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CLUB NO. 76

Weekly Meeting at The Warehouse on State
Friday, March 1, 2024 at 12:00PM
Speaker: Jada Hoerr, Chief Resource Officer
Topic: Updates at Midwest Food Bank

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



James Wang & Bill Winkler Pictured (Left) to (Right)

James Wang, Co-Owner, and Director of Operations at **Peoria Charter Coach** talked to Peoria Rotarians on Friday about his cross-country trip on an electric-powered double-decker motorcoach.

As James describes it, the 14-day trip involved a good deal of maneuvering that 45-foot coach into tight spaces –places no one ever imagined a motorcoach would or should go.

The trip was at the instigation of the owner of the Motorcoach company who knew of James' YouTube channel adventures and reached and said: "James, I'd like you to drive one of our brand-new double deck, all electric motor coaches from Newark, California to winter garden, Florida."

One result was that James Wang racked up four-thousand dollars in fees-because he and the bus didn't make it to motels on time. The problem? It was the motorcoach's 250-mile range on battery power, plus the difficulty in maneuvering the Motorcoach into spaces usually reserved for a Chevy Volt.

James Wang also reported that paying for battery charging on the trip (about \$2,000) was more expensive than running a diesel-power coach on the same trip. That's in addition to the \$4,000 spent on late fees at motels and hotels.

James Wang's feeling about the electric-power coach? He put it this way; "They'd be good for what school buses do locally. What your CityLink buses...somewhere that has a charger with 10 minutes away". You can check out James Wang on [YouTube](#). He's also on [Motorcoach World](#). [Click here](#) to watch a video report on his cross-country journey.



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

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

MARCH 22nd - Meeting at The Warehouse on State
Program: Rotary Club of Peoria
2024 Community Service Grant Awards
Greeter: George Ghareeb
Inspiration/Reflection: Kate Schureman
Attendance Prize: George Ghareeb

Hoops for Polio

HOOPS TO END POLIO  **TOP**
THREE ROTARIANS WIN PRIZES!

We are challenging the club to have 50% participation and to hit \$1500.

Let's make it happen!!

COMPLETE YOUR NCAA BRACKET TO WIN!

DONATION: ONLY \$25 PER BRACKET
PAYMENT: CASH OR CHECKS PAYABLE TO
ROTARY FOUNDATION
BRACKET: BRACKET IS COMPLETED ON-LINE
(Caitlin & Sara WILL SUPPLY DETAILS)

ENTER MORE THAN ONE BRACKET!!!

Checks can be mailed to the office if you will not be at the March 1st or 8th Meetings.

CAN WE GET 65 MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE?
LET'S HIT OUR GOAL!

If you would like to participate, click here for more information

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!

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.

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

More information and 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.

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

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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 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.



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.

IBHS Interact Club Updates

Rotary Club of Peoria **Interact** Illini Bluffs HS Interact Club Service Projects



On February 22nd, Interact Club Members spent the evening at the Canton Salvation Army, assisting with the weekly community dinner. We all agreed that it was one of our favorite volunteer experiences yet.



On February 25th, Interact Club Members were welcomed back to Ronald McDonald House of Peoria to prepare a spaghetti dinner for the families staying there. The IBHS Interact Club was able to raise \$700 to donate to the Ronald McDonald House of Peoria through their "Float Friday" (selling root beer floats for \$1 on Fridays).

DACdb Member Portal

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 the office by email infodowntown@peoriarotary.org or call 309-676-5432

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.



- 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: Brad Stegall & Robert Brandfass
 - Antique Butter Churn - Donated by Quincey Rotary Club - Winner: John Hart
 - Rotary Whiskey - Donated by the Herm/McIntyre House - 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)

Member Celebrations



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Birthdays

Colleen Johnson	3/3
Diana Hall	3/6
Tim Swain	3/13
Lynne Demanes	3/15
Ryan LaCosse	3/19
Brian Wagner	3/19
Stephanie Ramsay	3/21
Sara Hounshell Meinhart	3/27
John Wahlfeld	3/28

Birthdays


George Ghareeb	3/29
Joseph Milton	3/30
Kate Neumiller Schureman	3/30




Anniversaries

Daniel Blanchard	1
Austin Locke	5
Ken Silverthorn	8
Chuck Weaver	15
Win Stoller	24

Foundation Minute



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

President - Randy Neff
 President-Elect - Jana' Stevens
 Secretary - Caitlin Behrends
 Treasurer- Gina Driscoll
 Immediate Past President - Tom McIntyre

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