



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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Phillips Strums a Final Note on Rotary Year 2015-16

When President John Phillips was in Presidential Training he was told “don’t worry, you can’t screw it [club] up,” and this rang true for his year as the leader of the Rock Island Rotary Club. Phillips is proud of all of the club’s accomplishments – an active EarlyAct Club at Jordan; an active Interact Club at Rocky and the Rotaract Club at Augustana; donated over \$20K to community organizations and projects and was the lead partner in donating \$10K to the Rock Island High School INCubatoredu Entrepreneur and Enterprise program; numerous service projects with Earl Hanson (birthday books, school supplies, library reorganization, Pumpkinpalooza); joined other area Rotary clubs in special events; record increase in new members (15!) thanks to members who sponsored and mentored this year.



The club is financially sound and as a reflection of the successful year, the club received numerous Rotary District 5420 awards and the 2015-2016 Rotary International Presidential Citation Silver Award! President Phillips thanked the board, officers, committee chairs and club members for their tireless dedication and work. “It has been a pleasure and an honor and I wish the best for the club in the coming year.”

The club was treated to one more song on the last meeting of President Phillips’ tenure – a hint as to what he will do now that his tenure is over and he can be Past President: A personal rendition of the Buffett song *Margaritaville*: “Wasting away again in Rock Island-ville with his 4-way test tattoo...”

The club gave President Phillips a well-deserved standing ovation for a great year of Rotary in the Rock Island Rotary Club! He also received his own Tadlock-crafted gavel on a plaque for a personal keepsake.



June/July Calendar

June 7 - Shelly Wells Cain – Girls Scouts

June 14 - Sam Wray - Oak Ridge – The Town the Bomb Built

June 21 - Gail Brooks – RI Housing Authority Foundation Tuesday

June 28 - Retiring President, John Phillips

July 5 - New President, Steve Morenz

July 12 - Kirk Marske - Career Cruising

July 19 – Club Assembly & Foundation Tuesday

July 26 - Jacqueline Holm – Quad Cities River Bandits



Club of Rock Island

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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

2016-17

July/Aug – Kyle Vietti
Sep/Oct – Dave Geenan
Nov Dec – Gary Rowe
Jan/Feb – John Wetzel
Mar/Apr – Julie Gelaude
May Jun – Bob Swanson

Club Notes & Announcements!

- **Welcome Guests!** Duncan Cameron (Naples, FL Rotary Club); and Mark Zimmerman (Davenport, IA Rotary Club); Karen Phillips (wife of President John); Rotary District 6420 Asst. Governor Cathy Edwards; Diane Phillis (wife of Bud); Patricia Dywiak (guest of Tammy Weikert).
- **Rotary Night at the Ballpark August 19!** There are still tickets available! Be sure to get your tickets for our Rotary Night at the Ball Park on August 19th. Seats are reserved box seats normally sold for \$11. We have them for just \$10! And, after the game you'll be treated to one of the area's finest fireworks displays. There's also a pre-game social on the River Bandit's new patio. So what are you waiting for? Bob has the tickets at the Sergeant's Table.
- **Raffle Results!** For once Frank Lambert took the Tadlock Bowl and not the \$; John Slover took the \$ and donated it to the Club Foundation and Fred Luckenbill went home with the Milani Cellar Wine.
- **Birdies for Charity!** It's not too late to contribute! See Kevin Koski or pick up a form at the S-A-A table.

Rock Island Rotary Receives 2015-2016 Presidential Citation Silver Award!

Rotary District 6420 Assistant Governor Cathy Edwards had the pleasure of awarding the club the 2015-2016 Presidential Citation Silver Award for the club's activities: growing membership, developing sustainable service projects, giving to The Rotary Foundation, and building Public Image and awareness of Rotary in the community. The club had to set at least 15 goals in Rotary Club Central (online) and have a set number of goals completed between July 2015-April 2016.

Needless to say that President John was proud of the clubs accomplishments and thanked everyone for their help in completing the goals. The Rock Island Rotary Club was the only club in the Rotary District to receive the Silver Citation.

New Officers and Directors Installed

With the help of Rotary District 6420 Assistant Governor Cathy Edwards, the 2016-2017 Rock Island Rotary Club president, officers and board were officially installed.

Officers include President Steve Morenz, 1st VP Bruce Peterson, 2nd VP Sue Lerschen-Cassatt, Treasurer Carrie Crossen, Secretary Anne McGlynn, Past President John Phillips and Sergeant at Arms Bob Swanson and Vic Boblett.

Board members Dave Geenen, Jim Norquist, Molly Shattuck, Al Metz, Angela Campbell, Billy Puckett, Jeff Eder and James Benson were also installed.

New President Steve Morenz took a moment to thank the club for the support along the way. “It’s a group effort that makes us a great club. I look forward to the year ahead.”

The 2016-2017 Rotary International Theme is “Rotary Serving Humanity.”



What You Don't Know About the Campaign to End Polio

When was the last time there was polio in Europe? If you guessed 2002, the year the region was certified polio-free, you were wrong. The last time polio affected a child in Europe was last summer. In 2015, two Ukrainian children were diagnosed with paralytic polio, and, given the way the disease manifests itself, that means many more were likely infected and didn't show symptoms. At least one Western news outlet deemed the outbreak “crazy” – but the reality is that no place on earth is safe from polio until the disease is eradicated everywhere.

Read the rest of the story on Rotary.org via the link below:

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/news-media/what-you-dont-know-about-campaign-end-polio>



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