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CLUB NO. 76

Weekly Meeting at The Warehouse on State
Friday, January 26, 2024 at 12:00PM
Speaker: Jennifer Zammuto, President - Heart of IL United Way
Topic: HOI United Way - Community Assessment

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



Emily Cahill

Did you know the Peoria Park District is one of the largest in Illinois and maintains its place as one of the top public park systems in the nation based on its ratio of open space to population. Peoria's park district includes nearly nine thousand acres of public land. That's sixty square miles and is comparable to cities much larger than Peoria: cities like Miami, San Diego, Tampa, and Charleston.

"That open space - says Emily Cahill, the Peoria Park District Director, is a draw for families looking to locate in the Midwest. Ms. Cahill was speaking to Peoria Rotarians about the Peoria Park District on Friday. The Peoria Park system includes forty-two playgrounds, more than fifty miles of hiking and biking trails, is home to a Zoo, a Playhouse and Children's Museum and a Botanical Garden. That's not to mention baseball diamonds, soccer fields and other recreation facilities.



But swimming pools are a problem, admits Cahill, who laid that problem on paying up to 20-dollars an hour for lifeguards. It's tough, she says, to recruit enough lifeguards to keep all the pools open - as required by law. "Splash pads" may be the immediate solution to the question of how to keep kids cool on a hot day in the immediate future.

The Peoria Park District is a lot bigger and more inclusive than most folks may realize. As an example: Wednesday, January 31st, is International Zebra Day and the Park District will have self-guided activities/crafts which will give guests a chance to learn about some of their favorite animals and how to help with their preservation. Want to know more about PPD history? [Click here](#) to see WTVP's special about the "History of the 130-year-old Peoria Park District"



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



Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA)



Rotary Youth
Leadership Academy
April 12-14, 2024

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!

Further
information &
how to sign-up,
can be found on
the **District
6460 Website**

Rotary District 6460's Spring Training

Rotary District 6460's
Spring Training for Rotarians

All Rotarians Are Welcome!

SPRING

Training 2024

March 15 - Presidents-elect

March 16 - Presidents-elect and all Rotarians

SAVE THE DATE

More information & how to sign up
can be found on the District 6460
Website ROTARYDISTRICT6460.ORG

Upcoming Meetings

FEBRUARY 2nd - Meeting at The Warehouse on State
Speaker: Chris Zak-Edmonds
Topic: "Why I Like Living in Peoria"
Greeter: Melissa Entzminger
Inspiration/Reflection: Tom Hunt
Attendance Prize: Austin Locke

FEBRUARY 9th - Meeting at Peoria Riverfront Museum
Speaker: Ben Blumenberg - W. D. Boyce Council of the Boy Scouts
Topic: Boy Scouts Update
Greeter: TBD
Inspiration/Reflection: Pat Lewis
Attendance Prize: TBD

FEBRUARY 16th - Meeting at The Warehouse on State
Speaker: Sheriff Chris Watkins
Topic: Peoria County Sheriff's Office Updates
Greeter: Pat Lewis
Inspiration/Reflection: TBD
Attendance Prize: TBD

Grant Applications ~ Due Jan 26th

Last call for
applications!

**2024 Community Service Grant
Applications ~ Available Now ~**

To be considered for a grant from the Rotary Club of Peoria, please complete the [2024 Community Service Grant Application](#) and forward it as a PDF to: infodowntown@peoriarotary.org

Applications are due on or before
January 26, 2024

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

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



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

EVERY ROTARIAN, EVERY YEAR

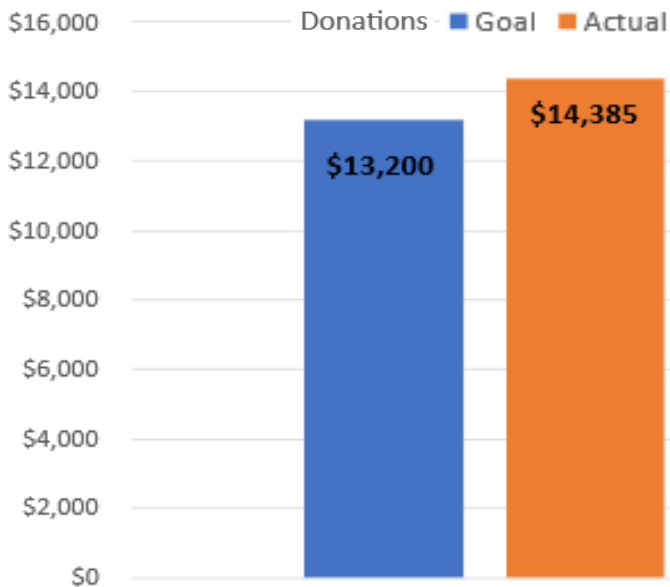
Did you know that donors who gave \$25-\$50 contributed more than \$5.1 million to the Foundation in 2020-21? When every Rotarian gives every year, it makes life-changing, sustainable projects possible.

