



# Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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## Happy New Year!



### Ending the Year on a Happy Note

Rock Island Rotary club members rounded out 2015 with a few laughs, thanks to the help from the Comedy Sports Quad Cities group! Jeff Adamson visited the club and enlisted Rock Island Rotary member Monta Ponsetto (photo top right) for assistance. Several other Rotarians participated in the program by reciting a joke for the audience. Club member Gary Rowe (photo bottom right) was presented with his own personal "Grumpy Cat" stuffed animal as first prize for his effort!



President John (photo left) rounded out the meeting by performing a song he wrote "Try to Remember Never to Forget" – very befitting for the end of the year!



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## Officers

John Phillips, President  
Steve Morenz, 1st VP  
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Carrie Crossen, Treasurer  
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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!

- **The Raffle!** Howard Beck won the cash and donated it to the Rotary Foundation, and Fred Luckenbill won the wine!
- **Two Proposed for Membership!** Courtney Boothe, Digital Media Manager for WHBF-TV, and Karla Thies, Assistant Principal at Rock Island High School, have been proposed for membership into the Rock Island Rotary Club. Please contact President John or 1<sup>st</sup> VP Steve Morenz if you have any questions.
- **Over 50 Years Perfect Attendance! Fred Luckenbill** recognized several members for perfect attendance including **PDG Fred Houlton for 51 years** perfect attendance! Congratulations Fred!

## Ian Riseley Selected as R.I. President for 2017-2018

Ian H.S. Riseley, of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria, Australia, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2017-18. He will become the president-nominee on 1 October if no other candidates challenge him.

Riseley says that meaningful partnerships with corporations and other organizations are crucial to Rotary's future. "We have the programs and personnel and others have available resources," says Riseley. "Doing good in the world is everyone's goal. We must learn from the experience of the polio eradication program to maximize our public awareness exposure for future partnerships."

Riseley has been a Rotary member since 1978. He has served Rotary as treasurer, director, trustee, RI Board Executive Committee member, task force member, committee member and chair, and district governor.

He is also a former member of the Australian Polio Eradication Private Sector Campaign and a recipient of The Rotary Foundation's Service Award for a Polio-Free World. He and his wife, Juliet, are Multiple Paul Harris Fellows, Major Donors, and Bequest Society members.



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