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**Weekly Meeting at The Warehouse**  
**Friday, April 30, 2021 at 12:00 PM**

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

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

**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](#)

Meeting ID:

897 6608 1791

Dial by your location

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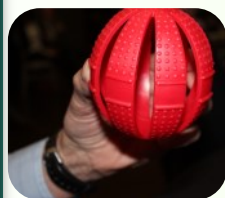
## John Hinnen, Founder/Owner, Sundawg Design

### The Process, Trials & Tribulations of Inventing, Manufacturing & Distributing Toys / Games in the Heartland



John Hinnen's message to Peoria Rotarians on Friday last was: "Don't give up, it's never too late". John is the owner of Sundawg Design, a local man who makes games and toys. John Hinnen says he began thinking about inventions when he was young. A solar hot dog cooker is one example. He designed that in 1979. What he didn't do was get a patent on it.

A discovery box for children was created in 1984. The problem was he was the only one putting them together. John got a "temporary" job at Diamond Star Motors in Normal....and stayed there for the next 26 years. But during that time, he was also filling notebooks with ideas.



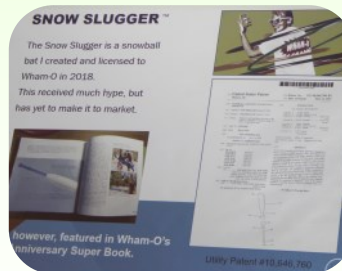
When Diamond Star closed in 2015, John resumed inventing, creating the "Bandit Ball", which can take three different shapes, and "Holiday Circle Cards", a deck with different suits and original card games.

You can see more about these items at Sundawg Design's website:

<https://sundawgdesign.com>



John is still waiting for something to happen with the "snow slugger", a bat for snowballs...which can be converted into a snowball maker. John sold his patent to Wham-O, the famed producers of the Hula-Hoop, but Wham-O has not produced it...yet.



## April Meeting Schedule

**April 30<sup>th</sup> - 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"

**LAST CHANCE – Rotary District 6460 "March Matchness" ends Friday, April 30**

Thank you to all who responded to the "March Matchness" campaign. So far, our Club will soon recognize 14 members who have never reached the Paul Harris Fellow status (recognized for donations of \$1000). Many others will be recognized as multiple Paul Harris Fellows (multiples of \$1000).

The "March Matchness" campaign will be open till noon, Friday, April 30. If you want to participate, bring a check to our meeting Friday – made out to "The Rotary Foundation" - for an amount of your choosing. The Match is only available for amounts of \$200 – \$950. See chart. →

Contact Martha Herm (mjherm44@gmail.com) to see if you already have a balance at The Rotary Foundation upon which to build a Paul Harris Fellow designation. As stated above, contributions can be brought to the meeting Friday or be postmarked by Friday (PO Box 5639, Peoria 61601).

We are a very generous group of people that continue to show our "Service Above Self" through our gifts of time, talent and treasury. At this time, nearly \$15,000 has been sent to The Rotary Foundation to help others, here and around the world, have potable water, a better education, opportunities for entrepreneurship, training in conflict resolution, or improved health care. What a great Rotary Club!

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

DONATE TO EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR!

Pay Now

## Service Project Update - Camp Big Sky

Chuck Gabbert, John Hart, Ken Silverthorn, Brian Mooty and Tom McIntyre were working at Camp Big Sky in Fulton County bright and early Saturday morning. They and others were building floating docks for the campground. The old ones had deteriorated after years in the lakes at Camp Big Sky. The Camp, which is available at no charge to any person of any age with any disability and their family members, friends, and caregivers.



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## 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 two organizations to accept awards and give a short presentation on how the organization will be utilizing the grant funds.

**Camille Yameen  
with The Center for  
Prevention of Abuse**



**Pam Wiley and Nicole Livsey  
with Hand Up Peoria - Wrap  
Around Center at Trewyn**



## 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](http://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](#) 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](#), Executive Secretary, Rotary Club of Peoria your volunteer assignment confirmation and **you will be given service credit hours** for your volunteer work.

