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Weekly Meeting at The Warehouse on State
Friday, February 2, 2024 at 12:00PM
Speaker: Ray Lees, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission
Topic: Finally open! The Bob Michel Bridge Story



Jennifer Zammuto

Our Rotary speaker last Friday was Jennifer Zammuto who leads the [Heart of Illinois United Way](#), one of our community's most unique non-profit organizations. Jennifer shared with us that the Heart of Illinois United Way is the largest non-governmental funder of health and human care programs in central Illinois. The money it raises stays in the community, funding programs in Marshall, Peoria, Putnam, Stark, Tazewell and Woodford counties.

Jennifer states that, "We came into existence about a hundred years ago and the whole purpose was so that you, companies, and other individuals did not have to be solicited by 45 different nonprofits every time they needed something. We are very collaborative."

Jennifer's noteworthy sense of humor was in play when she said, "If you really love McDonald's, that doesn't mean that their stock is necessarily the right one in your portfolio just because you like their French fries!"

Our speaker, who began her career as an expert in international exports and marketing, continued, "You've got to look at your overall goals and at which stocks will get you where you need to go."

"Heart of Illinois United Way does the same thing for your charitable investment. We look under the hood for you. We do it once every 3 years because it takes us that long to pull all the data."

"The primary focus of the 2023 Heart of Illinois United Way Community Assessment is to improve the organization's effectiveness in identifying, assessing, and supporting key areas of social concern related to the education, financial stability, and health of all people in central Illinois."

"This information helps us. As we're starting a new three-year cycle of funding at the Heart of Illinois United Way, we're going to be funding more mental health programs." **(With one of the themes of Rotary International being mental health, we in the audience were happy to hear this.)**

This assessment is integral to the Heart of Illinois United Way's data-driven process to prioritize and address community needs through program indicators and measurable outcomes. The Heart of Illinois United Way then collaborates with partner agencies and a wide variety of community partners to address critical needs.

We Rotarians took away important information from Jennifer's talk, including the advice to "Follow your heart, trust the data and invest in your community." *Article Written By: Edith Barnard*



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



Upcoming Meetings

FEBRUARY 9th - Meeting at Peoria Riverfront Museum
Speaker: **Ben Blumenberg - W. D. Boyce Council of the Boy Scouts**
Topic: **Boy Scouts Update**
Greeter: **Robbie Robertson**
Inspiration/Reflection: **John Iverson**
Attendance Prize: **Jeff LaFary**

FEBRUARY 16th - Meeting at The Warehouse on State
Speaker: **Sheriff Chris Watkins**
Topic: **Peoria County Sheriff's Office Updates**
Greeter: **To Be Announced**
Inspiration/Reflection: **Jason Parkinson**
Attendance Prize: **John Iverson**

FEBRUARY 23rd - Meeting at The Warehouse on State
Speaker: **To Be Announced**
Topic: **Electric Bus Tour**
Greeter: **To Be Announced**
Inspiration/Reflection: **Jason Parkinson**
Attendance Prize: **Pat Lewis**

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

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

Volunteer Opportunity

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**VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITY**

easterseals
Central Illinois

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.

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.



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
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Every Rotarian Every Year

EVERY ROTARIAN, EVERY YEAR

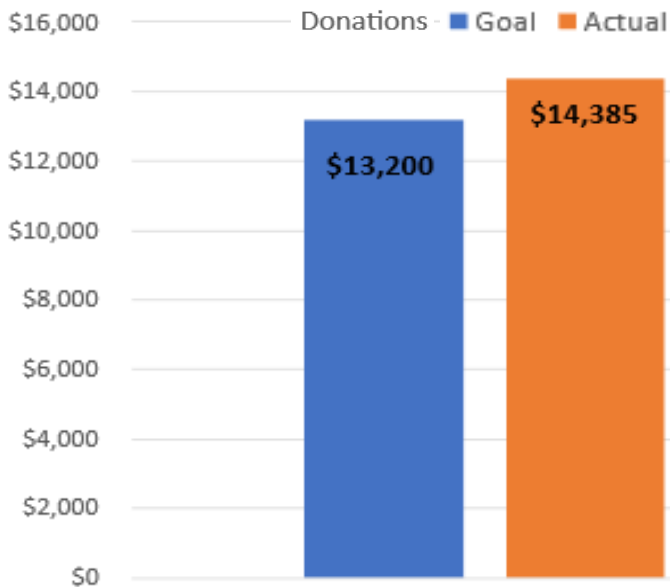
Did you know that donors who gave \$25-\$50 contributed more than \$5.1 million to the Foundation in 2020-21? When every Rotarian gives every year, it makes life-changing, sustainable projects possible.

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

Member Celebrations




BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES




Birthdays		Anniversaries	
John Iverson	2/3	Marcellus Sommerville	2
Jodi Tarter	2/3	Patti Bash	4
Jeff LaFary	2/15	Charlie Greer	4
Pat Lewis	2/17	Travis Mohlenbrink	4
Randy Neff	2/18	Pam Johnson	16
Jason Parkinson	2/20	George Ghareeb	17
Marcellus Sommerville	2/21	Blair Gambill	26
Blair Gambill	2/24	John Kelly	29
Robbie Robertson	2/27	Donald Hartshorn	32
		Steve Bash	33
		Art Oakford	63

Foundation Minute



FOUNDATION MINUTE - VOCATIONAL TRAINING TEAMS



A vocational training team (VTT) offers a hands-on approach to vocational service. In VTTs, groups of professionals travel either to learn more about their vocation or to teach local professionals about a particular field. A VTT helps create sustainable change by strengthening the knowledge and skills of individuals and communities, thereby improving their capacity to serve. In addition to experiencing a new culture and fostering global connections, Rotarians participating in a vocational training team have the opportunity to make an impact long after their travels end.

Teams can qualify for a global grant through The Rotary Foundation so long as they address one of Rotary's six areas of focus and follow certain specific guidelines for scope sustainability and measurability. Funded teams must consist of at least one Rotarian team leader with general Rotary knowledge, leadership skills, international experience, and expertise in the area of focus; and at least two other participants (Rotarians or non-Rotarians) with two years of work experience in the area of focus.

Club Officers

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