



# Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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## DISTRICT GOVERNOR ENERGIZES THE CLUB!

**Scott Shore**, our new District 6420 Governor visited our Club today and brought an enthusiastic message of Rotary's great history and exciting future. Governor Shore, a retired Circuit Court Judge and past president of the Putnam County Rotary Club opened his remarks with a question. He said "Who We Are isn't important", the question is "Why We Are"? He then provided the answer stating that we are Rotarians to "Come Together to Serve". He noted that together we can accomplish what individually we could never do. He then reminded us that this year we celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rotary International Foundation and have the international theme of "Rotary Serving Humanity". Shore noted that together Rotary has brought health and medical services to new borns and expectant mothers in areas of the world that have never before had adequate care. We have provided wells, clean water, and sanitation to people who previously weren't even aware that the lack of these necessities was causing the diseases and deaths so common to third world peoples. He pointed out that Rotarians working together have provided literacy support, books, and school supplies to children in need all over the world. Governor Shore traced the history of the Rotary Foundation from its beginning in 1917 with a \$28.50 donation to now funding the worldwide battle to eliminate polio and supporting research in seeking prevention and cures for HIV and malaria. He noted that when Rotary took on the fight to end polio, 1,000 daily were crippled by the disease. That number, over 350,000 per year, has now been reduced to 28 cases world-wide in the first eight months of this year. When 2 new cases appeared in Nigeria, Rotary sprang into action and 1.5 million were immunized in one week. Twenty-five million in Nigeria and surrounding areas will receive immunization in the next few weeks to ensure the two cases discovered won't lead to a renewed outbreak of the deadly disease. The Governor concluded his comments with an invitation for us to join in the celebration of Rotary and all the good it accomplishes by attending the District Celebration of the Foundation's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on November 5<sup>th</sup> at Deere Valley near Rock Falls. He urged each of us to "give something, whether it be just a happy dollar or a thousand dollars, so that our individual contribution can be part of the celebration." He also invited all of us to attend the District 6420 Conference on April 28-30<sup>th</sup> at the Starved Rock Lodge. He said they will be bringing New Orleans up the river with Dixieland jazz, Cajun food and music, and even the International Vice-President of Rotary will be attending. Finally, he urged use to join in the power and excitement of being in a room with 40,000 fellow Rotarians by attending this year's Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. Being there will certainly enforce the feeling that "Together We Can Accomplish What Individually We Could Never Do"!



### August – October Calendar

- Sept 20 - Rick Miers, RI High School Historian
- Sept 27 - Paul Fessler, Community Caring Conference
- Sept 28 - Meet & Greet at Earl Hanson Elementary 2:30pm
- Sept 29 - Birthday Books at Hanson
- Oct 4 - Dr. Allison Haskill, Augustana Speech, Language, Hearing Clinic
- Oct 5 - Pumpkin Palooza!
- Oct 11 - Leslie Kilganno, Quad Cities Interfaith
- Oct 18 - Jodie Kavensky, Norma Leah Ovarian Cancer Initiative
- Oct 25 - Alan Ross, Jewish Federation of the Quad Cities
- Nov 1 - Angie Peterson, Children's Therapy Center
- Nov 11 - Rotary Trivia Night
- Dec 6 - Rock Island Chamber Choir
- Dec 7 - Rotarv Circa 21 Partv



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Steve Morenz, President  
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Anne McGlynn, Secretary  
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## Board Members

Dave Geenen  
Jim Nordquist  
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Al Metz  
Tricia Barron  
Angela Campbell  
James Benson  
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## 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

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Rotary's annual **Trivia Night** is set for Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Get your team organized and ready to compete!

Silent Auction items are needed and can be donated individually or in the name of your company/business. See Kathy Trone

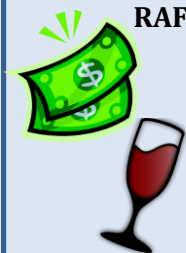
## Club Notes & Announcements!

□ **Welcome Guests!** At today's meeting Rock Island Rotary welcomed a multitude of guests. Alleman Jr. Rotarians, Augie Darrow and Lucy Adlfinger were introduced by Lisa Ahern, a member of the East Moline Rotary Club. Adriane Shore, wife of our District Governor and a member of the Putnam County Rotary Club attended along with Cathy Edwards, a member of the Milan Rotary Club and our Area VIII Assistant District Governor. Diane Phillis, wife of Bud Phillis was present, as was Virginia Houlton, wife of Fred Houlton, and Nancy Luckenbill, wife of Fred Luckenbill. It should be noted that both "Freds" are former District Governors. Jane Cunningham, wife of Pat Cunningham was in attendance, as was Pete Peterson, a guest of Frank Lambert. Rounding out our guest list were our lovely exchange daughter, Agata Burzynska; Duncan Cameron, visiting from the Naples, Florida Rotary, and Kmille Brashear who advised Vice President Bruce Peterson that her name was "French". Bruce admitted he couldn't properly pronounce it, even if it were English! Rock Island Rotary always welcomes guests, particularly prospective members! Invite a friend next week!!

