



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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**Rotary**  **Weekly Meeting at Barrack's Cater Inn**  
Club of Peoria **Friday, March 26, 2021 at 12:00 PM**

**Speaker: Carl Wilkens, Co-Founder & Director of World Outside My Shoes**

**Topic: "I'm Not Leaving" Story of the Only American  
to Stay in Rwanda During the 1994 Genocide**

**If you would like to attend this week's in-person meeting, please  
[click here to submit an RSVP](#) - we look forward to seeing you on Friday!!!**

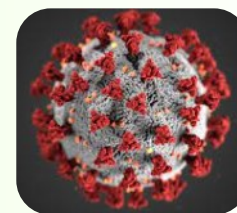
## **Dr. Aaron Buchko Professor, Management & Leadership - Bradley University Leadership in Light of COVID-19**



Peoria Rotary's guest speaker for Friday was Dr. Aaron Buchko of Bradley University, professor of management in the Foster College of Business. On the topic of "Organizational leadership in the Covid era", Dr. Buchko warned these days may be the "interesting times" that the old Chinese curse spoke about.

As to when things will get back to "normal", Aaron Buchko says no one has the answer. We have no experts on rely upon simply because this year plus Covid infestation has never happened to us before. There simply is no data to look back on.

Whatever the future is, it will be different from our collective past. But, he did say that companies who "keep moving" have the best chance of eventually success. "Doing nothing", he said, "is a decision too". "Keep moving", Buchko believes, is the first rule of success.



Looking to the future and the isolation caused by Covid-19, Dr. Buchko notes that today's young people are the first generation to have grown up with the internet. They may be more in tune with a pandemic-caused isolation. But, he says, they are hard-wired by generations of humankind to be social creatures. "They are not wired for isolation", Aaron Buchko says.

## **Meeting Information**

### **March In-Person Meetings**

**March 26<sup>th</sup> - Meeting at [\\*Barrack's Cater Inn\\*](#)**

**Speaker:** Carl Wilkens, Co-Founder & Director of World Outside My Shoes

**Topic:** "I'm Not Leaving" Story of the Only American to Stay in Rwanda During the 1994 Genocide

**Invocation:** Kate Schureman | **Greeter:** TBD | **Door Prize:** Kate Schureman

**This week's meeting will be held at [Barracks Cater Inn](#) 1224 W Pioneer Pkwy, Peoria, IL  
The doors will open at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin at Noon.**

Can't make it to the  
In-Person Meeting?  
[CLICK HERE TO JOIN  
VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM](#)

**Meeting ID:**  
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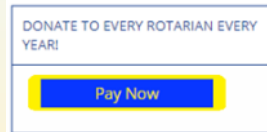
## Rotary District 6460 "March Matchness"

The match is back with March Matchness. Now is the time to get your first or your next Paul Harris Fellow! The district announced they would be matching donations from \$250-\$1000 starting this month. In addition to that, the Rotary Club of Peoria is going to make a \$50 donation on behalf of every member to the Rotary Foundation. The board decided to do this because we have had so many faithful members continue to pay their dues during COVID.

What that means for you is that with a \$450 donation, you can become a Paul Harris fellow. The chart below shows different scenarios. If you want to know how close you are to your next PHF, please reach out to Martha Herm at [mjherm44@gmail.com](mailto:mjherm44@gmail.com) and she can check for you.

It is our goal to get 50% of our members to be recognized as Paul Harris Fellows. We also feel that with these efforts, our club will hit the "Every Rotarian Every Year" recognition level!

We prefer donations be mailed in the form of a check to the Rotary office to save on processing fees. Checks should be made out to the Rotary Foundation. You can also donate on the Club's homepage by clicking here --->



Thank you in advance for supporting the Rotary Foundation and its worldwide efforts to change lives around the world.



Rotary Club of Peoria	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Your Donation	\$50	\$200	\$450	\$950
District Match		\$250	\$500	\$1,000
Total Credit	\$100	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000

## April In-Person Meetings

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>** - NO MEETING - GOOD FRIDAY

**April 9<sup>th</sup>** - Meeting at the Warehouse

**Speaker:** Nick Volk, Construction Field Engineer, IDOT Dist. 4

**Topic:** McClugage Bridge Construction Update

**Invocation:** TBD | **Greeter:** Kathy Shishilla | **Door Prize:** Andrea Parker

**April 16<sup>th</sup>** - Meeting at the Warehouse

**Speaker:** Paul Leamon, Executive Director, Distillery Labs

**Topic:** Innovation in the Heartland

**Invocation:** Bill Harlan | **Greeter:** Emily Jacob-Rudesill | **Door Prize:** Bill Harlan

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Meeting at the Warehouse

**Speaker:** John Hinnen, Founder/Owner, Sundawg Design

**Topic:** The Process, Trials & Tribulations of Inventing, Manufacturing & Distributing Toys/Games

**Invocation:** TBD | **Greeter:** TBD | **Door Prize:** Andrea Parker

**April 30<sup>th</sup>** - Meeting at the Warehouse

**Speaker:** Pierre Paul, App Inventor and Creator

**Topic:** We Hear You Sign Language App

**Invocation:** TBD | **Greeter:** Andrea Parker | **Door Prize:** Kathy Shishilla

Look at how much fun we had at last week's meeting



### In Memoriam: H. Curtis White

February 1, 1932 - March 20, 2021

H. Curtis White, age 89, of Seminole, FL, formerly of Peoria, passed away on Saturday, March 20, 2021.

Curtis was a member of Rotary for 56 years. He will be greatly missed by all those who knew him, and the Rotary Community as a whole.

