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**Weekly Meeting at The Warehouse on State
Friday, February 16, 2024 at 12:00PM
Speaker: Sheriff Chris Watkins
Topic: Current State of Public Safety**

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



Ben Blumenberg

Rotary's speaker for Friday was Ben Blumenberg, CEO of W. D. Boyce Boy Scouts of America Council locally. He took on that role in 2022. A Boy Scout and Eagle Scout as a young man, Blumenberg has been employed by the BSA since graduating from college.

Scouts in the Peoria area belong to the W.D. Boyce BSA Council. So, who was W. D. Boyce, and why was a 14-county region in Central Illinois named for him? Well, William D. Boyce was a Chicago publisher from Rockford, who incorporated the Boy Scouts of America in 1910. That came after meeting Robert Baden-Powell, who had founded the scouting movement in England.

Ben Blumenberg says the role of Scouting in a young person's life is a means to develop them into being leaders. In Ben's words, "to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the scout oath and law to be trustworthy and loyal and that doing Community Service is also a great part of the Scout life". "Scouting", Blumenberg said, "is a game with a

purpose. Kids join for fun; they join for the outdoors. But it's different than most things kids do".

The Scouting movement in America is currently led by Roger Krone, a retired businessman and Eagle Scout, was named in 2023 as the new chief executive of the organization. Scouting's 114th anniversary was Thursday. By the way, Ben Blumenberg has also indicated he plans to join the Rotary Club of Peoria.



If you would like to learn more about Blumenberg and Scouting, [Click Here](#) to watch the (Season 3 Episode 4) of "Consider This With Christine Zak Edmonds" that aired on [WTVP-PBS](#) - July, 22 2022.

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

MARCH 1st - Meeting at The Warehouse on State
Speakers: Jada Hoerr & Audrey Kamm
Topic: Midwest Food Bank Updates
Greeter: Ryan LaCosse
Inspiration/Reflection: Kate Schureman
Attendance Prize: Brian Wagner

MARCH 8th - Meeting at The Warehouse on State
Speaker: Mr. Arnie Spiker
Topic: Woodruff Technical Center
Greeter: Brian Wagner
Inspiration/Reflection: Sara Meinhart
Attendance Prize: Ryan LaCosse

Rotary District 6460's Spring Training

Rotary District 6460's Spring Training for Rotarians

THINK SPRING!

Presented by:
 2024-25 District
 Governor
 Dan O'Brien

CLICK TO REGISTER FOR ROTARY SPRING TRAINING

Who should attend: Presidents-elect & Rotarians interested in making a difference.

When: March 15 for presidents-elect. Arrive at 11:00AM Details of the day to follow.
 March 16 for presidents-elect and all Rotarians. Registration opens at 9:00.
 Sessions end at 3:00.

Where: University of Illinois in Springfield

**Absolutely
 costless!**

Keynote Speaker: Prepare to be inspired by MJ Rogers, professional archery coach. MJ has coached archers on every continent including at Paralympics Games in London, Rio and Japan.

More
 information
 and how to
 sign-up can be
 found on the
**District 6460
 Website**

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 sophmores

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**

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 infodowntown@peoriarotary.org



Polio Plus Society

JOIN THE POLIO PLUS SOCIETY TODAY!
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Rotary Readers Upcoming Events

The 2024 Trewyn Rotary Readers 2nd Graders Field Trip to Elevate Trampoline Park in Peoria is scheduled for Thursday, March 21st

Time: TBA

We are looking for volunteers to help chaperone the kids.

If you would like to sign up to help chaperone, [click here](#) or email [Maggie Freidag](mailto:Maggie.Freidag@peoriarotary.org) or the office.



Trewyn Rotary Readers Fishing Field Trip
Date: Wednesday, May 15th | Location: Camp Big Sky
17185 E McCord, Fairview, IL 61432

Volunteers are needed to help the kids - we would love to have some of the Rotary Readers there to help. The kids should be out there around 9:30am & will leave around 2pm - you do not have to stay the entire time.

If you would like to volunteer, please [click here](#) to sign-up or email [Maggie Freidag](mailto:Maggie.Freidag@peoriarotary.org) or the office.

Every Rotarian Every Year Fundraiser

As part of the Every Rotarian Every Year Fundraiser, the Committee sold raffle tickets for a chance to win some prizes! The raffle ticket prize drawings were held during the Rotary Club meeting on February 2nd and the winners were announced. (Prize Winners Listed Below)

[Click here to watch the EREY Prize Drawing](#)

The Foundation and Endowment Committee thanks everyone who donated prizes and has donated money towards our goal. We have currently raised \$18,165!!

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.

Thank you!

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR FUNDRAISER ~ RAFFLE WINNERS

Pottery Experience - Donated by Katie Vandenberg - Winner: Pam Cain
 Senara Gift Card - Donated by Susie Stockman - Winner: Owen Ackerman
 Memory Blanket - Donated by Colleen Halberg - Winner: Lynne Demanes
 Mexican Feast - Donated by Debbie Sippel - Winner: Gina Driscoll
 Cabi Scarf - Donated by Sara Meinhart - Winner: Patty Bash
 Door County Retreat - Donated by Emily Jacob-Rudesill - Winner: Todd Davis
 Day at Herm Lake - Donated by Martha Herm & Tom McIntyre - Winner: Sara Meinhart
 Olive Garden Gift Card - Donated by Sue Portscher - Winner: John Iversen
 Picnic Basket & Wine - Donated by Pam & Perry Johnson - Winner: Emily Jacob-Rudesill
 Antique Butter Churn - Donated by Don Hartsborn - Winner: John Hart
 Rotary Whiskey - Donated by Quiney Rotary Club - Winners: Brad Stegall & Robert Brandfass
 Asian Dinner at the Herm/McIntyre House - Winner: Joyce Harant
 Car Wash Gift Card - Donated by Maggie Freidag - Winner: Perry Johnson
 Tito's Basket - Donated by Gina Driscoll - Winner: Diana Hall

If you haven't made a donation to the Every Rotarian Every Year Fundraiser, it's not too late to contribute!!!

Please [click here](#) to make a donation or contact:
 Emily Jacob-Rudesill (emilyj@fosterjacob.com)

Foundation Minute



FOUNDATION MINUTE - PARTNERING FOR PEACE



The Peace Corps and Rotary have a partnership agreement that started in 2015, inspired by a group of Returning Peace Corps Volunteers. The heart of the agreement is that Peace Corps and Rotary have almost identical focuses. Partnering for Peace is committed to developing that partnership agreement at the grass roots level. The organization's vision is to help Rotarians, current international service volunteers and returned international service volunteers of various countries, to work together on projects that are consistent with the goals of both Rotary and such organizations. Through this collaboration former Peace Corps volunteers, through Rotary clubs, can continue their international humanitarian service in the local villages and towns where they served. Partnering for Peace, by using our connections, and working through our clubs, hopes to identify former Peace Corps volunteers and their families and the countries where they served. This collaboration will nurture local projects in the volunteer's former communities, working with the local Rotary Club. These networking activities between Peace Corps families in the US and Rotary clubs, and the offshore Rotary clubs has already resulted in projects benefiting the offshore communities. You can learn more here: www.partneringforpeace.org

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