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.



Every Rotarian Every Year Goals



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 ERADICATED



THANK YOU!

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)

Every Rotarian Every Year Prizes

1. Pottery Experience at Muse Studio: Lesson for two at the pottery wheel creating a piece to be glazed and fired. Accompanied with wine and charcuterie. Available in 2024 only. \$200 value. Donated and instructed by Katie Vandenberg.
2. Senara Pampering: \$100 gift card to Senara. Donated by Susie Stockman
3. Memory Blanket: Provide your favorite t-shirts, sweatshirts, etc. & Colleen will turn them into a memory blanket. Donated by Colleen Halberg
4. Mexican Feast: Chips and salsa ceramic bowl and \$50 gift card to Chili's. Donated by Debbie Sippel
5. Fashion Scarf: Cabi label scarf. \$70 value. Donated by Sara Meinhart
6. Door County Wisconsin Retreat: 4 day/3-night stay in Fish Creek, Door County condo. Two bedroom, 1.5 bath (bedrooms on second floor). Steps away from outdoor pool. Close to restaurants, shopping & state park.
<https://www.juliesmotel.com/lodging/evergreen-hill-condos/>. \$800 value. Donated by Emily Jacob-Rudesill.
7. Day at the Herm Lake: Up to 12 attendees. Fishing, boating, swimming, picnic lunch. Donated by Martha Herm and Tom McIntyre
8. Olive Garden Feast: \$100 gift card to Olive Garden. Donated by Sue Portscher
9. Picnic Time: Wicker basket with place settings & a bottle of wine. Donated by Pam & Perry Johnson
10. Antique Butter Churn: Donated by Don Hartshorn
11. Rotary Special Brew Whiskey: Two bottles both \$100 value. We will draw two names, one for each bottle. Donated by Suzanne Ellerbrock of the Quincy Rotary Club.
12. Asian Dinner for Six: Four course dinner at the Herm/McIntyre home.
13. Car Washes: \$50 gift card to car washes owned by Maggie Freidag
14. Tito's Happy Hour Basket: One fifth Tito's & mixers. Donated by Gina Driscoll

Volunteer Opportunity



Easterseals Central IL is holding their Black and Blue Ball on Friday, February 2, 2024 - Starting at 5pm - Peoria Civic Center.

Several volunteers are needed to help with VIP Hosts, Booze Barrel Raffle, Coat Check, & Bremer Raffle

Dress code: Blue jeans and a black top is the attire. Please arrive half an hour before your scheduled shift. (Volunteers are invited to stay & enjoy the event after their shift concludes)

If you would like to learn more about this event, visit the **Easterseals Central Illinois Website: www.easterseals.com**
You can sign-up to volunteer by [clicking here](#)

April Club Social

Rotary Club of Peoria - April Social Event

Date: Thursday, April 11th | Time: 5PM – 8PM
Location: Industry Brewing - 8012 N Hale Ave - Peoria
Social being held in the Game Lounge - Ping Pong, Pac Man, Board Games & Sporting Events on the TVs
Everyone will pay for their own food & drinks

If you would like to attend the social, we are asking that you please RSVP by 04/08/2024 to infodowntown@peoriarotary.org
You can submit RSVP's by clicking here or using the sign-up sheet available at the weekly meetings.

Foundation Minute



What is The Rotary Foundation?

The Rotary Foundation is the economic engine for Rotary International. It is a non-profit corporation that is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of Rotary who share its vision of a better world. Its sole mission is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, good will and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty. We accomplish that through our local and international humanitarian and educational programs.

What is The Annual Fund?

The Annual Fund is the primary source of unrestricted support for the programs of The Rotary Foundation. It funds programs in more than 180 countries on seven continents. From digging clean water wells for villages in Africa to teaching basic literacy skill to children in Latin America, during any given moment in a day, thousands of Rotarians volunteer their time and expertise to ensure that all contributions given to the Annual Fund are spent wisely on quality Rotary projects..

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