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Ron Riggins is a life long Peoria, Illinois area resident making his home with wife Beverly in Washington, Illinois. Together, they have raised three sons, a daughter, welcomed a wonderful son-in-law into their family, and deeply enjoy their grandchildren, Logan and Ava.

Ron joined the Rotary Club of Peoria-North in March of 1992. The club has grown from just over 100 members when he joined to just under 200 members in 2007. He has chaired the Attendance, Adopt-A-School, Fundraising, Group Study Exchange and Nominating committees, as well as many others. He was club president in the year 2001-2002. He then served as Assistant Governor from 2002-2004. He is a multiple PHF and member of the Paul Harris Society. Beverly is also a Paul Harris Fellow.



Ron & Bev Riggins

Ron owns Cops Inc. Security Solutions, a lock, safe, and alarm sales and service company formed in 1982.

Ron has enjoyed coaching little league, youth basketball, and has served on the Washington Community High School Board. He is an avid cook and enjoys traveling with Bev.

Effective clubs.....isn't that what we are all striving for? At the 2007 Rotary Institute in Salt Lake City, President-Elect Wilf Wilkinson said, "**Effective clubs are Attractive Clubs.**" So many times in our personal relationships, families, businesses, and yes, volunteer activities such as Rotary we take for granted what we are doing. We are so busy with the "doing" that we do not take a moment to ask why we are doing things a certain way and if there might be a more "effective" manner we could employ.

Is your club attractive to new members? Is your club attractive to current members, meaning, would your current members want to join your club today? Is your club open to new thoughts, methods, ideas, and ways to become the most effective it can be?

So many of our clubs were chartered 30, 40, even 50 or more years ago. And that is something to be very proud of! As the world and its needs change so we do have a responsibility to assess the need for changes in our clubs. Believe me, in raising four children over the last 30+ years, my wife and I have noticed the changes in our next generation. They are digital and we are many times analog, they adapt to and desire change while we are slower to change, and they want to make a meaningful difference not only in their community but their world. You see, their definition of community **IS** the world. I think they have a message worth listening to.