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**Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church**

**Friday, February 10, 2023 at 12:00PM**

**Speaker: Julie Eliathamby**

**Topic: Peoria Grown**

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

## Porch Pantry Peoria

Kelli Martin, the co-founder with her husband of 'Porch Pantry' in Peoria spoke to Rotarians on Friday. The Martin's efforts to provide food in their neighborhood began in March of 2020. They simply put food on their porch at 1122 North Ellis Street for anyone to take. The Martins thought their efforts would only last a few months. It's still going on, despite some setbacks along the way. According to Kelli Martin: "21,000 people in Peoria suffer from hunger on a daily basis, including 7,000 children." That means, Kelli said, that 30 to 50 people take food or goods from her pantry daily. She told Rotarians, "We don't require ID, which lets us serve homeless people that might be turned away from other centers".



"Porch Pantry" is now a 501 3C not-for-profit operation, handing out not only food for people but animals as well, along with clothing and other items which might be in short supply. If you would like to help the Porch Pantry Peoria - Donations can be dropped off at [1122 N Ellis St, Peoria, IL 61606](#) You can also visit [Porch Pantry Peoria, Ltd. on Facebook](#) for more information.

## Sterling Merit Committee - Announcement

Sterling Merit will have a committee meeting soon. If you were on the committee last year, I have your name and you do not need to respond. If you are interested in joining this committee, please email Susie Stockman [susie1026@comcast.net](mailto:susie1026@comcast.net)

The Sterling Merit Awards Banquet, recognizes the top 8% of the high school graduates of the schools in Peoria County & East Peoria. Our Rotary club along with Rotary North, Chillicothe, Farmington & East Peoria will host this years banquet on **May 9th** at the **Peoria Civic Center Ballroom** with a dinner to recognize these students. All principals and superintendents from these schools attend.

## 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](mailto: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!

## Upcoming Meetings

**February 10<sup>th</sup> - Meeting at [First United Methodist Church](#)**

**Speaker: Julie Eliathamby**

**Topic: Peoria Grown**

**Invocation: Randy Neff**

**Attendance Prize: Jason Parkinson**

**Greeter: Marcellus Sommerville**

**February 17<sup>th</sup> - Meeting at [First United Methodist Church](#)**

**Speakers: Randall Yelverton & Veronica DeFazio**

**Topic: Peoria Public Library**

**Invocation: Pat Lewis**

**Attendance Prize: Jason Parkinson & Pat Lewis**

**Greeters: Pat Lewis & Randy Neff**

**February 24<sup>th</sup> - Meeting at [First United Methodist Church](#)**

**Speaker: Ethel Pates**

**Topic: Your Lives Matter**

**Invocation: Jason Parkinson**

**Attendance Prize: Marcellus Sommerville**

**Greeter: Abigail Larrison**

**March 3<sup>rd</sup> - Meeting at [First United Methodist Church](#)**

**Speaker: Dr. Aaron Buchko**

**Topic: Bradley Foster School Business**

**Invocation: TBD**

**Attendance Prize: Tim Swain**

**Greeters: Tim Swain & Kate Schureman**

## RYLA



**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!**

**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!

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](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org) so we can start the application process.

## Rotary District 6460 Events

**REGISTER NOW FOR SPRING TRAINING**  
Rotary District 6460's Premier Annual Training for Rotarians



Spring Training starts for Presidents-elect on Friday, March 24 and on Saturday, existing and incoming club leaders along with Rotarians interested in learning more about Rotary join the presidents-elects for training tailored to cover everyone's interests. The Saturday program includes nineteen breakout session from which to choose.

### Important Details

- Spring Training at the Student Union of the University of Illinois Springfield
- All Rotarians are welcome at Spring Training
- There is no cost to attend Spring Training other than your travel cost.
- Friday's president-elect lunch starts at 11:30 AM
- Doors open at 8:30 AM Saturday with the first session at 9:00 AM. Event concludes before 3:00 PM

Click [REGISTER NOW](#) to, you know, register your in-person or hybrid attendance.

Click [President-elect](#) to see the Friday and Saturday schedule or [Saturday](#) to see, the Saturday schedule.

[Click here for further details](#)

### 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](#)

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### 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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## Volunteer Opportunities



**The Service Committee has scheduled two dates for the Rotary Club of Peoria to volunteer at the Midwest Food Bank.**

**Several volunteers are needed to help label and/or package bulk food items so they can be readied for distribution to the food pantries.**

**Date: Tues, February 21st, 2023**

**Time: 9:00am - 11:00am**

**Location: 9005 N Industrial Rd, Peoria**

**[Click Here to Sign up for this Opportunity](#)**

**Date: Wed, March 8th, 2023**

**Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm**

**Location: 9005 N Industrial Rd, Peoria**

**[Click Here to Sign up for this Opportunity](#)**

**You can also sign-up to volunteer for either date at the weekly meeting. A sign-up sheet will be available.**

## Rotary Foundation - Update

The Rotary Foundation Trustees Have Established Two Temporary Funds to Assist Pakistan and Ukraine

- **Why?** These funds address the humanitarian crises caused by devastating flooding in Pakistan and the war in Ukraine.
- **How?**
  - To contribute online, use [my.rotary.org/donate](http://my.rotary.org/donate)
  - To give by check, make it payable to The Rotary Foundation and give to Emily or Melissa
- **For How Long?** Contributions will be accepted until 12/31/2023
- **How Are Contributions Credited and Recognized?**
  - Count toward a donor's total cumulative giving
  - Factor into Paul Harris Fellow, Paul Harris Society, Major Donor, and Arch Klumph Society recognition
  - Help the donor's club achieve the 100% Foundation Giving Club banner
  - Are not credited toward a club's Annual Fund giving



**Trustees Establish Targeted Funds To Aid Pakistan and Ukraine**

In January 2023 The Rotary Foundation Trustees established two temporary funds to assist Pakistan and Ukraine, two areas that are facing extreme need.

The Pakistan Flood Response Fund and the Ukraine Response Fund address the humanitarian crises caused by devastating flooding in Pakistan and the war in Ukraine.

Donors can give directly to relief efforts led by Rotary members.

Contributions will be accepted until 31 December 2023.

Any contributions that haven't been spent by 30 June 2024 will be transferred to the general Disaster Response Fund, to be made available for disasters worldwide.



Pakistan Flood Response Fund



Ukraine Response Fund

### How To Contribute

- To contribute online, use [my.rotary.org/donate](http://my.rotary.org/donate).
- To give by check, make it payable to The Rotary Foundation or to an associate foundation and include a completed [contribution form](#). In the DESIGNATION/PURPOSE section, choose Other and write the fund name (Pakistan Flood Response Fund or Ukraine Response Fund).

### Club Officers

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