



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

# Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



## JUSTIN PETERSON 107<sup>th</sup> PRESIDENT ROCK ISLAND ROTARY



### July Calendar

- July 13 - Norm Moline retired Augie professor talks about China
- July 20 - John Phillips does a tribute concert to John Prine
- July 27 - Dr. Louis Katz Infectious Disease Medical Dir., Scott County Health Department

Today Justin Peterson was installed as our Club president for 2021-22. Justin is a graduate of the class of 2000 at Rock Island High School. He received his bachelor's degree from Knox College in Economics with a minor in finance. He has spent his career in the banking industry, starting at Staff Management as Manager of Business Solutions. He then became Assistant Vice President - Business Relationship Manager for Wells Fargo Bank. Justin moved to Deere Harvester Credit Union in 2012 where he served as Business Services Manager. In 2015 he was hired by First Midwest Bank as Vice President of Commercial Banking and in 2018 he moved to his current position as Vice President, Commercial Banking at TBK Bank in Bettendorf. In 2007 Justin married his high school sweetheart, Rachel Boyle. The couple along with their darling son reside in Andalusia.

Justin began his address to the club praising and thanking immediate past president Angela Campbell for her excellent leadership through the past very difficult pandemic year. Justin said she has left our Club in a great place, poised to grow and flourish in the future. Turning to his upcoming administration, Justin said he was, "Humbled, honored, and excited" to be chosen to lead the Rock Island Rotary Club which he described as the best service organization in the Quad Cities. He referred to International President Shekhar Mehta theme for the year, "Serve to Change Lives" and said that he believes the greatest gift we are given is the power to touch lives and noted that Rotary service is a way we can do just that. He then asked each of us to think, "Am I going to be an active Club member, or just along?" He urged us to be a part of all Club activities. He also said he hoped to place emphasis on the Environment and asked members to consider how we can have an impact on that cause. He also urged us to grow, again referring to International President Mehta and his call to "Each One - Bring One", with the hope of doubling Rotary membership worldwide. Justin set goals for increasing both our active and corporate membership, seeking to reach 70 active members and 10 corporate member (each with the capabilities of bring in 4 new members) by the end of his term. Finally, Justin urged continued support for the Rotary Foundation and noted that our District has recently announced a "Baseball World Series" contest for all Clubs in the District. For the Contest, the District has been divided into five divisions. Our Club is in the Western Division. The contest will be judged on a "per capita" donations to the Foundation. During July and August, Clubs are encouraged to get their teams picked & prepped, including each club's Foundation chair and committee members. Club goals including giving to the Annual Fund and PolioPlus should be agreed and reported to Rotary Club Central. And most important, club leaders should engage their club members to assure each player understands his/her importance in bringing home their division championship. From September thru May monthly, updated year-to-date club rankings of foundation giving will be reported. In addition, the division rankings will be posted and updated on the District 6420 website. In June the division winners from each Division will have 30 additional days to swing for the fences to compete for the "World Series Trophy" for 2021-22. The division winner with the highest aggregate per capita giving at the close of business on June 30 will be awarded the trophy. Justin urged members to follow his lead and become regular Foundation donors using the automatic electronic transfer option. He said he donates \$20 per pay check and finds that it really isn't missed and over time it builds up to a significant contribution to the Foundation. We felt that Justin got off to a great start and look forward to 2021-22 and all it may have to offer. Keeping in mind that as in the case of most things, we get out of it only in proportion to what we put in. To touch lives as Justin hopes, we will all need to commit to be active club members both in supporting projects and supporting our Foundations. Thank you Justin for setting the course! We look forward to following your lead!



