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Weekly Meeting at The Warehouse
Friday, April 23, 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](#)

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Meeting ID:

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Paul Leamon, Executive Director, Distillery Labs

Innovation in the Heartland



If you heard about the Peoria Distillery Labs and thought it had to do with whiskey, you aren't alone. Paul Leamon, the new Executive Director of Peoria Distillery Labs told Rotarians on Friday that when he announced he had taken the job in Peoria; he got offers from companies offering distillery products.

Leamon was only named Executive Director in December of last year and arrived in Peoria in January. OSF Healthcare already has a relationship with PDL and Bob Sehring, CEO of OSF Healthcare said; "We're excited and confident to welcome Paul Leamon to lead Distillery Labs as its first Executive Director". Sehring is chairman of the Distillery Labs board.

Once previously known as The Innovation Center, the new name - Peoria Distillery Labs is a nod to Peoria's past as the whiskey capital of the world. The Illinois Capital Development Board announced a \$10 million grant from Discovery Partners Institute initiative to launch this



project. It will include the purchase and renovation of the Thomas Building / (old ICC) in downtown Peoria. This location is dedicated to improving the wellness of underserved populations, advancing systems related to food, farming, and transportation. PDL's mission is: "Uniting people in the community to design, build and launch a growing number of new businesses in the Greater Peoria area".

To learn more about Distillery Labs, you can visit their website by: [clicking here](#).



April Meeting Schedule

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: Andy Fograscher | **Greeter:** Emily Jacob-Rudesill | **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

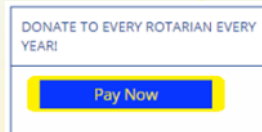
Rotary District 6460 "March Matchness"

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

Community Service Grants Announcement

A total of \$13,730 in Community Service Grants will be awarded to eight outstanding organizations this year. Over the next couple of weeks, we will have grant award presentations during our weekly meetings.

Last Friday, the Rotary Club of Peoria welcomed Kristen Berchtold with the Phoenix Community Development Services to accept the award and give a short presentation on how the organization will be utilizing the grant funds.



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 injection
- 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/pcchdvols>

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@peoriarotary.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@peoriarotary.org), Executive Secretary, Rotary Club of Peoria your volunteer assignment confirmation and **you will be given service credit hours** 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 Byron DeHaan (in 200 words or less!) By Edie Barnard

Byron DeHaan is first generation American from Dutch ancestry. In 1944, at age 17, he joined the U. S. Navy (partly, he admits, to avoid being drafted at age 18). He served two years and was recalled to sea duty (see image) in 1950 during the Korean War, retiring a LTJG. He graduated from the University of Kansas with a BS in Industrial Management and joined Caterpillar (see image) retiring in 1991 as Director of Public Affairs.



He started singing at age 10 (see image) and sang with the Orpheus Club in the 1950s and Bradley Community Chorus 1991-2008. He self-accompanied on his guitar, singing German carols at Pettengill-Morrison Christmas Candlelight events for 20 years.

At retirement, he decided to “take a few college courses”, ending up with over 200 credit hours at Bradley and ICC. He was active in local civil rights matters in the 1960s. In 1967, Governor Otto Kerner named him chairman of Illinois Commission on Human Relations, then the state's principal civil rights agency. In 1969, Gov. Richard Ogilvie appointed him to a second two-year term. In 2000, he became co-chair of the Museum Collaboration Group, playing a leadership role in concepting/locating the Peoria Riverfront Museum. In 2005, the Converse Company published “Breviary” a collection of 32 of his poems. He joined Rotary in 1982. He has four children and six grandchildren (see image).



What an example to all of us of a life well lived!



District Assembly - Registration

Rotary District 6460



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



April Showers Bring May Flowers



Upcoming Service Projects

- 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.

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



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SERVICE Above Self

May Meeting Schedule

May 7th - Meeting at the Warehouse

Speaker: Dr. Barry Clemson, Medical Co-Director of Heart Transplant at OSF St. Francis

Topic: OSF Heart Transplant Program Updates

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

May 14th - Meeting at the Warehouse

Speakers: Stephanie Johnson - *Pediatric Resource Center*, Andy King - *Dream Center*, Bryna Ryan - *Neighborhood House*, & Carol Merna - *Center for Prevention of Abuse*

Topic: Non-profit Panel Discussion: Service Demand Changes due to COVID-19 Impact

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

May 21st - Meeting at the Warehouse

Speaker: Laura Ewan, Community Relations Coordinator at Rivian

Topic: Rivian Electric Vehicles

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

May 28th - Meeting at the Warehouse

Speaker: Lonnie Stewart, World Renowned Artist/Sculptor

Topic: TBD

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

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