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Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Friday, January 20, 2023 at 12:00PM

Speaker: Doug Roelfs & Stephanie Coad

Topic: CityLink Maintenance / Operations

Admin Bldg. (Phase B) Construction Update

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

Illinois 16th District Congressman Darin LaHood Update from Washington DC

16TH District Congressman Darin LaHood gave Peoria Rotarians an update on Friday in a speech that touched on foreign affairs, the national debt, George Santos, and the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. LaHood's district has changed radically by redistricting, and he says that now he represents about 15-percent of Peoria County. Most of Peoria County is now in the 17th District, represented by Democrat Eric Sorensen, who succeeded Cheri Bustos.



LaHood said he was happy with a bill which provides that lawmakers get 72 hours before they vote on a bill, giving them time to understand how much it costs. He said it was a reaction to the Leadership of both parties handing Congress a one-point-eight trillion-dollar spending bill with less than 24 hours to digest it. LaHood also said a major act by Congress was creating a select committee on China. The Congressman said "China has a plan to replace us. And they're working on it every day." LaHood said he hoped to be a part of that select committee. In addition, he applauded a bill passed this week which stopped selling oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to China.

LaHood announced money will be going to expand the locks on the Illinois River at Creve Coeur from 600 to 1200 feet long. This will provide easier, faster transport of long grain barges down the Illinois River to the Mississippi. Finally, the Peoria Congressman said George Santos, just elected to Congress representing Queens, New York, should resign his house seat after Santos was shown to be a liar about his education, work experience, mother's death, imaginary holdings in Brazil and his arrest in that country. But LaHood says there is nothing that can force Santos to resign.



Upcoming Meetings

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 Peoria Riverfront Museum

Speaker: Jerry Kolb

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

Invocation: Rebekah Bourland

Attendance Prize: Austin Locke

Greeter: Todd Davis

February 3rd - Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Speakers: Charles & Kelli Martin

Topic: Porch Pantry Peoria

Invocation: Randy Neff

Attendance Prize: Abigail Larrison & John Iverson

Greeters: Jason Parkinson & John Iverson

February 10th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Speaker: Julie Eliathamby

Topic: Peoria Grown

Invocation: TBD

Attendance Prize: Jason Parkinson

Greeter: Marcellus Sommerville

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.

New Membership Announcements

ROTARY CLUB OF PEORIA NEWEST MEMBER'S



Jeff LaFary - Kuhl Insurance

Sara Meinhart - United States Courts

Both Sponsored by: Emily Jacob-Rudesill

WELCOME NEW ROTARIANS




Sara Meinhart was also sponsored by Emily Jacob-Rudesill. According to Emily, she spotted the Rotary sticker on Sara's auto and approached her. Sara is the Law Clerk to the Senior U.S. District Judge John D. Rainey of Victoria, Texas. She is now working remotely from the family home in Edwards, Illinois. Sara comes to us as an active Rotarian, having been President of the Victoria Rotary Club, and a multiple Paul Harris Award recipient. Sara's husband, Kevin Meinhart, is the General Manager in the Global Aftermarket Parts Division at Caterpillar. Sara and Kevin met in Texas in 2010. CAT took the new family to Monterrey, Mexico, in 2018 and to Peoria in August of 2022. The Meinhart's have three children: Preston (age 6), Parker (age 4) and Peyton (age 2). Please make sure to welcome Sara to our Peoria Rotary community.



Jeff LaFary is a 29-year-old broker for Kuhl Insurance, who works in downtown Peoria, but makes his home in Morton. Jeff is a Bradley University graduate, and a native of Central Illinois. He and his wife Caelin have two young sons born 16 months apart. In his membership application, Jeff wrote: "I have been involved in the community but want to take a more meaningful approach to making a difference." Members of the February birthday group can plan on adding Jeff to your number. Emily Jacob-Rudesill was Jeff's sponsor. Please make Jeff feel welcome as one of the newest members of the Rotary Club of Peoria.




Youth Exchange Student Updates



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

Konsta



Kuopio, Finland

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)**

Community Service Grants Announcement

2023 Community Service Grant Applications Will Be Available On Friday Jan. 20, 2023

To be considered for a grant from the Rotary Club of Peoria, please complete the **2023 Community Service Grant Application** and forward it as a PDF to: infodowntown@peoriarotary.org

Applications are due on or before **February 10, 2023**

Please pass the information along to local not-for-profit organizations that might benefit from a grant!




Rotary District 6460 Announcements

District 6460 Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)



Would you like to join fellow Rotarians to enhance your leadership skills and knowledge of Rotary? District 6460 will offer Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) classes through Zoom.

Part I: March 1 and 8 from 5:30- 8:10 pm
Part II: April 5 and 12 from 5:30- 8:10 pm
Part III: April 26 and May 3 from 5:30-8:10 pm

[Click here for further details](#)

Rotary Club Static Clings & Magnets



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



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

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