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## Officers

Justin Peterson, President  
Cindi Gramenz, 1st Vice Pres.  
Eric Westphall, 2nd Vice Pres.  
Anne McGlynn, Secretary  
Carrie Crossen, Treasurer  
Angela Campbell, Past President

## Board Members

John Daly  
Rick DeVinney  
Dan McNeil  
Monta Ponsetto  
Sue Rector  
Gary Rowe  
Molly Shattuck  
Kathy Trone  
Bob Swanson Co-Sgt.-at-Arms  
Cindi Gramenz Co-Sgt.-at-Arms

## Program Chairs

### 2021-22

|           |                              |
|-----------|------------------------------|
| Aug-Sept  | - Gary Rowe                  |
| Oct - Nov | - Frank Lambert              |
| Dec-Jan   | - John Wetzel                |
| Feb-Mar   | - Kai Swanson/<br>Dave Hodge |
| Apr-May   | - Kathy Trone/<br>Jeff Rose  |
| Jun-Jul   | - Tom Hammar                 |

# Club Notes & Announcements!

- WELCOME GUESTS** – Today we had just two visitors and they were both frequent visiting Rotarians. Duncan Cameron from the Naples, FL Club and Mark Zimmerman joined were with us. Guests are always welcome at the “Number One Club”. How long has it been since you invited a friend or colleague to be your guest at Rock Island Rotary?
- INDUCTION NEXT WEEK** - Officer and Directors for the coming Rotary year will be inducted during next week’s meeting. **All incoming officers and directors are urged to attend!** In addition to the induction ceremony, incoming President, Justin Peterson will be presenting his innugural address laying out his goals, and hopes for the coming year. We hope every member will mark their calendar and ateedn this annual and important meeting. 5
- HELP NEEDED – AT HEART OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY** Volunteers are needed from 3:30pm to 5:30pm every Thursday to help make up food packages and assist in handing them to needy recipients. It is strictly as drive thru, no contact distribution. Heart of Hope also needs old grocery sacks. They also have a clothing ministry and need donations of clothes. Older or slightly used men’s, women’s, and children’s clothing will be appreciated. This time of year, coats, gloves, and caps, as well as warm pants and shirts/blouses are greatly appreciated. Project chair Steve Morenz will arrange to collect sacks and clothing. Email Steve at [smorenz3@gmail.com](mailto:smorenz3@gmail.com).
- WE ARE BACK TO LIVE MEETINGS** so it’s time to get back into the habit of attending Rotary and bringing a guest who might also be interested in great fellowship, community service, and networking with the area’s leading business and service professionals. Who do you know that would be a great addition to our club?
- HAVE ITEMS FOR OUR NEWSLETTER?** Email items, including photos to Bob Swanson at [bobdebswanson@att.net](mailto:bobdebswanson@att.net).



## FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Today’s Foundation featured a 50/50 cash drawing! The winner (for the second week in a row!) was Bud Phillis, who once again his winnings to the Rotary International Foundation. Thanks to all who participated. Proceeds go to the Rotary International Foundation and are used to continue Rotary’s humanitarian and disease eradicating work throughout the world.

## New Members Inducted

President Peterson had the pleasure today of inducting two new members into our Club. Ametra Carrol a former member rejoined the club along with Kaleigh Trammell. Ametra is the Lead Organizer for the Community Caring Conference. Kayleigh is the new Festival of Trees Administrator for Quad City Arts. Pictured with their mentors, Dave Geenen and Cindi Gramenz, President Peterson conducts their membership induction. We are excited to welcome them into Rock Island Rotary and look forward to working with them in the coming year.





## FOUNDATION MINUTE

Happy Independence Day to all American Rotarians around the World!  
Welcome to Week 1 of July, RI's Month of Transition.

This past week Rotary has been in "Week of Transition." The annual Passing of the Gavel to a new corps of dedicated Rotarians, intent on continuing the practice of doing good all over the world has been happening across the Rotary world, at the Club, District, Zone, and International levels.

For TRF, the gavel has passed from the 2020-21 Trustee Chair, K.R Ravindran to John F. Germ for the 2021-22 Service Year. Germ, an engineer by profession, joined the Rotary Club of Chattanooga, TN, in 1976. He has had many roles since then. He has served as RI president in 2016-17, vice president, director, Foundation trustee and vice chair, aide to the Foundation trustee chair, chair of Rotary's \$200 Million Challenge, RI Board Executive Committee member, chair of numerous committees, area coordinator, and RI training leader.

In 2013, the White House recognized him as a Champion of Change. Germ has received Rotary's Service Above Self Award and the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service and Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award. He and his wife, Judy, are Foundation Benefactors and members of the Arch Klumph Society.

The Rotary Foundation Trustees have three responsibilities: one to raise money; two, to invest money; and three, to spend money. Right now, we're about \$17 million per year short. We have to increase funding. (John F. Germ, Rotary July 2021).

