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**Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church**

**Friday, February 18, 2022 at 12:00 PM**

**Speakers: Mayor Rita Ali**

**Topic: Report by Peoria's Mayor**

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

## Jim Baldwin and Laura Evancho - Wheels O' Time Museum



The leaders of Peoria's Wheels O' Time Museum came to downtown Rotary on Friday, letting members know about the changes that have been taking place at what's been called "Peoria's Attic". Jim Baldwin and Laura Evancho assumed leadership roles at the museum in 2019, and since then,



attendance and memberships have steadily increased, financial contributions have grown, and a new exhibit building was constructed.

The Wheels O' Time Museum became a nonprofit organization in 2017.

Its exhibitions include indoor / outdoor displays, antique and collector cars, trains, fire engines, airplanes, bicycles, farm & Caterpillar equipment, tools,

a 1938 LeTourneau steel house, a presidential barbershop quartet and much more. Although many



people unfamiliar with the Museum don't realize it, there are four buildings in the Museum complex. The latest built houses a WW2

airplane, Caterpillar tractors and a Lego train set. Moving into the 21st

century now means the Museum takes credit cards and some long-time displays --like the train cars - are being upgraded. The Wheels O' Time

Museum is located between Peoria and Dunlap at [1710 W Woodside](#)

[Dr. in Dunlap](#), just off Knoxville Avenue. The museum will be open



## Upcoming Meetings

**February 18<sup>th</sup>** - Meeting at **First United Methodist Church**  
Speaker: **Mayor Rita Ali**  
Topic: **Report by Peoria's Mayor**  
Invocation: **Randy Neff** | Greeter(s): **Jason Parkinson**  
Attendance Prize: **Randy Neff**

If you plan to attend this Rotary meeting in person, we are asking members to RSVP. If you are bringing any guests please make sure to include this when filling out the RSVP form. Note this is not required to attend the meeting, but it will help the cater with planning and attendance. --> [CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)  
We look forward to seeing you!!

**February 25<sup>th</sup>** - Meeting at **First United Methodist Church**  
Speaker: **Dr. Todd Ward, Ag Lab Director**  
Topic: **What's New at The Peoria Ag Lab**  
Invocation: **John Iverson** | Greeter(s): **Jason Parkinson**  
Attendance Prize: **John Iverson**

**March 4<sup>th</sup>** - Meeting at **First United Methodist Church**  
Speaker(s): **Dr. Mary Stapel, OSF Community Care**  
Topic: **Doctoring the Homeless in Peoria**  
Invocation: **TBD** | Greeter(s): **TBD**  
Attendance Prize: **TBD**

**March 11<sup>th</sup>** - Meeting at **First United Methodist Church**  
Speaker(s): **Karen Dvorsky, IDOT District 4**  
Topic: **Changes to Bob Michel Bridge are coming**  
Invocation: **TBD** | Greeter(s): **TBD**  
Attendance Prize: **TBD**

### Meeting Location Reminder

Please remember the club is holding weekly meetings at the [First United Methodist Church](#). **Unless noted otherwise**. For security reasons the Church doors will only be unlocked from 11:00am - 12:15pm. For any members arriving after 12:15pm, please use the church intercom system and the receptionist will buzz you in.

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## Trewyn Food Pantry

### Donations Needed for Trewyn Food Pantry

We are collecting food items such as: Peanut or almond butter, dried goods such as: Oatmeal, Cereal, Rice, Pasta, Ramen Noodles, Granola Bars and Hormel Completes. Melissa can come and pick up items from you, please

call [676-5432](tel:676-5432) or email [infodowntown@peoriarotary.org](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org) to arrange a time. If you would like to donate money, we will buy non-perishables on your behalf!



## New Membership Proposal

The following membership proposals have been approved by the Club Board of Directors and is published here for general membership consideration.

**Amber Parkinson - Business Development Manager  
Anytime Fitness**

*Sponsored by: Jason Parkinson*

Protests may be sent, in writing, to the President or Secretary within 7 days. If none are received, the proposals will be considered satisfactory.

## Rotary Readers Update

The no visitors restriction will be lifted on February 21st. Rotary Readers can resume reading, starting on Tuesday, February 22nd.

Please touch base with your team captain to confirm your reading schedule.

Thanks to all for your commitment!!  
Maggie & Owen - Rotary Readers Co-chairs

## Community Service Grants

2022 Community Service Grant Applications ~ Available Now!

To be considered for a grant from the Rotary Club of Peoria, please complete the [2022 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 25th**

Please pass the information along to local not-for-profit organizations that might benefit from a grant!

