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# THE GREEN LIGHT

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CLUB NO. 76

Weekly Meeting at **The Warehouse on State**  
Friday, January 5, 2024 at 12:00PM

Speakers: **Ryan LaCosse - Peoria Monster Truck History**  
& **Michael Eckhardt - Aletheia Classical Christian Academy**

Can't make it to the In-Person Meeting? [CLICK HERE TO JOIN VIA ZOOM](#)  
Meeting ID: 897 6608 1791 Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799

## Member Celebrations

Rotary Club of Peoria		Birthdays		Anniversaries	
 <b>JANUARY</b> Birthdays & Anniversaries <b>LET'S CELEBRATE!</b>	Darlene Violet	1/1	Jeff LaFary	1	
	Walt Ruppman	1/5	Sara Hounshell Meinhart	1	
	Dave Radley	1/7	Betsy Bladel	4	
	Betsy Bladel	1/8	Gina Driscoll	4	
	Scott Fisher	1/8	Mike Gudat	5	
	Todd Davis	1/12	Caitlin Behrends	6	
	Bill Koenig	1/12	Robertta English	7	
	Rebekah Bourland	1/13	Emily Jacob-Rudesill	8	
	Rex Linder	1/15	Lisa Mullins	12	
	Janet Bantz Glavin	1/18	Gene Olson	14	
	Tom Hunt	1/22	Chris Crawford	16	
	Maggie Freidag	1/24	Bill Koenig	22	
	Robertta English	1/24	Andy Fograscher	28	
	Cathy Butler	1/27	Bill Winkler	30	
	Austin Locke	1/28	Steve Thompson	35	
		Ray Lees	36		
		John Hart	43		
		John Wahlfeld	48		

### 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 and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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### ROTARY ACTION PLAN - VISION

**"Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves"**

Rotary Club of Peoria 2023-2024



## Upcoming Meetings

**JANUARY 12th - Meeting at The Warehouse on State**  
**Speaker: Ray Lees**  
**Topic: Finally open! The Bob Michel Bridge Story**  
**Greeter: Maggie Freidag**  
**Inspiration/Reflection: Janet Bantz-Glavin**  
**Attendance Prize: Janet Bantz-Glavin**

**JANUARY 19th - Meeting at Peoria Riverfront Museum**  
**Speaker: Emily Cahill - Director, Peoria Park District**  
**Topic: Updates on the New Golf Facility**  
**Greeter: Scott Fisher**  
**Inspiration/Reflection: Maggie Freidag**  
**Attendance Prize: Scott Fisher**

**JANUARY 26th - Meeting at The Warehouse on State**  
**Speaker: Jennifer Zammuto - Heart of Illinois United Way**  
**Topic: Community Assessment**  
**Greeter: Melissa Entzminger**  
**Inspiration/Reflection: Tom Hunt**  
**Attendance Prize: Austin Locke**

## Rotary Club T-Shirts

THE NEW ROTARY CLUB OF PEORIA  
 T-SHIRTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR \$15.00!  
 WE HAVE SEVERAL DIFFERENT SIZES -  
 IF YOU DON'T HAVE A ROTARY  
 T-SHIRT - STOP BY THE CHECK-IN  
 TABLE AND PICK ONE UP.

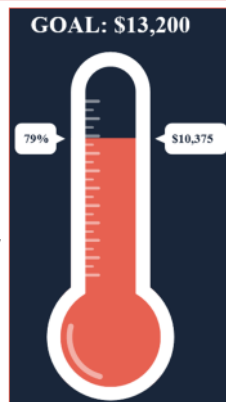


## Every Rotarian Every Year Fundraiser

As part of the Every Rotary Every Year Fundraiser, the committee has decided to offer the chance to win some prizes!

The Raffle tickets went on sale Dec 1st. And can still be purchased for \$25/ticket, and you can buy as many as you want. All of the prizes will be set up at each meeting - put your raffle tickets into the basket of the prizes you hope to win.

Winners will be announced on Feb 2nd. If you would like to purchase tickets for the raffle, please contact: Emily Jacob-Rudesill ([emilyj@fosterjacob.com](mailto:emilyj@fosterjacob.com))



## Every Rotarian Every Year

### EVERY ROTARIAN, EVERY YEAR

Did you know that donors who gave \$25-\$50 contributed more than \$5.1 million to the Foundation in 2020-21? When every Rotarian gives every year, it makes life-changing, sustainable projects possible.

Also in 2020-21:

- \$139 million was given to the Annual Fund.
- 34% of Rotarians donated to the Annual Fund.
- 82% of Rotary clubs supported the Annual Fund.
- 2,066 global grants were awarded.



## Polio Plus Society

JOIN THE POLIO PLUS SOCIETY TODAY!  
 BY JOINING YOU ARE COMMITTING TO GIVE A  
 MINIMUM OF \$100 A YEAR UNTIL POLIO IS  
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THANK YOU!

## Join the Rotary Club of Peoria

We welcome you to join us at an upcoming Rotary Club of Peoria meeting to see what it's all about.

To learn more about The Rotary Club of Peoria and becoming a member, click the Rotary Membership Image

If you have any questions email [infodowntown@peoriarotary.org](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org)





## Rotary Reader Updates

### Rotary Club of Peoria ~ Trewyn Readers Holiday Celebration



**On December 19, 2023 the Trewyn Rotary Readers held a Holiday Celebration for the children in Miss Doty's class.**

**The kids had a great time making ornaments, reading a Christmas book, they performed their Christmas song for us, and enjoyed cookies from Trefzgers!**

**Thank You, Volunteers!! We couldn't do it without you!!**

## Foundation Minute



### FOUNDATION MINUTE - WHAT IS YOUR VOCATION?



Rotary International designates January as Vocational Service Month. What exactly does "Vocation" mean? According to Collins' dictionary, "if you have a vocation, you have a strong feeling that you are especially suited to do a particular job, or to fulfill a particular role in life, especially one that involves helping other people." Or elsewhere, an occupation for which a person is suited, trained or qualified.

Rotary was founded to bring several friends together, each from different lines of work. But all with a common goal – to share friendship, and pool their talents and resources for good in their community. Rotarians try to share their talents and unique perspectives with others in their community, leading their clubs in community and global humanitarian service, and inspiring other leaders to support their initiatives. Rotarians are respected leaders, known for helping others, who provide opportunities to other potential members through mentorship, networking, and scholarships. Are you leading by example in your community, in your Rotary service, and in your own family? We are called by our vocations to set a good example for others, to teach, and to inspire our friends, families, and neighbors to follow our example.

#### Club Officers

President - Randy Neff  
President-Elect - Jana' Stevens  
Secretary - Caitlin Behrends  
Treasurer- Gina Driscoll  
Immediate Past President - Tom McIntyre

#### Board Members

Robert Brandfass  
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