To donate to TRF, go to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

## ROTARY BASEBALL CHALLENGE

Diehard White Sox fan John Phillips has thrown down the gauntlet! He has heard enough from the Cardinals, Cubs, Brewers, Yankees, and fans of other major league teams! John says it is time to "Put up or Shut up!" So, here is his challenge: "We have many baseball fans in our club who are loyal to their teams. Cubs, Cardinals and White Sox dominate but there are other teams as well. These teams are doing well this year and have post season aspirations. As a Sox fan, I am willing to bet that the win/loss record for the White Sox will be better than the other teams at the end of the regular season. If they do not have the best record, I will donate \$100 to the Rock Island Rotary Foundation. I challenge the other fans of their favorite teams to do the same. If their team does not have a better record than the other teams in the challenge, they agree to donate \$100, \$50, or \$25 to the Rock Island Rotary Foundation or the Rotary International Foundation (their choice)."

To join the Challenge, we need to know your name, your team, and the amount you agree to pledge if your team does not have a better final record than other teams in the challenge. Rotarians can let John or Bob Swanson know if they want to participate. Who is willing to face the Challenge and add your name?



John Phillips  
Bill Stengel  
Jim Nordquist  
Kathy Trone



Frank Lambert



Anne McGlynn  
Bob Swanson  
Jim Moran  
Gary Rowe  
Justin Peterson  
Molly Shattuck



Duncan Cameron



Doug Hultquist



John Olinger

*We would have guessed there are more than one Cardinal fans in the Club, but if you are reluctant to admit it, Cub fans can understand why!*





# ROCK ISLAND ROTARY 2021-22 LEADERSHIP TEAM



Justin Peterson, President



Cindi Gramenz, 1<sup>st</sup> V-Pres



Eric Westphall, 2<sup>nd</sup> V-Pres



Angela Campbell, Past-Pres



Anne McGlynn, Secretary



Carrie Crossen, Treasurer



Bob Swanson, Sgt. At Arms



John Daly, Director



Rick Devinney, Director



Dan McNeil, Director



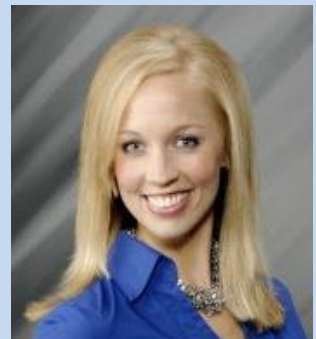
Monta Ponsetto, Director



Sue Rector, Director



Gary Rowe, Director



Molly Shattuck, Director



Kathy Trone, Director

We are proud of our  
past and excited and  
for the future!



The Board meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 11:45am in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room at Studio 483 Architects, 124 Arts Alley, in downtown Rock Island. All club members are welcome to attend the meetings.

*See more Induction photos on Page 6*

TWO WEEKS AGO JEFF ROSE TOLD US ABOUT THE UPCOMING ROCK ISLAND ROTARY

# WINE AUCTION

FEATURING OUTSTANDING HIGH LEVEL WINE FROM THE NIMBLE VINEYARD  
OF SONOMA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA



Winners of the 2019 Sunset International Wine Competition  
Best of Class, Double Gold Award Winner  
\*Nimble Vineyards Nobis Cabernet Sauvignon\*

This will be a 2 week long “ON-LINE” Silent Auction Starting in Mid-August  
WE NEED CLUB MEMBERS TO STEP UP AND HELP WITH EXPENSES

We have received a generous donation of nearly \$7,000 worth of wine but must pay for shipping, taxes and miscellaneous expense for preparing the wine for auction.

Email Jeff [jrose@ambankqc.com](mailto:jrose@ambankqc.com) or Ruth Lee [rotarianruth@gmail.com](mailto:rotarianruth@gmail.com) to sign up!

