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## THE GREEN LIGHT

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**CLUB NO. 76** 





**Weekly Meeting at Barrack's Cater Inn** Friday, May 07, 2021 at 12:00 PM

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

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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## Pierre Paul, App Inventor and Creator: We Hear You Sign Language App

Bradley Student Pierre Paul had a dream---literally. It was while he was a Political Science major at Bradley that he dreamt about a device to translate American Sign Language (ASL) into spoken language. He was told it couldn't be done, they were wrong,

As Pierre Paul told Peoria Rotarians, his software program which translates (ASL) won first prize in the 2019 Social Impact Challenge sponsored by the Turner School of Entrepreneurship and Innovation.

Paul's creation is called "We Hear You".





Having graduated with a BA in 2019, Paul is now a few weeks away from a Master's degree at Bradley. He's also in the process of touting another of his inventions; the "Hands Free Device". It uses radio waves to open electric doors for handicapped or mobility device users.



Watch the demonstration video for the We Hear You - Hands Free Door Opener.



In addition to all his creative work, including finishing his Master's and planning for the future, Paul became an American Citizen in November of 2019, having come to the U.S. from Brazil fifteen years earlier.

## 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.

Matt Waugh with **Heart of Illinois Harvest** 



**Heddy Elliot with Moonlight Coalition** 



## Rotary District 6460 "March Matchness" Update

Club members have been so incredibly generous in responding to the District's March Matchness Offer. Thirty-two members will be receiving a Paul Harris Fellow recognition very soon – and half of those members are first-time Paul Harris Fellows. Over \$16,000 has been raised to support the work of The Rotary Foundation!



Bill Albers +2 **Blake Barnard Edie Barnard** Patti Bash Steve Bash +1 John Bearce Tony Beiermann Rebekah Bourland +1 Robert Brandfass +2 **Cathy Butler** Stan Butler Jim Cote +3 Royal Coulter +2 Jennifer Davis Todd Davis John Day **Byron DeHaan** Lynne Demanes +6 Roger Dornaus +2 Bernie Drake Gina Driscoll Steve Driscoll +4

Dick Eagleton +2

Owen Ackerman +5

Mary Alice Erickson Maggie Freidag +1 Chuck Gabbert +1 Diana Hall +5 Mick Hall Bill Harlan +1 John Hart +1 Don Hartshorn +8 Shelly Heiden +2 Martha Herm +2 Steve Hope Tom Hunt **Greg Hurd** John Iverson +1 Pam Johnson +1 Patrick Kirchhofer +1 Ray Lees Dave Leitch Pat Lewis +1 **Rex Linder** Tom McIntyre +2

Joseph Milton +1 Brian Mooty Art Oakford Andrea Parker +1 Kala Pierce Dave Radley +1 Stephanie Ramsav +1 Robbie Robertson Walter Ruppman +3 Brad Stegall +1 Susie Stockman +2 Win Stoller +1 Hank Stone Fred Stuber **Tim Swain** Steve Thompson John Wahlfeld Andrea Wiegand Jake Winkler Bill Winkler +1 Peter Wong +1

Rotary Owen Ackerman Club of Peoria Bill Albers The names in red are **Betsy Bladel** members who haven't been **Bob Brandfass** a Paul Harris Fellow before. Jim Cote The names in blue are Lynn Demanes members with multiple Gina Driscoll Paul Harris Fellows. Steve Driscoll **Chuck Gabbert Blair Gambill** Charlie Greer

New Paul Harris Fellows Shelly Heiden Martha Herm Janet Bantz-Glavin Susan Hoffman Jerry Jackson **Emily Jacob-Rudesill Katherine Coyle** Ray Lees **Austin Locke** Tom McIntyre **Evan Moore Brian Mooty** Randy Neff Mike Gudat **Debbie Sippel** Mick Hall **Brad Stegall** Bill Harlan Jana' Stevens

Jamie Harwood

The District Match is still available, but the Club will not continue to push the cause. Your response has been overwhelming!! Please contact Martha Herm (645-5950) or Brad Stegall (208-8669) if you want to know more details.

