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Weekly Meeting at The Warehouse on State
Friday, February 23, 2024 at 12:00PM
Speaker: James Wang, Director of Operations
Topic: Peoria Charter Coach - Electric Bus Tour

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



Chris Watkins



Peoria County Sheriff Chris Watkins was the Rotary Club of Peoria's speaker for last Friday. Watkins is an 18-year veteran of the Peoria County Sheriff's Office, beginning as a Corrections Officer and working his way up through the ranks to become Sheriff. And, as sheriff, he leads a staff of 180 people who work as jailers, patrol Peoria County, provide security for the County court system and serve as process servers.

The Sheriff told Rotarians 70 percent of all vehicle hijackings take place close to home. He said "be alert" at intersections, gas stations, ATMs and convenience stores. There were over 20 Vehicular hijackings in Peoria last year. Sheriff Watkins says you should be especially alert when stopped at intersections, gas stations, ATMs and convenience stores. And, he says, keep your cell phone in your pocket. That way, if your vehicle is stolen, you will have a way of contacting 911.

Another problem facing the Sheriff's office, and police departments in general is "spoofing" calls. These are calls which apparently come from schools, for example, indicating there's an active shooter on the premises. Police do respond to these calls, only to find out it's someone's idea of a joke. Criminals are also targeting the elderly, posing as police and calling senior citizens; "saying their grandson's been arrested, you need to give us \$2000 dollars".

On another topic, with the recent Kansas City shooting in mind the Sheriff said if ever involved in a shooting situation, look for a way out first, and if there doesn't appear to be such a way, look for a place you can defend. The average police response time is three minutes, so try to buy yourself time until help arrives.

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?



Rotary
Club of Peoria



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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



Sterling Merit Committee Meeting

The Sterling Merit Committee will have a meeting on Monday - February 26th at the Lakeview Library at 5PM.

If you would like to join this committee, email susie1026@comcast.net or the office.

Sterling Merit recognizes the top 8% of the high school graduates of the schools in Peoria County and East Peoria recognizing the top 8% of the graduating students.

Our club partners with Rotary North, Chillicothe, and Farmington to host the Banquet on Tuesday, May 7th at the Peoria Civic Center Ballroom with a dinner, speaker, and medallion ceremony to recognize these students. All parents, principals and superintendents from these schools attend.

Upcoming Meetings

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

MARCH 15th - Meeting at Peoria Riverfront Museum
Speaker: Becky Rossman
Topic: Handle with Care
Greeter: George Ghareeb
Inspiration/Reflection: Greg Lara
Attendance Prize: Sara Meinhart

Rotary District 6460's Spring Training

Rotary District 6460's Spring Training for Rotarians

THINK SPRING!

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!**

More
information
and how to
signup can be
found on the
**District 6460
Website**

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

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.

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!
BY JOINING YOU ARE COMMITTING TO GIVE A MINIMUM OF \$100 A YEAR UNTIL POLIO IS ERADICATED



THANK YOU!

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 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 or the office.

New Membership Proposal

The following membership proposal has been approved by the Club Board of Directors and are published here for general membership consideration.

Prospective Member: Ben Blumenberg

Sponsored by: Pat Lewis & Gene Olson

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



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!!

Thank you!

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 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 Iverson
 Picnic Basket & Wine - Donated by Pam & Perry Johnson - Winner: John Hart
 Antique Butter Churn - Donated by Don Hartshorn - Winner: Brad Stegall & Robert Brandfass
 Rotary Whiskey - Donated by Quincy Rotary Club - Winner: Joyce Harant
 Asian Dinner at the Herm/McIntyre House - Winner: Perry Johnson
 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)



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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!



Navigating DACdb -- Quick Start Guide

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Please let us know if you have any questions.

If you need further assistance, please contact the office by email infodowntown@peoriarotary.org or call 309-676-5432

F o u n d a t i o n M i n u t e



FOUNDATION MINUTE - ROTARY ACTION GROUPS



Rotary Action Groups are independent, Rotary-affiliated groups made up of people from around the world who are experts in a particular field, such as economic development, peace, addiction prevention, the environment, or water. Action groups offer their technical expertise and support to help clubs plan and implement projects to increase our impact, one of Rotary's strategic priorities. This support includes helping clubs find partners, funding, and other resources. Action groups can also help clubs and districts prepare grant applications, conduct community assessments, and develop plans to monitor and evaluate their projects.

Anyone who wants to share their expertise to make a positive difference can join an action group. Only Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Rotary Peace Fellows can serve in leadership roles. Currently, there are 25 Action Groups with 37,500 members globally. In 2023, Action Groups supported 1,244 service projects and funded \$1,123,000 in humanitarian projects.

**Do you want to learn more? Visit www.rotary.org/actiongroups
Rotarian Emily Jacob-Rudesill, is a member of the Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG)!**

Club Officers

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