Here are the needs and opportunities:

Auction Sponsors – You/Your Business or Entity will be recognized as an Auction Sponsor in all pre-auction promotions on Facebook, Twitter, Internet, and directed emails. You will also be shown as a sponsor in the On-Line Auction itself for the entire time the auction is open (minimum of 2 weeks)! Cost - \$200.00

Swag Sponsors – Your Business or Entity provides Swag promoting your business which will be added to an auction item. That item will then be named including your name. I.e., “John Doe Company Nobis Cabernet Sauvignon Delight”. That name will appear on the item throughout the auction (minimum of 2 weeks) continuing all the way through to the successful purchase of the item. Variable Cost - \$100, \$150, \$200

**HAVE YOU SIGNED UP YET?**

## NEW PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

Rotarian Sue Rector honored her husband Rick by naming him the recipient of her 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Harris Fellow designation. Since joining our Club in 1918 Sue has been one of our most active and dedicated members. In addition to volunteering for and chairing numerous committees, Sue as a regular contributor to the Rotary Foundation. She earned the Paul Harris Fellow distinction personally over a year ago and through steady support of the Foundation has now earned enough donation credits to add Rick as our most recent Paul Harris Fellow honoree. Congratulations Sue and Rick!





## EXTREMELY SAD WEEK FOR ROCK ISLAND ROTARY

Club members were deeply saddened by the passing of two of our most dedicated and loyal Rotarians.



On Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> Don Peterson passed away at the Clarissa Cook Hospice House in Bettendorf, Iowa. Don joined Rock Island Rotary in 1967 and rarely missed a meeting in his 54-year tenure in the club. He served as our President for 1989-90 and was awarded the A.T. Peara Service Above Self Award in 1999. He and wife Virginia are both Paul Harris Fellows. Don was a "fixture" at the front table for every meeting and was always willing to offer his support and assistance for club projects and activities. He will be greatly missed



Today as members arrived for our weekly meeting, we received word that Tom Showalter unexpectedly passed away this morning. Tom was an extremely active member of our club and served for many years as a Sergeant at Arms Aide, recording attendance for members, helping to assign seating, filling out weekly financial reports and helping to set up and take down the dining room for each meeting. Tom joined Rock Island Rotary in 1997. He and wife Ann are both Paul Harris Fellows. He too will be greatly missed

## OFFICERS AND BOARD INDUCTION



### New Executive Club Officers

Carrie Crossen, Anne McGlynn, Cindi Gramenz, Justin Peterson, and Eric Westphall



### Outgoing President Angela Campbell passes the Gavel to Justin Peterson

Angela hands the President's Gavel to Justin Peterson with 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Cindy Gramenz and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Eric Westphall looking on.



**2021-22 Board of Directors rise to be Inducted by Angela Campbell as Club members look on.** New Directors are Rick Devinney, Molly Shattuck, Gary Rowe, Monta Ponsetto, Sue Rector, John Daly, Kathy Trone, and Sergeant at Arms, Bob Swanson.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROTARIANS!

CONGRATULATIONS ROCK ISLAND ROTARIANS CELEBRATING JULY BIRTHDAYS!

|                |      |    |
|----------------|------|----|
| Ernest Beane   | July | 3  |
| Lo Milani      | July | 6  |
| Holly Sparkman | July | 7  |
| Kevin Koski    | July | 12 |
| Frank Lambert  | July | 15 |
| Doug Hultquist | July | 28 |



## ROTARY REINDEER RAMBLE



**SUNDAY**

**December 5, 2021**

**9:00AM**

START & FINISH – CIRCA 21, 1828 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Rock Island, IL 61201

COURSE - Flat & Fast, scenic, accurate, wheeled distance.

SHIRTS - Size guaranteed to pre-registered runners and walkers

RUNNER'S AWARDS-- Overall male and female 3 awards per ages 0-9, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80+

WALKER'S AWARDS-- Overall male and female, 3 awards per age groups 0-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+ ALL THIS PLUS GREAT FOOD & DRINK!

REGISTER ONLINE - **GETMEREGISTERED.COM/ROTARYREINDEERRAMBLE**

REGISTRATION FEES – Pre-registered, postmarked not later than 11-20-20 **\$25.00**

Rotary members **\$23.00**

After Nov 20, **\$30.00** for all!

PACKET PICKUP & REGISTRATION 7:30AM to 8:45AM RACE DAY

GRAND PRIZE! GIFT CERTIFICATE for two for CIRCA 21. for pre-registered runners only!  
MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN! NO EXCEPTIONS!

