



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review



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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER

President Bruce Peterson A Year to Remember



Today marked our final meeting under the leadership of President, Bruce Peterson, with his term officially ending on June 30th. Bruce, who transferred to our club from the Belvidere Club in 2012, rose “through the chairs” quickly and proved to be a very dedicated and capable leader. He used the opportunity of presiding over his last meeting today by being our program and giving us a “State of the Club” type address. He began his comments by asking each table to write down how much they thought our club raised for community and international humanitarian projects during the past 12 months. Guesses ranged from \$15,000 to \$60,000. Stay tuned for the answer! Bruce noted and paid tribute to 3 loyal members who we lost during the year. Chuck Austin lost his life in a tragic accident while volunteering in the preparation for the John Deere Classic. Two month’s later John Neary lost his battle with cancer. Just two months after John, Fred Luckenbill was lost to the same disease. All three losses were felt deeply by Bruce and our club. Bruce noted that even after passing, Fred continued to impact Rotary with memorials and other donations pushing our Augustana Rotary Scholarship fund to \$9,998. Bruce continued with a list of Rotary fundraising events noting that the Trivia Night raised \$3,670; our first annual Rotary Ramble 5K race raised \$2,400; the “A Little Off-Key” dueling pianos fundraiser brought in \$1,656 for our club and the same amount for the RAH Club. The annual Dining Book sales raised another \$1,300. In supporting community projects our local club Foundation donated \$2,000 to the Children’s Therapy Center which went towards creating a “Rotary Room” at the Center. The Foundation also donated \$12,000 to the Rock Island Girls Softball League to help fund lights for their newest field. In return the field has been name the “Rock Island Rotary Field”. Our Club received a \$3,000 Rotary District Grant that funded the Youth Hope MAD SKILLS program which is now offered at 4 different locations. From our general funds ten different area projects received donations from our Community Grants Committee with a total of \$7,500 donated. We also contributed \$2,000 to help the Ottawa Rotary Club equip a newly built medical clinic in Uganda. We raised \$22,675 this year for our own Kenya Water Filter Project which is now providing safe drinking water for over 11,000 children and in total represents over \$40,000 donated. We spent \$5,000 for Rotary Youth Exchange, which Bruce pointed out was well spent for our incredibly sweet daughter from Thailand, Pat Rungrueng. Our Club also was proud to have thirteen new Paul Harris Fellows over the past 12 months. In Community Service, Bruce pointed out that we built and installed Little Libraries throughout the city, planted over 500 trees as part of our International President’s plant a tree for each Rotary member campaign (we planted more than 5 per member!). We continued our support of the RIHS Entrepreneurship program providing coaches and mentors; rang bells for the Salvation Army; and manned the Heart of Hope Food Pantry every Thursday evening. We also had our fun, sponsoring social events at the River Bandits, attending Circa 21 for our Holiday Party, cheered on the Steamwheelers in arena football, and occasionally relaxed as “Wining Rotarians” at our favorite local wine establishment. All of that, plus donations made by members to the Rotary International Foundation pushed our total in funds raised and donated in the past year to **\$71,254!** It was indeed quite a year, and a year for which retiring president Bruce received a well deserved standing ovation. Our thanks to you Bruce for a job very well done!

June – July Calendar

- July 3 - New President – Sue Cassatt
Installation and Address
- July 10 - Water Filter Project with Bob
and Bud & the Rocky
Softball Champions
- July 17 - Cindy Duncan – Ottawa
Rotary Club
- July 24 - District Governor Kathleen
Kwiat-Hess
- July 31 - Amy Schaefer, Marketing
Director, YWCA Quad Cities
- Aug 7 - TBA
- Aug 14 - Tony McCombie – State of
the State.
- Aug 21 - Club Assembly



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Officers

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

Board Members

Dave Geenen
 Jim Nordquist
 Molly Shattuck
 Al Metz
 Tammy Weikert
 Sarah Gorham
 Justin Peterson
 Sara Cross
 Co-Sergeant at Arms
 Bob Swanson & Vic Boblett

Program Chairs 2017-18

Aug – Sept: Fred Luckenbill
 Oct – Nov: Tom Hammar
 Dec – Jan: John Wetzel
 Feb – Mar: Gary Rowe
 Apr – May: Dave Geenen
 June - July: Justin Peterson/
 Bill Groh

Club Notes & Announcements!