□ **Major Joint Rotary Event!** Mark your calendar for October 13<sup>th</sup>. Along with Rotarians from all area clubs, we will meet at the St. Ambrose Rogalski Center at 5pm. The evening will begin with a brief social time followed by welcomes and introductions. Then Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars will speak about the impact Rotary has had on their lives. The session will then conclude with a joint service project for Kids Against Hunger. Rotarians, Rotaract, Interact and Jr. Rotarians will join in preparing meals to be distributed to local pantries via the Riverbend Food Bank. The entire event will end by 7pm. All club members are urged to attend and participate! Let's be the largest group there!!

□ **Pumpkin Palooza is coming!** Rotarians needed to meet the Earl Hanson 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Classes at the Pumpkin Patch. The date is Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Time frame is 9am to 1:30pm. See Mike Locander for details.

□ **Have Items for our Newsletter?** For September publication send items to Bob Swanson at [bobdebswanson@att.net](mailto:bobdebswanson@att.net).



## RAFFLE AGAIN BUILDS ROTARY FOUNDATION COFFERS!

Today's Foundation Raffle featured a bottle of fine wine from the Lo Milani Cellar and cash. The first ticket drawn was held by past president Jeff Dismer. He promptly donated the money to our exchange daughter, Agata Burzynska. The second lucky winner, was Assistant District Governor, Cathy Edwards, who took home the wine. Thanks to all who participated!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY SEPTEMBER ROTARIANS!!

Congratulations to these club members who celebrate their birthdays this month:

Tammy Weikert	September 2	Bill Groh	September 26
Molly Shattuck	September 4	Al Metz	September 26
Father Dan Mirabelli	September 24	John Slover	September 28



## GOT YOUR DINING BOOK?



Once again Rotary offers you the Quad Cities Dining Tour book with over 330 money saving coupons good at over 140 local restaurants! Best of all each book contains a two

for one Circa 21 Coupon you can use for our Rotary Holiday Party. That one use will save you more than the entire cost of the book! Each book sells for \$35 and Rotary receives \$10 for each sale. See Fred Luckenbill and get your 2016-2017 Quad Cities Dining Tour Book today!

### New Member Proposed

Dave Geenen has proposed for membership, Eric Moore, principal at Rock Island High School. Please direct any comments to President Morenz or Vice-President Peterson.

## Rock Island Rotary Supports WVIK

Budget Priorities Chairman, Frank Lambert, introduced Pete Peterson from WVIK radio, our local public broadcasting outlet, and presented Mr. Peterson with a \$500 Rotary Donation. Mr. Peterson expressed the appreciation of WVIK and thanked Rotary for both the donation and for listing to public broadcasting. He also mentioned several Rotary members and Rotary Spouses that serve as volunteer WVIK readers.



Frank Lambert presents the **big** check to WVIK's Pete Peterson. The check is a \$500 donation from Rock Island Rotary. Someone forgot to tell Bruce to duck!

Rick Emery had the honor of induction into Rotary by our District Governor, Scott Shore. Rick is Vice-President and Senior Trust Officer at American Bank & Trust. He was proposed for membership by Stan Coin. Rick and his wife, Connie, reside in Swansea, Illinois. Welcome Rick! All Rock Island Rotarians look forward to meeting you.

## HONORED FOR SERVICE AND DEDICATION!



Fred Houlton, Gov. Shore, Fred Luckenbill  
Past President and Past District Governor, **Fred Houlton** was recognized by current District Governor and Past District Governor, Fred Luckenbill for **52 years of Rotary perfect attendance!** As usual, humble Fred, deflected the spotlight and used the occasion to wish Governor Shore a successful year. Thank you Fred for all you do and all you mean to our club and thank you Virginia for being present for this momentous occasion and for lending us Fred for all those years and many more to come!

## OUR NEWEST MEMBER INDUCTED BY GOV!



Mentor Frank Lambert and President Steve Morenz look on as District Governor Scott Shore inducts Rick Emery into Rock Island Rotary.



## ROCK ISLAND ROTARY HOLIDAY PARTY

Circa 21

Wednesday, December 7th

Salon Party 5pm – 6pm

Buffet 5:45 – 7pm

Bootlegger Show – 7:15

Holly Jolly Christmas 7:45

Don't be a Scrooge!!  
Make your reservation!

