



# Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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## Career Cruising Q C



Rock Island Rotarians welcomed Kirk Marske, Director of Career Cruising Quad Cities as our guest speaker at today's meeting. Career Cruising Quad Cities (CCQC) connects education

with employers across all employment industries to help students achieve their career goals and address our community's workforce development needs. This fully integrated web-based program provides unique, powerful tools for employers, students, educators,

and parents throughout the Quad City area.

The web base provides information from all 50 states regarding careers, colleges, and training schools. Working with area schools, CCQC provides assessment tools that allow students to identify potential careers matched to their interests and abilities. Students can then find local businesses and industries that have provided job profiles to CCQC and obtain more details regarding job requirements, openings and information as to how to prepare for a job in the chosen industry. The site even provides a comparison component where students can select several schools and see a side by side comparison of tuition, entrance requirements, and degrees offered. Providing an even more personalized approach, the student can review one or more of the 575 career profiles listed on the site. For those wanting greater detail career "coaches" are provided. Students can post questions regarding their career interest and a **local** coach will respond with timely and local answers. Currently CCQC has 207 volunteer career coaches each representing a different career and each located within the Quad Cities. Local employers can submit company profiles for posting on the CCQC website. Many local companies and professional offices provide job shadowing experience for interested students. Entities offering scholarships may also have their information posted on the website so that it is available to interested students. Mr. Marske concluded his informative talk answering numerous questions from a very interested Rotary audience. One message left for us was that we are each able to volunteer to serve as career coaches, and may each submit information regarding our company or business, and can offer job shadowing experiences to assist students as they prepare for their future in the Quad Cities. Want to get involved? Contact Kirk through [www.careercruisingquadcities.org](http://www.careercruisingquadcities.org)

### June - July Calendar

- July 19 - Club Assembly and Foundation Tuesday
- July 26 - Jacqueline Holm – Quad City River Bandits
- Aug 2 - TBA
- Aug 9 - TBA
- Aug 16 - TBA
- Aug 23 - TBA

Thank you Kirk for a very interesting and informative program!



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## Officers

Steve Morenz, President  
Bruce Peterson, 1st VP  
Sue Cassatt, 2nd VP  
Anne McGlynn, Secretary  
Carrie Crossen, Treasurer  
John Phillips, Past President

## Board Members

Dave Geenen  
Jim Nordquist  
Molly Shattuck  
Al Metz  
Angela Campbell  
James Benson  
Billy Puckett

Co-Sergeant At Arms  
Bob Swanson & Vic Boblett

## Program Chairs 2016-17

July – Aug: Kyle Vietti  
Sept – Oct: Dave Geenen  
Nov – Dec: Gary Rowe  
Jan – Feb: John Wetzel  
Mar – Apr: Julie Gelaude  
May – June: Bob Swanson

## NEW MEMBER PROPOSED

Jennifer Garrity has been proposed for Rock Island Rotary membership. Jennifer joined MetroLink in Rock Island, in 1999 and has been in her current role as the manager of administration since 2005. Submit questions or comments to Steve Morenz or Bruce Peterson.

## Club Notes & Announcements!

- **Welcome Guests!** The Club was visited today by Virginia Johnson, wife of Don Peterson; and by Eric Moore, newly appointed principal for Rock Island High School. Mr. Moore was a guest of Mike Oberhaus. The Club also welcomed Rotarian visitors, Duncan Cameron from the Naples, Florida Club and Mark Zimmerman, from the Davenport, Iowa Club. We welcome all of our visitors and hope you enjoyed or lunch and hospitality!!
- **Volunteers Needed for JDC!** The Moline Rotary Club has the 18<sup>th</sup> hole during the John Deere Classic. It takes about 10 to 12 persons at all times to make this happen and the Moline Rotary is extending an invitation to Rock Island Rotary to help cover the slots. The classic is the weekend of August 11, but will run from Wednesday thru Sunday. Your entrance fee is free, but you will have to buy a Tee Shirt that costs about \$25. You get free snacks while on duty and a free lunch at noon time. If you are interested, please contact Sam Wray at 799-5160 or Kent Crippen at 787-3514.
- **Tryke building** is this Saturday! Rotarians are needed to help assemble Tryke bikes for handicapped children and adults this Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 4pm at the Mills Chevrolet dealership located at 5401 Elmore Avenue in Davenport. Don't need to sign up or tools. Just show up. After the Trykes are assembled you can join in the joy of presenting them to the very grateful children who will be receiving them. Want more details, contact Sue Cassatt.
- **Have Items for our Newsletter?** For July publication send items to Bob Swanson at [bobdebswanson@att.net](mailto:bobdebswanson@att.net). August items should be sent to Holly Sparkman at [hksparkman@gmail.com](mailto:hksparkman@gmail.com).

## Welcome our newest Rock Island Rotarian!

Jay McEvoy was inducted at today's meeting as our newest club member. Jay is a CPA, employed by RSM US (formerly *McGladrey & Pullen*) as Tax Manager. Jay is a Rock Island native and graduated from Rock Island High School and the University of Illinois. After obtaining his degree from Illinois, Jay was employed as a CPA in Chicago. When Jay and wife Amy decided it was time to start a family, they moved back to their hometown, Rock Island, where they and their 3-year old son, Lincoln, reside. Rock Island Rotary is thrilled to have Jay in our ranks!