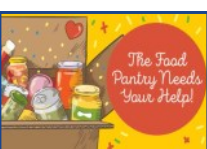
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**THE FOUR-WAY TEST**  
of the things we think, say or do

- 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?



**Additional Vaccine opportunities exist at the Methodist Medical Center.** If you would like to find out more or sign up to help, please contact Tammie Speck, Vaccine Clinic Coordinator - Volunteer Services, Unity Point Health - Methodist (309) 671-8242 Office | [Tammie.Speck@unitypoint.org](mailto:Tammie.Speck@unitypoint.org)



### 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](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org) to arrange a time.

**If you would like to donate money, we will buy non-perishables on your behalf!**



## So You Thought You Knew John Iverson (in 200 words or less) by Edie Barnard



John Iverson graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. What a surprise it was to him when Caterpillar assigned him to be a marketing executive! His assignments took him to Hong Kong, Singapore, Dallas, New Orleans and eventually Peoria. Having lived in Peoria since 1977, this active Rotarian says that he is glad he moved here for many reasons. Definitely the top reason is that he met and married his beautiful wife, Connie. (See pic) They have 3 married daughters (Sarah, Laura and Rebecca) and Paul (planning a May wedding) plus 6 grandchildren. (See pic with tractor) All are living in the Peoria area. John and Connie are grateful that they have all their children and grandchildren living so close.



Below John shares with us his activities that keep him busy and interested in life.

"My hobbies include hunting, stock investing and farming. Stock investing has been a hobby since high school. A course I took at U of I based on 'The Intelligent Investor' by Ben Graham, Warren Buffet's mentor, was particularly memorable. I believe personal finance and investing should be mandatory courses for all Americans. I enjoy the outdoors and nature, but golf just took too long, so I took up hunting. After retiring from

Caterpillar, I bought some land to use for hunting, and ended up with a farming obsession. I find farming more challenging than an office job! (See farming pics) I am very proud of the Conservation Award I received last year from Growmark FS. (See pic) To receive it I had to variable rate fertilizers, reduce tillage, and use cover crops, all to protect the environment while still increasing yields.



Connie and I belong to Salem Lutheran Church. We especially enjoy helping with the youth programs and missionary/outreach work. I enjoy serving on the Rotary Endowment Committee. Rotary's commitment to helping others worldwide allows and encourages me to give back.



## 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:** Tue, May 11th | **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.

If you would like to help out with any of these projects, please email [infodowntown@peoriarotary.org](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org) to be added to the volunteer sign-up sheet. There will also be a sign-up sheet available at the next in-person meeting.



April Showers Bring May Flowers



## May Meeting Schedule

### May 7<sup>th</sup> - Meeting at Barrack's Cater Inn

**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 14<sup>th</sup> - Meeting at Barrack's Cater Inn

**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 21<sup>st</sup> - Meeting at the Warehouse

**Speaker:** Laura Ewan, Community Relations Coordinator at Rivian

**Topic:** Rivian Electric Vehicles

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

### May 28<sup>th</sup> - Meeting at Barrack's Cater Inn

**Speaker:** Lonnie Stewart

**Topic:** World Renowned Artist/Sculptor

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

## Upcoming Events



### ROTARY DAY AT THE BALLPARK CARDINALS VS. CUBS

MAY 22ND - 6:15 GAME TIME - BUSCH STADIUM

300 TICKETS AVAILABLE

RIGHT FIELD LOGE - SECTIONS 228 - 233

\$ 55.00 PER TICKET

SEATING IN PODS OF (4) - THREE PODS OF (3) - 1POD OF (2)

MAKE CHECK: ROTARY DISTRICT 6460 FOUNDATION  
MAIL TO: BASEBALL - 2001 BARBERRY DRIVE, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704

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



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