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Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church
Friday, January 21, 2022 at 12:00 PM
Speaker: Lindsey Kerr
Topic: Lifeline Pilots of Illinois

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

Dan Silverthorn & Bob Sinkler - Heart of Illinois Regional Port District



You might not have noticed it back in October, but there was a shift in the way the federal Government looks at the Peoria area. Peoria is now in the middle of the "Consolidated Illinois Waterways Ports and Terminals Port Statistical Area." Why is that a big deal? Because that recognition opens the possibility of millions of dollars in federal money for 175 miles of the Illinois River, from Starved Rock to Havana.



Dan Silverthorn

Bob Sinkler, the Water Resources Infrastructure Director for the Heart of Illinois Regional Port District and Dan Silverthorn, Port District Director spoke to Rotary on Friday about the importance of designation and what it means for the future of the area. Sinkler, a retired Army Corps of Engineers Colonel, says "You



can't invest in a port that doesn't exist. That's the situation that we've really been in."



Bob Sinkler

Sinkler -- by Zoom -- referenced the federal money from the recently passed 1.2 trillion-dollar infrastructure Act, which provided for 17 billion dollars for Port investments.

Sinkler and Silverthorn say their goal is to put the Illinois Waterway Ports into the "top fifty ports" named by Global Trade Magazine. That could happen. Commercial tonnage on the Illinois River – if recognized as a district – would put the region in 42nd place among US ports.

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) 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 28th - 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 4th - 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

January 21st - 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

Rotary District 6460 Announcements

Rotary District 6460 - RLI Part I Training

Zoom sessions on Feb. 15th and 22nd from 5:30pm to 8:10pm to your membership. Attendance for this interactive session is limited to fifteen participants.

RLI Part I is the first of a series of three fast-paced, interactive courses offered to increase a Rotarians base of knowledge in Rotary and strengthen their volunteer leadership skills.

Experienced Rotary leaders within our District will serve as faculty members for this training.

RLI provides a recommended curriculum for the basic course in three parts. **Parts I, II & III** are taken consecutively in order for the participants to gain perspective through their club activities in between the Parts.

If you would like to attend the **RLI Part I** Training Session, please email the office: infodowntown@peoriarotary.org

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.

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
PATIENCE AND
UNDERSTANDING

Rotary Readers Update

As of 01/18/22, Peoria Public Schools still has a pause on all volunteer visits. Once all restrictions have been lifted we hope to continue reading again.

As soon as more information becomes available, we will send out another update.

Thanks to all for your commitment!!

Maggie & Owen - Rotary Readers Co-chairs

Committee Announcement

The Service Project Committee will meet on January 28, 2022 immediately after the club meeting. Rotarians, You are invited to attend!

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



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 so we can start the application process.

**So You Thought You Knew Chris Crawford
(In 200 words or less) by Scott Fisher**

Chris was born and raised in Peoria. He is also very proud to call Peoria his hometown. As Chris got older, he moved to Chicago in pursuit of his law career. Chris moved back to Peoria in 2007 with a fresh point of view of what Peoria had to offer. In addition to continuing his law career, he felt the need to become more active in our community. Over his time, he has been a board member to the Peoria Public School board and member of the pastoral search committee for his church to name a few.

As a 3rd generation Rotarian, it was not his father who got him into Rotary, but a fellow Rotarian Owen Ackerman who first invited Chris to join our club. One of Chris's favorite things about Rotary is the service opportunities that this club has to offer. Chris has been active as a Trewyn Reader for many years and to him it is more than just helping his student learn how to read but rather making sure that they know someone outside of their home is rooting for their success. Chris also enjoys the relationships that he has built through Rotary and stated, "In a world full of remote connections it is good to have an outlet like Rotary to build in person connections."

Chris and his wife Kristin, children Cecily, Emmett, and Henry love to travel. They have a goal to travel to all 50 states before Kristin turns 50! With only a few states left to go, they are excited to complete this milestone.



Here is a photo of them canyoneering near Capital Reef NP, Utah.



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