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Weekly Meeting at The Warehouse
Friday, April 16, 2021 at 12:00 PM

Speaker: Paul Leamon, Executive Director, Distillery Labs

Topic: Innovation in the Heartland

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

Can't make it to the In-Person Meeting?

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM](#)

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Nick Volk, Construction Field Engineer, IDOT Dist. 4 **McClugage Bridge Construction Update**



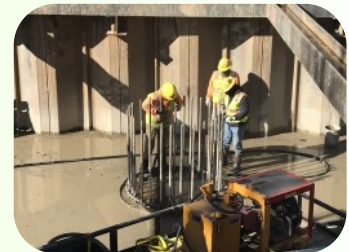
Here's a question: what has 74 thousand pounds of concrete, 21 miles of electrical cable, 40 million pounds of steel and 14 thousand tons of asphalt? The answer is the new east-bound span of the McClugage Bridge.

Engineer Nick Volk talked to Peoria Rotarians on Friday about progress on the new span, which will replace the original McClugage Bridge span that was opened in December of 1948.



That original span was intended to carry five thousand vehicles a day, it now carries twenty-thousand vehicles, is well past its lifespan and will be replaced by the span under construction. That new span will be three lanes wide, as well as having a walking/bicycling lane. That new span is expected to last 70 to 80 years, although it will need resurfacing before it is replaced.

Nick Volk says the new span is scheduled to open in late 2022, with the old east-bound lane being demolished in the following year. The Illinois Department of Transportation has pictures and video of the ongoing construction on a dedicated website. To visit IDOT's McClugage Bridge construction website [click here](#).



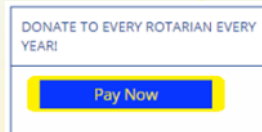
Rotary District 6460 "March Matchness"

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 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

Volunteer Opportunities

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Peoria City/County Health Department Vaccine Clinic

Medical Volunteers

- Help administer COVID-19 vaccines to patients
- Assist with observing patients after injections
- Assist with answering patients' questions at clinic
- Doctors, nurses, 4th-year medical students, EMTs, dentists, pharmacists - any licensed medical professionals with ability to give IM injection

Non-Medical Volunteers

- Assist with clerical, data entry, scheduling, etc.
- Runners between clinic, rooms/floors to assist Medical/staff
- Assist with maintaining disinfected areas
- Duties may vary
- Variety of availability/timeslots needed

For more information, visit www.pcchd.org/289 or sign up on the HOIUW website: <http://bit.ly/pcchdvol>

The Peoria City/County Health Department is looking for volunteers to assist with its COVID-19 vaccine clinic. PCCHD is looking for volunteers with a **medical background** to dispense vaccines and those **without a medical background** to assist with helping make sure the clinic runs smoothly.

If you would like to volunteer, you must complete these two steps.

1. Click on the Heart of Illinois United Way's links below to find out more.

You will need to create an account to sign in and fill out registration forms. It only takes a few minutes.
[MEDICAL Volunteer Registration](#) | [NON-MEDICAL Volunteer Registration](#)

2. Fill out the Peoria County MRC Volunteer Application [by clicking here.](#)

Please email the completed application to [Jillian Stowe](mailto:jillian.stowe@pcchd.org) as indicated on the form.

If everything is booked, please check back. They will be updating the schedules frequently. It's ok to get on a waitlist for certain days or keep checking back as you will receive notifications when people cancel. When those cancellation slots become available, they tend to fill up quickly.

After you have volunteered, email [Melissa Brewer](mailto:melissa.brewer@rotaryclubofpeoria.org), Executive Secretary, Rotary Club of Peoria your volunteer assignment confirmation and **you will be given service credit hours** for your volunteer work.

Last Minute - Volunteer Opportunity

Peoria Symphony is looking for volunteers to help prep for the annual Whiskey from the Warehouse fundraiser.

Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 | **Time Shifts:** 10 AM - Noon & Noon - 2 PM

Location: The Warehouse on State

Project: Whiskey from the Warehouse fundraiser - We need 3-4 volunteers for the shifts listed above to help assemble boxes and drink kits of three varieties listed: Sponsor Box | Make-at-home Drink Kit | Whiskey Flight

Volunteers can contact our Director of Development Priscilla Slaughter with their availability at: pslaughter@peoriasymphony.org

Note: After you have volunteered, please email the Rotary Club of Peoria Executive Secretary, Melissa Brewer (infodowntown@peoriarotary.org), to let her know you volunteered and she will add a make-up for your volunteer work.



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 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 send an email to infodowntown@peoriarotary.org to arrange a time. **If you would like to donate money, we will buy non-perishables on your behalf!**



Sprucing up the outdoors for spring

Rotary Club of Peoria: Spring Clean Up Day at Camp Big Sky

Date: Saturday, April 24th | **Location:** [Camp Big Sky](#)

Time: Start at 8am - finish up between noon and 1pm. Have lunch and then go fishing.

Project: The camp needs help dusting off the cobwebs and doing a full cleaning of camp to be ready for the season. Lots of hands make light work. If you would like to help get this big project done, please email infodowntown@peoriarotary.org to be added to the volunteer sign-up sheet. We will also have a sign-up sheet available at the next in-person meeting. Camp Big Sky hosts our Trewyn kids for the fishing trip, so we try to give back by helping Camp Big Sky with projects.



