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Weekly Meeting at Peoria Riverfront Museum
Friday, January 27, 2023 at 12:00PM
**Speaker: Jerry Kolb | Topic: Building Peoria's
Music Scene One Concert at a Time**

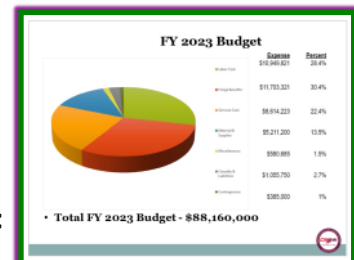
Can't make it to the In-Person Meeting? [CLICK HERE TO JOIN VIA ZOOM](#)
Meeting ID: 897 6608 1791 Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799

Stephanie Coad and Doug Roelfs - CityLink Maintenance and Operations Admin Building (Phase B) Construction Project Update



Peoria Rotarians learned a lot about the Greater Peoria Mass GTransit District's operations last Friday. For example, how much things cost. The three new electric buses cost the Peoria District about one million dollars each. The buses were manufactured by Proterra and funded by a federal grant and lawsuit settlement. What about the employee numbers? There's 175 of them. How about ridership? According to, Doug Roelfs, the Citylink General Manager, that's down. But, according to records from the mass transit district, in 2021, the system still had a total ridership of 1,607,100, or about 4,500 every weekday.

What's the budget for mass transit in Central Illinois? For CityLink, it will come to a total of 88 million, 160-thousand dollars for 2023. According to Doug Roelfs, the federal government gave CityLink a good deal of money, and they have to spend it in five years. The problem is, as Doug explained it, "it takes about three years to get a bus. So, we're concerned about how fast we're able to spend some of this money that we have". Roelfs says he hopes to have several more electric buses within that time frame.



Rotarians also heard about the construction work on the Mass Transit Center from Stephanie Coad, Project Manager at Muller2. Work started in April of last year, and already the repainting shop is almost finished. It's hoped that a solar panel array can be added to the top of the "bus barn" to allow the electric buses to be recharged. The reconstruction of the buildings on Jefferson Street will cost some 70-million-dollars in federal and state funds.



Upcoming Meetings

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

February 17th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Speaker: Chuck Boyer, Senior Operations Mgr.

Topic: Precision Planting's New Facility

Invocation: Pat Lewis

Attendance Prize: Jason Parkinson & Pat Lewis

Greeters: Pat Lewis & Randy Neff

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.

Community Service Grants Announcement

2023 Community Service Grant Applications Available Now

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](#)



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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Social Committee Meeting Announcement

The Social Committee will meet immediately after this Friday's club meeting on January 27th. Rotarians that would like to attend, you are welcome to join.

Rotary Club Static Clings & Magnets

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Service Above Self



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

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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?

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

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.



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 Meinhardt'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.

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