If you have questions call Dick or Mary Fislar at 309-788-0500 or e-mail  
cruisemaster18@yahoo.com

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**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM (MAY BE DUPLICATED) PLEASE PRINT!!!**

First name \_\_\_\_\_ Mid \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age race day \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Run \_\_\_\_\_ Walk \_\_\_\_\_

Circle shirt size S M L XL XXL (ADD \$2.00 for XXL) Phone \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

No shirt option \_\_\_\_\_ deduct \$5.00 if you choose no shirt!

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**WAIVER (MUST BE SIGNED)** In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I for myself, my executors, administrators, and assignees, do hereby release and discharge Rock Island Rotary, the City of Rock Island, any sponsors, supporters, or volunteers, for all claims of damages, demands, actions whatsoever in any manner arising or growing out of my participation in the ROTARY REINDEER RAMBLE 5K Run or Walk. I attest and verify that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in this event, am physically fit, and sufficiently trained to participate in this event.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Participant, or Parent or Guardian if under 18 years of age.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ROCK ISLAND ROTARY Mail entry and payment to ROTARY, P.O. Box 4271, Rock Island, IL 61201. NO REFUNDS RACE WILL BE HELD REGARDLESS!

## BOARD APPROVES \$100,000 BUDGET FOR 2021-2022

### Budget

#### Receipts

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Dues                                    | \$57,000.00         |
| Fines                                   | \$1,500.00          |
| Meals                                   | \$1,200.00          |
| Dishes (Tips for Caterer)               | \$500.00            |
| Birdies For Charity (Club Foundation)   | \$6,000.00          |
| Dining Books                            | \$500.00            |
| Trivia                                  | \$7,000.00          |
| Rotary Night at the Ballpark            | \$300.00            |
| Rotary Ramble                           | \$2,250.00          |
| Wine Raffle                             | \$2,500.00          |
| Wine Auction                            | \$3,011.44          |
| Rock Island Club Foundation             | \$11,488.56         |
| "Rock Island Club Foundation" pass-thru | \$0.00              |
| District Grant                          | \$1,500.00          |
| Interest Earned                         | \$50.00             |
| Water Project (Filter Fund)             | \$5,000.00          |
| Angel Tree pass-thru                    | \$0.00              |
| Misc Donations (cheese & roses sales)   | \$200.00            |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>                   | <b>\$100,000.00</b> |

#### Expenses

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Caterer                                   | \$28,000.00         |
| Annual Tip for Caterer Servers            | \$500.00            |
| Family of Rotary                          | \$500.00            |
| Circa 21 event                            | \$300.00            |
| Membership                                | \$300.00            |
| Public Image/Promotional Items            | \$300.00            |
| Newsletters, Printing & Postage (Rosters) | \$800.00            |
| Early Act                                 | \$500.00            |
| Interact                                  | \$500.00            |
| Roteract (Augie)                          | \$500.00            |
| Rotary Youth Exchange                     | \$0.00              |
| RYLA                                      | \$1,000.00          |
| Literacy                                  | \$3,000.00          |
| Little Libraries Upkeep                   | \$500.00            |
| Pumpkin Palooza                           | \$1,500.00          |
| PETS Training                             | \$500.00            |
| Community Grants (Budget Priorities)      | \$7,000.00          |
| Board Direct Donations                    | \$2,680.00          |
| Birdies For Charity (Club Foundation)     | \$6,000.00          |
| Wine Raffle                               | \$2,500.00          |
| Wine Auction                              | \$3,011.44          |
| Club Foundation Projects                  | \$11,488.56         |
| District Grant                            | \$2,500.00          |
| Awards Program                            | \$500.00            |
| Blood Scholarships/Augustana Scholarship  | \$2,500.00          |
| Water Project (Filter Fund)               | \$5,000.00          |
| Secretary's Wages                         | \$600.00            |
| Treasurer's Wages                         | \$1,300.00          |
| Intl. Convention 2022                     | \$4,000.00          |
| Rotary Intl Semi Annual Dues              | \$6,800.00          |
| District 6420 Annual Dues/PETS            | \$3,600.00          |
| Foundation Quarterly Dues                 | \$1,120.00          |
| Misc. (incs. Past President pin)          | \$700.00            |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                     | <b>\$100,000.00</b> |