 Year Term - Molly Shattuck

2 Year Term - Al Metz

President --- Steve Morenz

1st VP --- Bruce D. Peterson (will be President 2017-2018)

2nd VP --- Sue Cassatt (will be President 2018-2019)

Past President --- John Phillips

Treasurer --- Carrie Crossen

Secretary --- Anne McGlynn

Sgt-At-Arms Bob Swanson / Vic Boblett

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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Officers

John Phillips, President
Steve Morenz, 1st VP
Bruce Peterson, 2nd VP
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
Billy Puckett

Co-Sergeant At Arms
Vic Boblett & Bob Swanson

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!** Colleen Doak; Courtney Boothe (prospective); Paul Fessler (Gelaude); Rock Island High School teacher and Interact Club Advisor Wade Weber; Rock Island High School Interact Club members Myah Ackerland, Bryce Humphrey, Chantelle Kopcho, Gahrii Lee, Deshawnte Moore, Alexandra Schmidt and Travis Soseman. Youth Exchange Daughter Camila Velasco Medina!
- **The Raffle!** Bill Stengel took the bowl and Jim Stanbary won the wine. Jeff Eder won the \$55 cash and donated it to the Rotary Foundation.
- **Rock Island Rotary Board Update:** The board met on Monday, Dec. 21. The group agreed to participate in the QC wide Rotary promotion event in February and also support the Urban Gardeners ongoing projects. The board also accepted with regret the resignation of Bruce A. Peterson who will be joining a Rotary Club closer to his home in Port Byron.
- **RIHS Interact Club Polio Fundraiser:** The Rock Island High School Interact Club presented a check to the Rock Island Rotary Club from a fundraiser. Past President Mike Locander donated \$100 to supplement the RIHS donation. The club members are working on another fundraiser for the month of February.
- **Fundraising Committee Meeting:** Kathy Trone scheduled a committee meeting Tuesday, Dec. 29 at the Bier Stube in Moline at 5:00pm. The Rotary After Hours club and the Rock Island Rotary club will begin planning the "Dueling Pianos" event planned for March.

Remember Rotary in End of Year Giving Plans

This is the time to consider a year-end donation to Rotary as part of your tax planning strategy. The International Foundation and our local Rock Island Rotary Foundation are both recognized as 501C3 deductible charities. Your choice -- pay it to the IRS or donate it to one of the worlds' most efficient and effective charitable service foundations. See Bud Phillis for details regarding the Rotary International Foundation and Frank Lambert for information about our local Rock Island Rotary Foundation.



Black Hawk College Helps Fill Skilled Labor Needs in the Quad Cities

Julie Gelaude, Rock Island Rotary Club member and Director of the Business Training Center at the Rock Island Black Hawk College Campus, talked to the club about the success of the Highway Construction Careers Training Program (HCCTP) at Black Hawk College. "In our struggling economy, workers need new skills and opportunities in order to find meaningful work to support their families... and the HCCTP programs goal is to increase the employment of minorities and women working on Illinois Department of Transportation projects in the QC region." In addition, there will be a lot of skilled labor needs in the future with the high speed rail and I-74 bridge projects coming to the community.



Julie Gelaude

There is no cost to participate in the program (the participants are PAID!), and participants will get familiar with skills related to jobs in the construction industry. All said and done, the program participants will be ready to enter an apprenticeship program and have an edge on some of the skills that are a part of an apprenticeship program. They also receive those essentials they need to make themselves more marketable – like soft skills in communication and professionalism.

The first round of the program has seen great success – and Gelaude was able to help program participants enter 9 of the 17 trades in the Quad Cities.

"We are extremely lucky to have this program in the Quad Cities," said Gelaude. "Several organizations helped to bring it to us." Quad Cities Interfaith, the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Illinois Community College Board, delivered to the Quad Cities \$600,000 in funds through the Highway Construction Careers Training Program (HCCTP).

The next session is beginning March 14-June 19. Contact Paul Fessler at 309-796-5729 or fesslerp@bhc.edu for orientation.

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