**RESERVE NOW**  
**PAY LATER**

See Bob Swanson  
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## 50 Things Every Rotarian Should Know About Rotary

Taken from an article by Steve Garret, District Governor 1994-1995

### 7 – FIRST NAMES OR NICKNAMES

From the earliest days of Rotary, members have referred to each other on a first-name basis. Since personal acquaintanceship and friendship are cornerstones of Rotary, it was natural that many clubs adopted the practice of setting aside formal titles in conversations among members. Individuals who normally would be addressed as Doctor, Professor, Mister, the Honorable, or Sir, are regularly called Joe, Bill, Charley, or Jerry by other Rotarians. The characteristic Rotary club name badge fosters the first-name custom.

In a few areas, such as Europe, club members use a more formal style in addressing fellow members. In other parts of the world, mainly in Asian countries, the practice is to assign each new Rotarian a humorous nickname which relates to some personal characteristic or which is descriptive of the member's business or profession. A member nicknamed "Oxygen" is the manufacturer of chemical gas products. "Trees" is the nickname for the Rotarian in the lumber business, "Building" is the contractor, "Paper" is the stationery or office supply retailer. Other members might carry nicknames like, "Muscles", "Foghorn", or "Smiles" as commentaries on the physical features.

The nicknames are frequently a source of good-natured fun and fellowship. But whether a Rotarian is addressed by a given first name or a nickname, the spirit of personal friendship is the initial step which opens doors to all other opportunities for service.

*We'll follow up with more of the 50 Things Every Rotarian Should Know About Rotary in future issues.*

## IT HAPPENED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS!

Now that I have your attention, let me tell you about a very special meeting. Today District Governor, Scott Shore, asked to meet with your Rock Island Rotary Board of Directors. In my years in Rotary this is the first time a District Governor has made such a request. At 11am your officers, directors, two Past District Governors, and our Foundation Chairman sat down for a 1-hour private meeting with the Governor. After introductions Governor Shore asked a very simple question, "What is Rock Island Rotary Known For". He then went around the table and asked each and everyone what we thought Rock Island Rotary is known for. Responses included literacy, polio eradication, youth activities, support for numerous community activities and projects, food bank, Pumpkin Palooza, birthday books, Entrepreneur and Enterprise Class at Rocky, our Urban Gardens project, Earl Hanson partnership, and many more. Governor Shore then noted that none of us are in it to be "known for" what we do. We do it because we are community leaders who come together to serve. However, he added, if we are to attract new members and grow we need to let the community know what we do. He made suggestions to help us in that respect including using newspapers, our website, and most importantly, word of mouth. Rather than ask others to join, he suggests we first tell them what we do and then ask if they would like to be a part of such an organization. Great session Governor. Thanks!

## Cunninghams Lauded for Foundation Support



With Assistant Governor Cathy Edwards looking on, Rock Island Rotarian Pat Cunningham and wife Jane were recognized by District Governor Scott Shore as **Paul Harris Plus 1** donors in recognition of contributions of \$2000 to the Rotary International Foundation. Here Pat examines the new Paul Harris Pin presented to him by the Governor which now includes a sapphire designating the “Plus 1” status. Our Club currently has 50 members who are Paul Harris Fellows. Many have earned “plus” status by going far beyond their initial donation. You can begin working toward your Paul Harris Fellow by making a small donation to the Foundation and telling Foundation Chairman, Bud Phillis, you want to be a “SUSTAINING MEMBER”. Bud will then keep track of all your contributions and

when you reach a total of \$600 our Club will donate the final \$400 to make you a \$1,000 contributor and a **Paul Harris Fellow**. Then like Pat and Jan Cunningham you can achieve further recognition by making additional contributions. Don’t wait any longer to get started. Take your initial check to Bud and just say “I want to be a Sustaining Member”. Congratulations to Pat and Jane! Thank you for your generosity.

## THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. As the charitable arm of Rotary, we tap into a global network of Rotarians who invest their time, money, and expertise into our priorities, such as eradicating polio and promoting peace. Foundation grants empower Rotarians to approach challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition with sustainable solutions that leave a lasting impact.

Strong financial oversight, a stellar charity rating, and a unique funding model mean that we make the very most of your contribution. Give and become a part of Rotary’s life-changing work!

## CHARITY NAVIGATOR UPGRADES ROTARY FOUNDATION’S RATING

The Rotary Foundation has received the highest possible score from [Charity Navigator](#), an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S.

In the most recent ratings, released on 1 September, The Rotary Foundation earned the maximum 100 points for both financial health and accountability and transparency.

The ratings reflect how efficiently Charity Navigator believes the Foundation will use donations, how well it has sustained programs and services, and its level of commitment to good governance and openness.

In the previous rating, the Foundation had received 97 points.