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**Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church**  
**Friday, February 25, 2022 at 12:00 PM**  
**Speaker: Dr. Todd Ward, Ag Lab Director**  
**Topic: What's New at the Peoria Ag Lab**

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

## Mayor Rita Ali - Reports on the City of Peoria



Peoria Mayor Rita Ali told Peoria Rotarians about her life and her hopes for Peoria on Friday. Peoria's first woman and person of color chief executive moved to the River City at the age of six. She attended the now-closed Lee Elementary, Roosevelt and Manual schools on Peoria's near-north side.

With the aid of money from the Romeo Garret scholarship program, Rita Ali went to Bradley University. It took eight years to get a BA, as she was a single parent working at the time. Eventually, Rita Ali would obtain two master's degrees and a PhD.

Mayor Ali told Rotarians to check out the Economic Innovation Group's (EGI) website [eig.org](http://eig.org) if they were interested in learning more about their community. The website features an interactive [map](#) to locate distressed neighborhoods according to their zip code. She pointed out how one distressed neighborhood can -without help—drag down its neighbors.

The mayor is optimistic about the proposed Peoria-to-Chicago passenger train line. Already, communities along the path of the former Rock Island Rocket have signed on supporting the proposed passenger service. Mayor Ali says the feasibility study will wrap up in April, but a search for a downtown depot is already underway.

### Peoria Video Showcase—Coming Soon

A Message from Mayor Rita Ali



## Upcoming Meetings

### 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: **Joe Milton** | Greeter(s): **Lynn Demanes**

Attendance Prize: **Tim Swain**

### 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: **George Ghareeb** | Greeter(s): **George Ghareeb**

Attendance Prize: **Tim Swain**

### March 18<sup>th</sup> - Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Speaker(s): **Terri Goss Kinzy, ISU President**

Topic: **ISU's Present and Future**

Invocation: **TBD** | Greeter(s): **Kate Schureman**

Attendance Prize: **Tim Swain**

### March 25<sup>th</sup> - Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Speaker(s): **Community Service Grants Award Presentation**

Invocation: **Kate Schureman** | Greeter(s): **Lynn Demanes**

Attendance Prize: **Tim Swain**

### 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 - 12:05pm.

For any members arriving after 12:05pm, please use the church intercom system and the receptionist will buzz you in.

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FOR YOUR  
PATIENCE AND  
UNDERSTANDING

## Youth Exchange Program



### 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!

## 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!

## Rotary Readers Update

The no visitors restriction was 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

## Sterling Merit Committee

The Sterling Merit Awards Banquet, recognizing the scholastic achievement of the top 8% of high school graduates in Peoria County and East Peoria, will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Peoria Civic Center Ballroom. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please email

Susie Stockman [susie1026@comcast.net](mailto:susie1026@comcast.net)

## 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 the 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

## 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** 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!





Rotary Youth Leadership Academy



**RYLA 2022**

**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.



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



District And Club Database

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

1. 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.

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

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)



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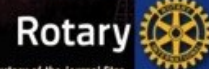


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