## Volunteer Opportunities



**Midwest Food Bank is looking for volunteers to help label and/or package bulk food items so they can be readied for distribution to our food pantries.**

**Date: Thursday, February 24th, 2022**

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

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

**If you would like to volunteer, please email [infodowntown@peoriarotary.org](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org) to be added to list. A sign-up sheet will also be available at the weekly meeting.**

**Rotary Youth Leadership Academy**



**When is it?** April 22-24th  
**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!

The 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 International Announcements**

**Rotary International Convention**



Register to Attend [www.riconvention.org](http://www.riconvention.org)  
 More Information [www.houstonri2022.org](http://www.houstonri2022.org)

**Writers Needed**

"Writers Sought for So You Thought You Knew" "Sought" by Edie Barnard Rotarians, You are cordially invited to take over writing my Green Light column, "So You Thought You Knew!" As you know, I have been on hiatus since last June. Melissa has kindly been delving into my Archives and choosing articles to place in the Green Light. I love seeing which column she has chosen when the Green Light arrives. I plan to write an occasional column and look forward to reading the ones that our new columnist will write. What a joyous eight years I've had "Getting to know you" this way!!!  
 Look forward to hearing from you.

Please contact me at (309) 922-9058 or [Edith@BarnardCommunications.com](mailto:Edith@BarnardCommunications.com)



**Be a Youth Exchange Host Family!**

We are currently looking for 2-3 families that would be interested in hosting an inbound youth exchange student between the months of **August 2022 & July 2023**.

The student would live with the family for 3-5 months during that time period. A variety of family structures are perfect for being host families- small, big, with many children, or no children. Working families - retired families - We aim to reflect real-world families to students, and we know that real families come in all shapes and sizes. If you are interested in becoming a host family for our inbound student, please email Amanda Gordon-Sandberg, [agordonsandberg@gmail.com](mailto:agordonsandberg@gmail.com) with questions/concerns!



**Member How to Guide - Login to DACdb**



We hope you will maximize your membership by taking advantage of our online member portal, DACdb. This is more than an online directory it's an interactive tool to help you engage with our Club. Through DACdb, you can edit your profile, search for members, register for events, and much more!

If you need further assistance, please contact Melissa by email [infodowntown@peoriarotary.org](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org) or call 309-676-5432



**Login to DACdb**

Your account in DACdb is automatically created when you join our Club. You won't need to sign-up for DACdb, just sign-in!

- To log in for the first time, your email address is your username and your RI member number is your password. Your member number is located in many of your RI communications, including your Rotarian magazine address label.



- You will not need to enter your Club Number. Can't remember your password? Click the blue "Forgot Password" link to reset.

**Tip: Don't forget to bookmark the login page, check the "Remember Me" box, and check out our mobile version!**

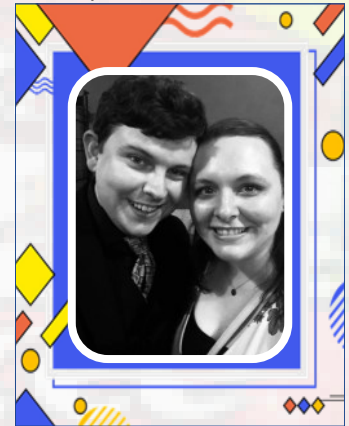
## So You Thought You Knew Nickolas Ward (In 200 Words or less) by Scott Fisher



In 2021, Nickolas and his fiancée Samantha traded in the beautiful sunny weather of Florida and moved to the Peoria area. Even though the recent cold weather makes them miss their home state, they both are very excited and happy to be living in Peoria. Nickolas works for INB Bank in their wealth management division as an investment advisor representative, while Samantha is completing her residency in pediatrics at OSF (See on the right).

In their spare time, they both love to play board games. In their home, they own close to 200 different board games, Nick predicts.

I asked Nick what he was excited about as the weather gets nicer and he said "I'm excited to start learning how to play golf, I never really have played in the past, but I want to learn how to play. My great grandfather who came to America was a professional golfer. He came to America to play golf so hopefully some talent will come naturally." After Samantha's residency, they plan to stay in the Peoria area. As a newer member of Rotary, Nickolas has already jumped in to become involved by co-chairing the social committee.



### Club Officers

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