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Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church
Friday, January 6, 2023 at 12:00PM
Speaker: Mike Stubbs
Topic: Update on Peoria NEXT

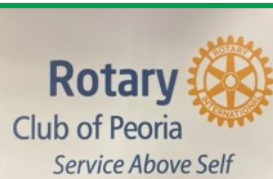
Can't make it to the In-Person Meeting? [CLICK HERE TO JOIN VIA ZOOM](#)
Meeting ID: 897 6608 1791 Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799



Mike Stubbs, Director of the Peoria NEXT Innovation Center will tell us how the business incubator has worked over the last fifteen years, and what's next for that building on Main St near Bradley. As a preview, we can tell you that Peoria NEXT tenants have created over a 1,000 jobs and Peoria NEXT tenants have raised more than \$419 million in funding. The Next Innovation Center has been the home to companies like Intellihot, which makes commercial tankless water heaters, and Endotronix, a company specializing in preventing heart failure by wireless heart monitoring.



Rotary Club Static Clings & Magnets



The Rotary Club of Peoria has Static Clings & Car Magnets Available ~ Pick one up at the weekly club meeting!

Rotary District 6460 Updates



District 6460 End Polio Now Fundraiser

Ezra Books Cask Strength & Rebel Cask Strength Bourbon (\$100/bottle)
Delivery of bourbon expected in late summer or early fall

[Reserve your bourbon today! \(PDF\)](#)

More information and mailing instructions on the form

Upcoming Meetings

January 6th - Meeting at [First United Methodist Church](#)

Speaker: Mike Stubbs

Topic: Update on Peoria NEXT

Invocation: Janet Bantz Glavin

Attendance Prize: Scott Fisher

Greeter: Scott Fisher

January 13th - Meeting at [First United Methodist Church](#)

Speaker: Darin LaHood

Topic: Washington DC Update

Invocation: Tom Hunt

Attendance Prize: Maggie Freidag

Greeter: Austin Locke

January 20th - Meeting at [First United Methodist Church](#)

Speaker: Doug Roelfs & Stephanie Coad

Topic: CityLink Maintenance / Operations Admin Bldg (Phase B) Construction Update

Invocation: Maggie Freidag

Attendance Prize: Janet Bantz Glavin

Greeter: Bill Koenig

January 27th - Meeting at TBD

Speaker: Jerry Kolb

Topic: Building the Peoria Music Scene One Concert at a Time

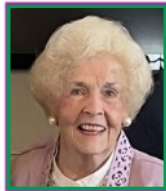
Invocation: Rebekah Bourland

Attendance Prize: Austin Locke

Greeter: Todd Davis

In Memoriam

It is with regret that we announce the passing of Judy Oakford, 88, wife of long-time Peoria Rotarian, Art Oakford



Judy L. Oakford, age 88, of Peoria IL, passed away on Monday, December 26, 2022, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria. She was born on November 22, 1934, in Chicago, IL the daughter of Frank A. and Ruth Little. Judy is survived by her husband, Arthur Oakford.

They were united in marriage on May 27, 1954, in Peoria, IL. She is also survived by one daughter Betsy (Tom) Hamilton of Mesa AZ, two sons-in-law Steve Anderson and Mike Champion of IL, nine grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren, and one brother Frank (Gail) Little of Houston, TX. Judy is reunited in heaven with her parents, her daughters, Lynne Anderson, Susan Champion, and Kitty Miller, her brother, Dennis Little, and her sister, Jane Little Milliken. She was a devoted wife, mother and friend who cherished her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She lived a life of gratitude by living a true and unselfish life. Judy was a pillar in the Peoria community and touched the lives of so many through her philanthropic efforts and passion for volunteering. Her legacy has and will continue to inspire all who knew her.

A visitation will take place on Tues, January 3, 2023, from 4 - 7 PM at Wright and Salmon Mortuary, 2416 N North St, Peoria, IL.

Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at 11 AM at the St. Paul Episcopal Church, 3601 N North Street, with a one-hour visitation prior. A luncheon will immediately follow at church & burial will begin at 2:30 PM at Springdale Cemetery, Peoria.

Youth Exchange Student Updates



**ROTARY CLUB of PEORIA WELCOMES
FINNISH-ESTONIAN MULTIDISTRICT
ROTARY DISTRICT 1430
2022-23 EXCHANGE STUDENT**



**Konsta
arrived in
the United
States on
Sunday,
August 7th**



Rotary Club of Peoria International Youth Exchange Program Updates

We will focus on club engagement / enrichment opportunities for Konsta. We are also asking club members for driving support for the upcoming monthly District gatherings. Driving support mileage is reimbursable.

Several volunteers are needed. If you are interested in helping – Please contact Scott Seynemeier (sseynemeier@gmail.com) | Janet Bantz Glavin (jglavin@illinois.wish.org) or the office (infodowntown@peoriarotary.org)

RYLA



Rotary Youth Leadership Academy

**2023 Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA)
April 14-16, 2023
Lake Williamson, Carlinville**

[Click Here for Registration Information](#)

Register by April 1 to receive a t-shirt!

The Rotary Youth Leadership Academy program in District 6460 is a leadership development academy for high school students who make an impact on their school and community. The program develops leaders and encourages them to build connections and teamwork skills.

We are happy to use the beautiful Lake Williamson's space as we bring together participants from all over west central Illinois to engage with their peers and learn more about Rotary.

Our theme this year is **Imagine the Change**

Here's your chance to get students the experience they need to be a LEADER in the community and at school. With the RYLA experience, they can gain the skills they need to be SUCCESSFUL in college and in future careers. By attending they will grow and excel with other leaders who make an impact on their schools and communities. RYLA in District 6460 will be held IN-PERSON this year. Facilitators will be young Rotarians from District 6460. Transportation is provided by the sponsoring club.

Our goal is to have two or more sophomores from each Rotary Club in District 6460 attend the RYLA weekend. We need your help to sponsor outstanding high school sophomores from the community to attend this event. Club members are encouraged to nominate high school sophomores they know would be interested in attending the RYLA academy this Spring.

Please email the students information to infodowntown@peoriarotary.org so we can start the application process.



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Service Project Update

The Rotary Club of Peoria Rotarians and their families joined forces with Central Illinois Agency on Aging for the Annual New Year's Day Meals Program. Todd Davis, Jennifer Knutson, Chuck & Becky Gabbert were at the Spring Lake Sportsman Club preparing food, while Steve & Gina Driscoll, Katherine Coyle & Bill Koenig were delivering hot meals to home bound seniors on New Year's Day.

Volunteers In Action



Members Celebrating

Birthdays

Darlene Violet	1/1
Walt Ruppman	1/5
Dave Radley	1/7
Betsy Bladel	1/8
Scott Fisher	1/8
Bill Koenig	1/12
Todd Davis	1/12
Rebekah Bourland	1/13
Rex Linder	1/15
Janet Bantz Glavin	1/18
Tom Hunt	1/22
Maggie Freidag	1/24
Roberta English	1/24
Cathy Butler	1/27
Austin Locke	1/28

Anniversaries

Betsy Bladel	3
Gina Driscoll	3
Mike Gudat	4
Caitlin Behrends	5
Roberta English	6
Emily Jacob-Rudesill	7
Lisa Mullins	11
Gene Olson	13
Chris Crawford	15
Bill Koenig	21
Richard Zuckerman	22
Andy Fograscher	27
Bill Winkler	29
Steve Thompson	34
Ray Lees	35
John Hart	42
John Wahlfeld	47

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JANUARY

**Birthdays
&
Anniversaries**

**LET'S
CELEBRATE!**

Club Officers

President - Tom McIntyre
 President-Elect - Randy Neff
 Secretary - Katherine Coyle
 Treasurer - Scott Fisher
 Immediate Past President - Janet Bantz Glavin

Board Members

Melissa Entzminger
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