Thank you, Curtis, for giving so generously of your resources and time, and for being a true example of "Service Above Self."

You may view Curtis's full obituary online.

A private memorial service is being planned for the family in Seminole, FL. Burial will be in the Peoria Green Lawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Peoria Children's Home or a charity of the donor's choice.

Written correspondence may be sent to Jackie White, 14475 Bay Hills Dr, Largo, FL, 33774.

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## So You Thought You Knew How Colleen Halberg's and Scott McCord's Puppies Bring Them Happiness in a Challenging Time! (In 200 words or less!) By Edith Barnard

The joy of a wagging tale, a leaping puppy and loving yippy noises welcoming a dog lover home make life totally worthwhile! Below are two puppy parents that are happy to share their delight and love of their dogs!

Next week, two more Rotarians tell their stories of how puppies have made living in a Pandemic more bearable.

**(Keep an eye out, there's more Rotarian puppy escapades to come!)**

### COLLEEN HALBERG



Oliver was not necessarily a Covid arrival, but he certainly has been an extremely bright spot in our lives the last two years, infusing our home with lots of love, laughter and cuddles.

Oliver arrived on December 30, 2018... surprising my son Andrew and me as we returned from an unexpectedly long time in London. (Andrew was injured and we had to stay an extra two weeks until he was healthy enough to fly home). This was to be our first Christmas with my new husband....and let's just say I was quite anxious and exhausted about prior month away. Being greeted by this darling little cocker spaniel puppy, truly brought me to the ground, with tears of happiness and relief of being home after such a difficult month. He helped heal all our wounds - physically and emotionally.



Fast forward 15 months later when I was fortunate to begin my new job on March 18th, 2020... from home! What a crazy time to start a new job. Having Oliver as a companion during my months working at home (my husband was going to work as he works for an essential business), was therapeutic to say the least. Having him to focus on, made me feel not so alone. Oliver was by my side all day, every day.

Oliver reminds Gary and me to exercise, play, laugh, and enjoy the sunshine!

### SCOTT McCORD



We got Roxy last July. Roxy loves all people and other dogs but is very cautious at first meeting. She loves to play keep away, chase me and "hunting up cookies" around the house. She loves going on long walks, sniffing for new smells and listening to the sounds of nature. She loves to remind you that it is dinner time by sitting by her food bowl and/pawing at your leg. Also, if you are sitting in a recliner she loves to get up in your lap to remind you that "I've been good, I love you and it's time for a cookie!" She has from day one been a wonderful dog and companion to us all! We love her so much and look forward to many more years of her devoted companionship, love and energy!



## Upcoming Events

*please join us*

The Social Committee has organized the Club's first Social of the year. This event will be held at **Industry Brewing** on **Wednesday, March 24th from 5pm-7pm.**

Members are encouraged to bring friends, family members and prospective members.

Hors d'oeuvres will be served (**no cost**) and a cash bar will be available.

Rotary Socials are an opportunity for Rotarians and guests to get together in a casual social setting.

We enjoy getting to know each other better professionally and personally, outside of our weekly Friday meetings.

**Remember!** - Rotarians can count their social visit as a make-up in case they miss a weekly meeting.

If you would like to attend, you can RSVP at the meeting or email [infodowntown@peoriarotary.org](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org) and we will add you to the list.

**INDUSTRY BREWING CO.**



## Volunteer Opportunities

 **Illinois-Peoria**  
Midwest Food Bank of Illinois-Peoria

 **Midwest FOOD BANK**

Midwest Food Bank is looking for **15** volunteers to help on **Thursday, April 29, 2021 1pm-3pm** with bulk food packing.

If you are interested in volunteering, a sign-up sheet will be available at in-person meetings or you can email [infodowntown@peoriarotary.org](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org) and we will get you added to the volunteer list.

 **Donations Needed for Trewyn Food Pantry** - We are collecting food items such as: Peanut or almond butter, dried goods such as Oatmeal, Cereal, Rice, Pasta, Ramen Noodles, Granola Bars and Hormel Completes.

Melissa can come and pick up items from you, please call **676-5432** or email [infodowntown@peoriarotary.org](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org) to arrange a time. **If you would like to donate money, we will buy non-perishables on your behalf!**



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