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# THE GREEN LIGHT

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## Weekly Meeting at **First United Methodist Church**

**Friday, January 14, 2022 at 12:00 PM**

**Speaker: Dan Silverthorn & Bob Sinkler**

**Topic: Heart of Illinois Regional Port District**

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

## Maestro George Stelluto - Peoria Symphony Orchestra



The Peoria Symphony Orchestra will be celebrating its 125th anniversary in 2022, and Maestro George Stelluto will be once again at the helm of the local orchestra. As Peoria Rotarians first learned on Friday, Stelluto has signed a new five-year contract with the Peoria Symphony.

Looking over his career in Peoria so far, Maestro Stelluto pointed to the diversity of composers and artists which the symphony has brought to the local community over the last decade, And, while there were worried that Covid-caused cancellations might hurt the organization financially, it appears that by broadcasting audience-free concerts on WTVP and WCBU there has actually be an increase in the number of people buying season tickets to the Peoria Symphony Orchestra. The Orchestra continues to contribute to what George Stelluto called “the cultural infrastructure” of the area.



One thing to look forward to at the Peoria Symphony will be the return of Ryan Speedo Green, the singer whose voice and life story are both inspiring. To give you a sample, [click here](#) to view a story from CBS News about Opera singer Ryan Speedo Green.

## Youth Exchange Program



### Be a Youth Exchange Host Family!

We are currently looking for 2-3 families that would be interested in hosting an inbound youth exchange student between the months of **August 2022 & July 2023**.

The student would live with the family for 3-5 months during that time period. A variety of family structures are perfect for being host families- small, big, with many children, or no children. Working families - retired families - We aim to reflect real-world families to students, and we know that real families come in all shapes and sizes.

If you are interested in becoming a host family for our inbound student, please email Amanda Gordon-Sandberg ([agordonsandberg@gmail.com](mailto:agordonsandberg@gmail.com)) with questions/concerns!

**Rotary** 

**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?

## Upcoming Meetings

### January 21<sup>st</sup> - Meeting at [First United Methodist Church](#)

**Speaker:** Lindsey Kerr

**Topic:** Lifeline Pilots of Illinois'

**Invocation:** Todd Davis | **Greeter(s):** Scott Fisher

**Attendance Prize:** Todd Davis

### January 28<sup>th</sup> - Meeting at [Barrack's Cater Inn](#)

**Speaker(s):** Greg and Dan of WMBD AM

**Topic:** Morning Show Oddness's

**Invocation:** Scott Fisher | **Greeter(s):** Maggie Freidag

**Attendance Prize:** Dave Radley

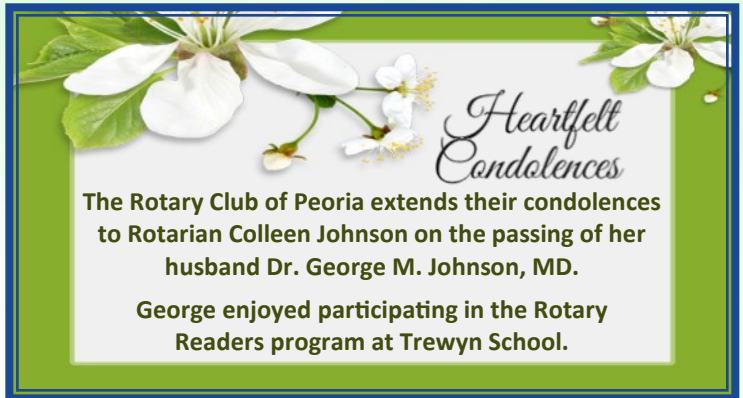
### February 4<sup>th</sup> - Meeting at [First United Methodist Church](#)

**Speaker:** Jack Darin

**Topic:** Sierra Club: Law on Clean Energy Update

**Invocation:** TBD | **Greeter(s):** TBD

**Attendance Prize:** TBD



## Rotary District 6460 Announcement

### Rotary Youth Leadership Academy



**When is it?** April 22-24th

**What is it?** RYLA is Rotary International's premier training program for high school students, emphasizing leadership, citizenship as well as personal growth

**Who can participate?** High school sophomores

**Where is it being held?** In person at Lake Williamson, Carlinville, IL

**Why attend?** Exponentially grow student's leadership and community skills. Will get a chance to meet and network with other students. Become an amazing leader in the community!

We are happy to return to beautiful Lake Williamson as we bring together participants from all over west central Illinois to engage with their peers.

Our theme this year is **FIND YOUR FOCUS**

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.

The 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](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org) so we can start the application process.

### Meeting Location Reminder

Please remember the club is holding weekly meetings at the [First United Methodist Church](#).

**Unless noted otherwise.** For security reasons the Church doors will only be unlocked from 11:00am - 12:15pm.

For any members arriving after 12:15pm, please use the church intercom system and the receptionist will buzz you in.

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FOR YOUR  
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UNDERSTANDING

## Trewyn Food Pantry

### 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](tel:676-5432) or email [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!



## Writers Needed

### "Writers Sought for So You Thought You Knew" "Sought" by Edie Barnard

Rotarians, You are cordially invited to take over writing my Green Light column, "So You Thought You Knew!" As you know, I have been on hiatus since last June. Melissa has kindly been delving into my Archives and choosing articles to place in the Green Light. I love seeing which column she has chosen when the Green Light arrives. I plan to write an occasional column and look forward to reading the ones that our new columnist will write. What a joyous eight years I've had "Getting to know you" this way!!! Look forward to hearing from you. Please contact me at (309) 922-9058 or [Edith@BarnardCommunications.com](mailto:Edith@BarnardCommunications.com)

## So You Thought You Knew Jerry Jackson (In 200 Words or Less!)

By Edie Barnard

Born on Christmas Day in Bloomington, Illinois, Rotarian Jerry Jackson attended ISU graduating in 1960. This enthusiastic Rotarian retired in 1986 from the U.S. Army with thirty years of service. His military involvement continues to this date. He served as President of Heart of IL Chapter, Military Officers Assn.; President of Central IL Chapter, Reserve Officers Assn., and continues to serve on the Board of the Joint Chapters. He says, "I truly believe the military gave me many valuable lessons in my life. Even though I found the need to give up the career aspect to return to reserve status to be a father to my children, I am grateful that I was able to do both." (See pic)



In 1979, he married the love of his life, Suzanne. (See pic) He brought a daughter and son into the family, and she brought her five daughters, making seven, which later included fourteen grandchildren, (See pics) and finally two great grandsons. As Jerry says, "Lots of sources of love and pride!"



His Community involvement includes having served as President of both the Uplands Residential Association and the West Bluff Council, as well as several City of Peoria committees, and currently on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Continuing a nearly fifty-year career in the Insurance Business, specializing in Life, Health, Retirement, and Employee Benefits, Jerry owns Jackson Financial Services. Below he shares more:

"I learned many years ago that it was necessary to 'pay your civic rent,' which was a perfect fit for my twenty-four years of Rotary service. I have had many wonderful experiences, and gained numerous friends through Rotary, as well as my other involvements. The real base of my life is my family! The blessings of the grandchildren as well as their parents, and mostly my wife adds up to 'It's a Wonderful Life!'"



### Club Officers

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