- ☐ **WELCOME GUESTS!** Rock Island Rotary was pleased to welcome several guests to today’s meeting. Visiting Rotarians included, Duncan Cameron from the Naples, Florida Club and Virginia Houlton was a guest of hubby Fred Houlton. Heather, Janey, and Alison Locander were guests of birthday boy, Mike Locander. Invite a guest to next week’s meeting!
- ☐ **NEXT WEEK INSTALLATION OF OUR PRESIDENT** – Next week incoming President, Sue Cassatt will be installed by Assistant District Governor, Dave Emerick. Be on hand to hear Sue’s outlook for the coming year as she returns fired up from attending the Toronto International Rotary Convention this week.
- ☐ **PAT LEAVING FOR THAILAND** – Exchange Daughter Pat will be leaving from the Quad Cities International Airport at 9:30am on Friday, July 6th. We’d love to have Rotarians on hand to see her off. We need to be at the airport by 9:00am to wish her well before she goes through the TSA screening.
- ☐ **RIVER BANDIT TICKETS** are now available. Cost for a reserved box seat is \$10 per ticket. The game is Thursday, July 19th. It will be Rotary Night at the Ball Park. Reserve your tickets by emailing bobdebswanson@att.net or at next week’s meeting. Reserve now – pay later. What a deal!
- ☐ **SERVICE OPPORTUNITY** – Help is needed with the Heart of Hope Food Pantry. Loyal helpers Al Metz and Steve Morenz have limited availability this month, so we need help! Thursdays from 6 to 7:30pm is all that is required. If you can help one Thursday in June it will be greatly appreciated. It’s easy duty and is truly Service Above Self at its most basic definition. Contact Al Metz or Steve Morenz to volunteer. Used plastic bags are needed too.
- ☐ **Have Items for our Newsletter?** Email to bobdebswanson@att.net. If you attend a Rotary event and take pictures, please also email or text them to Bob. The newsletter is much better with lots of photos!

FOUNDATION RAFFLE REPORT



Today’s raffle featured fine wine from the Lo Milani Collection and a 50/50 cash drawing. It proved to be a day that one of our members should end with a visit to the local gambling houses! The first ticket drawn was held by Gary Rowe who took the cash and immediately donated it to the Rotary International Foundation. The second ticket drawn was one number lower than the first ticket and of course, it was also held by none other than Gary Rowe. He was presented with the Lo Milani wine and did not offer to donate it to anyone! Congratulations Gary. Luck like that shouldn’t be wasted! Keep in mind, all raffle proceeds go to the Rotary International Foundation helping to fund humanitarian projects throughout the world.

Thank you for participating!

BUD & JOHN SHARE THEIR ANNIVESARY!



In what has become an annual event, Bud Phillis and John Wetzel commemorated their wedding anniversary by making donations to the Rotary Foundation. One dollar for each year of marriage. They share the same date, but not the same bride. For Bud it was a \$60 donation for his marriage to Diane. For John is was 49 years of marriage to Marcia and a \$49 contribution. Thanks guys and congratulations!



← 60 years for Bud

49 years for John →

Foundation Minute

The Rotary Foundation was founded by Arch Klumph in 1916 and left us with these words: "The Rotary Foundation is not to build monuments of brick and stone. If we work upon marble, it will perish; if we work on brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds, if we imbue them with the full meaning of the spirit of Rotary ... we are engraving on those tablets something that will brighten all eternity."

Your contribution to The Rotary Foundation will make this happen. Thank you.

New Officers & Directors Inducted for 2018 - 2019

Assistant District Governor, Dave Emerick inducted our officers and directors for the 2018-2019 Rotary Year, at today's meeting Sue Cassatt, incoming president was absent attending the Rotary International Conference in Toronto. She will be inducted next week when the new regime officially begins the new Rotary year.



President,
Sue Cassatt



1st Vice-Pres.,
Mark Mayeski



2nd Vice Pres,
Angela Campbell



Secretary,
Anne McGlynn



Treasurer
Carrie Crossen



Sgt. At Arms (Co)
Bob Swanson



Sgt. At Arms (Co)
Vic Boblett



Director 1 Yr,
Tammy Weikert



Director 1 Yr.
Sarah Gorham



Director 1 Yr.
Molly Shattuck



Director 1 Yr.
Justin Peterson



Director 2 Yr.,
Bill Stengel



Director 2 Yr.
John Oliger



Director 2 Yr.
Kathy Lelonek



Director 2 Yr.
Rick Emery



Past President
Bruce Peterson



Assistant District Governor
Dave Emerick presided over
the installation of officers.





ROTARY NIGHT AT MODERN WOODMEN PARK

Thursday, July 19, 2018 6:35 vs. South Bend Cubs
PRE-CAME MIXER ON THE FORD DECK BEGINNING AT 5:00 PM

SIGN UP FOR TICKETS AT NEXT WEEK'S MEETING

\$10 Reserved Box Seats

Tickets can be purchased at our Rotary meetings
Friends and family welcome to attend the event

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OUR 13th PAUL HARRIS FELLOW OF THE YEAR!

Today, Fred and Virginia Houlton honored their great granddaughter, Cambria Knox, as a Paul Harris Fellow. Virginia, speaking for the Houltons, mentioned that this was the 12th Paul Harris Fellow that Fred and she have funded. Their dedication to Rotary and humanitarian work is shown not only in their generous contributions honoring family members, but also in Fred's serving as our Club President in 1970-71, serving as our District Governor in 1985-86, and maintaining his Rotary membership with near perfect attendance for fifty-five years and counting!



BUD & DIANE CELEBRATE 60 YEARS OF MARITAL BLISS!



Bud Phillis told Rotary that last Saturday he and wife Diane celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a weekend long visit hosting their entire family, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren gathered at the Phillis residence for the gala celebration which featured Whitey's ice cream, Harris Pizza, and a Hy Vee catered dinner served under a tent to the more than 40 family members. But the highlight of the day, one which Bud said brought tears to his eyes was the gift presented to Bud and Diane from their "kids"; a framed certificate stating that a Rock Island Rotary Water Filter had been purchased in their honor for delivery to children in rural Nairobi, Kenya. Bud proudly showed off his certificate!

