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**Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church
Friday, February 17, 2023 at 12:00PM
Speakers: Randall Yelverton & Veronica DeFazio
Topic: Peoria Public Library**

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



Julie Eliathamby, Founder of Peoria Grown, spoke to Peoria Rotarians about her volunteer organization and how that nonprofit's grown to address food insecurity by upgrading



access to wellness programs and fresh food. Eliathamby, who works as Operations Manager for the Better Banks locally was tapped in 2018 by Senator Chuck Weaver to look into “food deserts” which had appeared with the closing of two Peoria supermarkets.



Since then, her organization has flourished, and was able to generate funds to hire their first part-time employee, a dietician. Currently, Peoria Grown offers cheap produce at three “[Market 309](#)” locations weekly in Peoria.

One of those perhaps surprisingly is on the Bradley University Campus. [Click here](#) to watch a video about Market 309.

Peoria Grown has also placed fruit stands at local community centers to provide healthy snacks at no cost. Wellness classes also have been offered, with fresh free ingredients provided to participants as well.



Interested in Peoria Grown? Visit their website at www.peoriagrown.com

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

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.

Upcoming Meetings

February 17th - 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 24th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Speaker: Ethel Pates

Topic: Your Lives Matter

Invocation: Jason Parkinson

Attendance Prize: Marcellus Sommerville

Greeter: Abigail Larrison

March 3rd - Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Speaker: Dr. Aaron Buchko

Topic: Bradley Foster School of Business

Invocation: TBD

Attendance Prize: Tim Swain

Greeters: Tim Swain & Kate Schureman

March 10th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Speaker: Melissa Sierra

Topic: Peoria Playhouse Children's Museum

Invocation: TBD

Attendance Prize: Donna Malone

Greeter: TBD

RYLA



2023 Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA)

April 16-18, 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 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](#)



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



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: 1:30pm - 3:30pm

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.

Upcoming Social Events



MARCH SOCIAL EVENT

**THURSDAY,
MARCH 23RD**

TIME: TBA

LOCATION: TBA

**MORE INFO
COMING SOON**



If you would like to attend the upcoming social we are asking that you please **RSVP** by emailing infodowntown@peoriarotary.org.

A sign-up sheet will also be available at the weekly meeting.

Thank you!!

Members Are Encouraged To Bring Friends, Family Members and Prospective Members

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
 - 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



How To Contribute

- To contribute online, use 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).

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