So You Thought You Knew which Rotarian has the “Smallest Pandemic Pup”, and which has the “Largest Pandemic Pup!” (In 200 words or less!) By Edith Barnard

This column wraps up a series of four columns focusing on eight Rotarians who have new puppies during the Pandemic! This article will begin with my story of having the “Smallest Pandemic Pup.”

EDITH BARNARD

“I have always had a dog! Dogs are a happy theme in my life. When the song “How Much is That Doggie in the Window” debuted, my piano teacher and I took my dog to a nursing home to sing that song and to play the piano for the guests. When I lived in Barbados, I began a chaotic search for a dog. This saga is told on this Caribbean Corporate Broadcast TV show ([click here to watch](#)) about my island life which features fabulous footage about my search of my found doggie and me playing in my Caribbean garden.



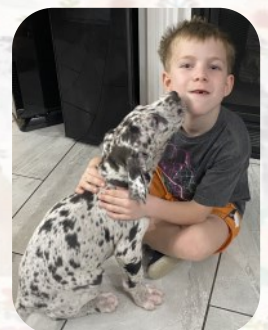
My doggie, Daisy, was called a Chihuahua on the island and when I brought her with me when I moved to Peoria due to a family tragedy, she was called a Bichon! She helped me adjust to living in a new country and was the ambassador who took me walking to meet people! Sadly, when the Pandemic began, her health began to go downhill. Last October, at the age of 17, we had to send her to “Doggie Heaven.” Our hearts were broken. After three weeks of missing the joy of having a doggie, we adopted a six-month-old Chihuahua from TAPS. Lily is the joy of our lives, even though she has baptized our Oriental carpets, ruined some sofa pillows, chewed on my favorite Mahogany Plantation Chair, and wrecked shoes and many other things. In spite of all this, she is a joyous clown who keeps us laughing! With all the happiness she brings to us, we can’t imagine life without her!

JEREMY CALDERA

The Rotarian with the “Largest Pandemic Pup!” Jeremy graduated with a degree in Acoustics from Columbia College and now teaches advanced AV design there. He sits on Columbia’s academic advisory board. He served on The International Board of Directors and was the chair of certification that oversees all AV worldwide for the past 4 years. Overseeing this AVIXA - The Audiovisual Integrated Experience Association-took him to Washington D. C. and Amsterdam. Jeremy is on the team of our multi-faceted Zoom /Live Rotary meetings with Austin Locke.

Jeremy shares his Largest Pandemic Puppy story below.

“We had family living with us for much of the pandemic. He was a police officer with a K9 dog and when they moved out our current Great Dane, Fiona, was sad and lonely. We decided that it was time to get a new puppy and the search began. We are fans of Great Danes as I have had several over the years. They are gentle giants that love kids, sleep a lot, and think they are lap dogs! Once we found the right pup he joined our family. His name is Duke. He loves his doggie sister Fiona as well as all of us and the kiddos!”



District Assembly - Registration



District Assembly 2021 (Virtual)
Saturday, April 24, 2021
[Registration is NOW OPEN - CLICK HERE!](#)

Purpose of the District Assembly

- To prepare incoming club leaders for their year in office and build their leadership team
- To give the District Governor Elect and incoming Assistant Governors and District Committees the opportunity to motivate club leadership teams and build their working relationship
- Provide members of Rotary clubs the opportunity to learn more about the different programs of Rotary and to have the opportunity to become involved at club and/or district level
- Provide a fellowship experience for the members of the different Rotary clubs of District 6460

Upcoming Service Projects & Events

- Trewyn Kids Fishing Day

Date: Thur, May 6th | **Location:** Camp Big Sky

Time: 8:30pm - 3:30pm

Details: Take the Trewyn kids out for a day of fishing.

- Making Downtown Peoria Beautiful Flower Planter Day

Date: Wed, May 19th | **Location:** Areas around Downtown Peoria

Time: 4:00pm - 6:30pm

Details: Planting new flowers in various planters throughout downtown.

- Build A Ramp

Date: Sat, June 19th | **Location:** TBD

Time: TBD

Details: Build a ramp for someone in need.

- Take a Kid Fishing / Swimming - Fish Fry - Fun Day Extravaganza

Date: Sat, June 26th | **Location:** Gabbert's lakes in Canton

Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Details: Fishing, boat rides, swimming and more with a cook out / fish fry.

- Chuck is also inviting you to join him at the lakes on (6/25) Friday night, to enjoy a camp out. Bring your tent and sleeping bags!

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



April Meeting Schedule

April 16th - Meeting at the Warehouse

Speaker: Paul Leamon, Executive Director, Distillery Labs

Topic: Innovation in the Heartland

Invocation: Kari Gabbert | **Greeter:** Emily Jacob-Rudesill

Door Prize: Bill Harlan

April 23rd - 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: Andy Fograscher

April 30th - Meeting at the Warehouse

Speaker: Pierre Paul, App Inventor and Creator

Topic: We Hear You Sign Language App

Invocation: Bill Harlan | **Greeter:** Andrea Parker

Door Prize: Kathy Shishilla

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THE FOUR-WAY TEST
of the things we think, say or do

- 1 Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2 Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build **GOODWILL** & **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4 Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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