Jay McEvoy and sponsor, Justin Peterson

### FOUNDATION RAFFLE

This week's raffle featured cash and wine from Lo Milani's famed cellar. Lucky Frank Lambert was the first ticket pulled and, as usual, Frank took the cash! Mike Oberhaus was the next lucky Rotarian, taking home a bottle of fine wine donated by Lo Milani. Proceeds help fund the Rotary Foundation.

Thanks to all who participated!

### Don't Forget BIRDIES!



Chairman, Kevin Koski, reports more progress toward our club goals for the 2016 Birdies For Charity drive. Remember, all funds pledged go to our Rock Island Rotary Club Foundation used solely for projects that benefit Rock Island.

Club goals were for 40 members to make pledges. To date we are just 8 pledges short of reaching that goal. The cash goal was 90 cents, and that goal has been met and exceeded. Kevin now wants to blow away our previous highs! We have 95 members but just 32 pledges!! Let's get going! Pledge forms are at the Sergeant at Arms table. Make your pledge today!

### CLUB ASSEMBLY NEXT WEEK

President Steve urges all Rotarians to attend next week's meeting. The program will feature each committee chairman giving a brief report on what their committee does and what current activities they are involved in. This will be a great reminder for all of us of the many activities our club is pursuing and will be of particular interest to our newer members who may be deciding on their particular areas of interest. Check your new Roster Book to see what committee you are on and come get the latest update of what your committee is doing.

Mark your calendar, Tuesday, July 19, Rotary Club Assembly!

### A \$5 FINE!

We usually don't comment on the weekly fines assessed to members when their names, family members, or companies appear in the local news, but this week there was one noteworthy item.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Bruce Peterson, who took so much delight in fining us during the past year, was confronted with not one, **but multiple pages**, not in black and white, **but in full color**, and not just print, **but with multiple photos**, featuring his business, Navarro Canoe Company, in the Quad City Times. Faced with the evidence, Bruce forked over \$5 for the big splash. Congratulations Bruce!! GREAT ARTICLE!



### LAMBERT LEADS THE WAY

Past President, Frank Lambert, who last week honored his father-in-law with designation as a Paul Harris Fellow, followed up this week with two \$50 donations. One starting a new sustaining membership for another family member, and the other in celebration of his birthday. Frank noted that one donation was to the Rotary International Foundation from which he took great pride in knowing he is playing a part in eradicating the world of Polio. The other donation was to our Rock Island Club Foundation where Frank said he takes great pride in knowing he is playing a role in supporting the Rock Island High School Enterprise and Entrepreneur program. Frank urges all of us to get involved and support our foundations and the great work they accomplish. Get started – See Bud Phillis!

**BOARD FILLS VACANCY** – Recently Rotary Board Member Jeff Eder notified the club that he had accepted a position in another community and as a result needed to resign both his Board position and club membership. The Board accepted his resignation with regret and then proceeded to fill the remaining term of his Board position with the appointment of former club secretary, Tricia Barron. Tricia graciously accepted the responsibility. We look forward to having her experience and expertise as a part of our Board of Directors. Best wishes to Jeff as he moves on to new challenges.

# Presidential message



**John F. Germ**

**President 2016-17**

**July 2016**

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Today, we look ahead toward a Rotary year that may one day be known as the greatest in our history: the year that sees the world's last case of polio. Wild poliovirus caused only 74 cases of polio in 2015, all of them in Afghanistan and Pakistan. As we continue to work tirelessly toward our goal of eradication, we must also look beyond it: preparing to leverage our success into even greater successes to come.

It is tremendously important to Rotary's future that our role in the eradication of polio be recognized. The more we are known for what we've achieved, the more we'll be able to attract the partners, the funding, and, most important, the members to achieve even more. We're working hard at RI headquarters to be sure that Rotary gets that recognition. But it can't all happen in Evanston. We need you to get the word out through your clubs and in your communities about what Rotary is and what we do. We need to be sure that our clubs are ready for the moment when polio is finally eradicated – so that when people who want to do good see that Rotary is a place where they can change the world, every Rotary club is ready to give them that opportunity.

We know that if we want to see *Rotary Serving Humanity* even better in the years ahead, we'll need more willing hands, more caring hearts, and more bright minds to move our work forward. We'll need clubs that are flexible, so that Rotary service will be attractive to younger members, recent retirees, and working people. We'll need to seek out new partnerships, opening ourselves more to collaborative relationships with other organizations.

Looking ahead, we also see a clear need to prioritize continuity in our leadership. We in Rotary are all playing on the same team, working toward the same goals. If we want to reach those goals together, we all have to move in the same direction – together.

Every day that you serve in Rotary, you have the opportunity to change lives. Everything you do matters; every good work makes the world better for us all. In this new Rotary year, we all have a new chance to change the world for the better, through *Rotary Serving Humanity*.