Donations can be mailed in the form of a check to the Rotary office to save on processing fees. Checks should be made payable to The Rotary Foundation. To make a donation online, please click here

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Susie Stockman

Many, many thanks for your wonderful support of Rotary around the world. It makes a difference in thousands of lives.

#### Member Announcements

Nate Miller

Tim Miller





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







## Volunteer Opportunities



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. <u>MEDICAL Volunteer Registration</u> | <u>NON-MEDICAL Volunteer Registration</u>

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 <u>Melissa Brewer</u>, Executive Secretary, Rotary Club of Peoria your volunteer assignment confirmation and **you will be given service credit hours** for your volunteer work.





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



#### **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 <a href="mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org">infodowntown@peoriarotary.org</a> to arrange a time.

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

# So You Thought You Knew the History of Rotary's Four-Way Test (in 200 words or less!) By Edith Barnard

For our Downtown Peoria Rotary Club, the largest in Illinois, we are guided by The Four Way Test.

How did it begin? In the 1930s, Chicago's Club Aluminum Products distribution company was near bankruptcy. The company's new CEO, Herbert Taylor believed himself to be the only person in the company of 250 employees who had hope. His recovery plan started with changing the ethical climate of the company. He explained: "If the people who worked for Club Aluminum were to think right, I knew they would do right. What we needed was a simple, easily remembered guide to right conduct a sort of ethical yardstick- which all of us in the company could memorize and apply to what we thought, said and did.

I searched through many books for the answer to our need, but the right phrases eluded me. So, I leaned over my desk, rested my head in my hands and prayed. After a few moments, I looked up and reached for a white paper card. Then I wrote down the twenty-four words that had come to me:

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Rotary

The Four-Way Test
of what we think, say or do
1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

I called it "The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do."

First testing it out on himself, Taylor realized that the first question, "Is it the truth?" was barely applied in his business' day-to-day operations. After 60 days, Herbert J. Taylor decided to share those principles with the four department directors of his company. Those four directors validated his principles and rolled it out company wide.

When studying his advertising statements, Taylor realized how very little could be stated as "truth." So many copywriting adjustments were made to realign the company's messages with a sense of genuine truth. The aggressiveness towards competition was also scrutinized and eliminated.

In the 1940s, when Taylor was an international director of Rotary, he offered the Four Way Test to the organization, and it was adopted by Rotary for its internal and promotional use. Never changed, the twenty-four-word test remains today a central part of the permanent Rotary structure throughout the world and is held as the standard by which all behavior should be measured. Taylor gave Rotary International the right to use the test in the 1940s and the copyright in 1954. He retained the rights to use the test for himself and his Club Aluminum Company. By applying the Four-Way Test, Taylor's company repaid its debts, generously paid its shareholders, and had a healthy financial balance.

For Peoria Rotarians who travel internationally, it is such an inspiration and comfort to walk into an English-speaking club in Bali, Barbados, Switzerland, China, Switzerland and more, to see the Four Way Test displayed on the wall. We are reminded that Rotary spreads its "Service Above Self" message to the world.



## **Upcoming Service Projects**

### Trewyn Kids Fishing Day

Date: Wed, May 5th | 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: Tues, 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 <a href="mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org">infodowntown@peoriarotary.org</a> to be added to the volunteer sign-up sheet. There will also be sign-up sheets available at the weekly in-person club meeting.

## 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

## **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: Gina Driscoll | Greeter: Gina Driscoll

Door Prize: Gina Driscoll

## May 14th - 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: Kim Eiten | Greeter: Carol Merna

**Door Prize: Steve Driscoll** 

### May 21st - Meeting at the Warehouse

Speaker: Laura Ewan, Community Relations Coordinator at Rivian

**Topic**: Rivian Electric Vehicles

Invocation: Andrea Wiegand | Greeter: Airen Kuster

Door Prize: Don Hartshorn

## May 28th - Meeting at Barrack's Cater Inn

Speaker: Lonnie Stewart

**Topic:** World Renowned Artist/Sculptor

Invocation: Austin Locke | Greeter: Airen Kuster

Door Prize: Don Hartshorn

#### **Club Officers**

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