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# THE GREEN LIGHT

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PEORIA — Club 3238

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**Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church  
Friday, March 24, 2023 at 12:00PM  
Program: The Osher Lifelong Learning  
Institute (OLLI) at Bradley University**

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



**Bill Conger - Curator of Collections & Exhibitions at Peoria Riverfront Museum**

By the time you read this, John Morris and Bill Conger of the Peoria Riverfront Museum will be in New York City meeting

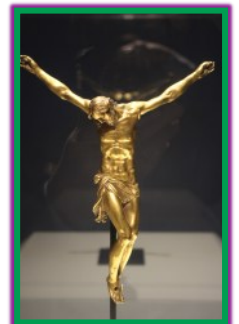
with the director of the Museum of Modern Art, the director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the directors of the Museum of Natural History, and the 911 Museum. It's a way of finding more exhibits for the Peoria Museum. Bill Conger, the Curator of Collections and Exhibitions, spoke to Peoria Rotarians on Friday and said the push has been to have more exhibitions, changing them more frequently.

"Literally, every time you come here every four, five or six weeks, there's a new exhibition", Conger said. Conger also praised Alice Walton, the Wal-Mart heir who created "Crystal Bridges", the expansive art museum in Bentonville, Arkansas.

The show at the Peoria Riverfront Museum titled "American Revolutionaries - Art in Disruption" was made possible by Alice Walton. More than that, Alice Walton created a foundation that allows

Peoria to access works by the most important artists and even pays for art to be shown in Peoria.

Peoria Rotarians got time to roam the Museum after Conger's talk. Some viewed a bronze image of Jesus cast in the 16th century by Guglielmo Della Porta, a contemporary of Michelangelo.



**CLICK HERE TO SEE THE EXHIBITION SCHEDULE**

## Upcoming Meetings

March 24th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church  
Speaker: Bradley University  
Topic: OLLI Program  
Greeter: Bill Harlan  
Invocation: Sara Meinhart  
Attendance Prize: Tim Swain

March 31st - Meeting at First United Methodist Church  
Program: Community Service Grant Awards  
Greeter: TBD | Invocation: TBD  
Attendance Prize: Tim Swain

APRIL 7th - NO MEETING - GOOD FRIDAY BREAK  
WISHING YOU A GOOD FRIDAY & HAPPY EASTER



## Upcoming Social Event

### Rotary Club of Peoria - March Social Event

Date: Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> | Time: 5PM - 8PM  
Location: Industry Brewing - 8012 N Hale Ave - Peoria  
**SOCIALIZING & APPETIZERS (NO COST)**  
**DRINKS - A CASH BAR WILL BE AVAILABLE**  
Cost to participate in Axe Throwing: \$15.00 Per Person

If you would like to attend the social, we are asking that you please RSVP by 03/22 to [infodowntown@peoriarotary.org](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org)  
You can submit RSVP's using the link in the Green Light Newsletter or using the sign-up sheet available at the weekly meetings.

## Rotary Readers - Thank You



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ROTARY  
READERS  
MARCH  
15TH,  
2023  
FIELD  
TRIP TO

ELEVATE  
TRAMPOLINE PARK

Thank you  
volunteers!

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SERVICE Above Self

## Volunteer Opportunities



**SPRING  
CLEAN-UP  
DAY**

The Service Committee scheduled the Rotary Club of Peoria to volunteer at The Hooked on Fishing Park.

Date: **Wed, April 19th, 2023**

Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Location: Hooked on Fishing Park  
[1807 N Main St - East Peoria](#)

Details: Several volunteers are needed to help clean the areas around the ponds & any other activity you would do in the spring to get ready for opening season.

If you would like to volunteer  
[Click Here to Sign-Up](#)

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

## Hoops to End 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 (EMILY WILL SUPPLY DETAILS)

### ENTER MORE THAN ONE BRACKET!!!

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

Make checks payable to  
The Rotary Foundation  
You can sign-up and pay for brackets at weekly club meetings or mail payments to the Rotary Club Office

If you have questions, please email Emily Jacob-Rudesill or Sara Meinhart - Thank you



## 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

## Rotary Family Day at The Ball Park

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Chicago Cubs vs. St. Louis Cardinals

Busch Stadium - St. Louis

July 29th, 2023 | 6:15pm Game Time

Tickets \$60.00

ORDER FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT WEEKLY MEETINGS OR CAN  
DOWNLOADED FROM THE GREEN LIGHT OR THE DISTRICT 6460 WEBSITE

Buying Tickets Helps with The Literacy Projects

## The Rotary Foundation District 6460 Scholarships

#### Scholarship Overview

- District 6460 offers scholarships through The Rotary Foundation Grants process
- The scholarship consists of \$3000 payable to a College, University or Approved Vocational School for Tuition and/or Books

#### Scholarship Application

The application process for Academic Year 2023-24 is now OPEN!

Application is available here: [District Scholarship Information and Application \(2023-2024 Academic Year\)](#)

#### Important Dates

- All applications must be received by *midnight May 26, 2023*
- Interviews will be scheduled no later than *July 8, 2023 (date subject to change)*

[Click here for further details](#)

#### Contact and send applications to

Mr. Lynn Coers  
District 6460 Rotary Scholarship Chair  
29494 E CR 2390 N  
Manito, IL 61546

Email: [lynncoers@yahoo.com](mailto:lynncoers@yahoo.com)  
Phone: 309-840-0420

# Rotary



### THE 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** & **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4 Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



# IMAGINE ROTARY

# Sterling Merit Sponsorship Opportunities & Benefits



THE ROTARY CLUBS OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS  
Present the 2023 Sterling Merit Awards Banquet  
Tues, May 9<sup>th</sup> 2023 - 5:30-8:30 PM | Peoria Civic Center

The annual banquet will host students and their parents from the following area schools: Brimfield, Dunlap, East Peoria, Elmwood, Farmington, Illini Bluffs, Illinois Valley, Limestone, Manual, Peoria Notre Dame, Peoria Heights, Peoria, Princeville, Quest Academy and Richwoods High Schools. We anticipate 650 plus in attendance and would be honored to have you as a sponsor.

The Sterling Merit Awards Banquet has a long history in Central Illinois. It was created to recognize and reward academic excellence of area high school seniors. It was started by the Junior League of Peoria in 1959, and culminated with an annual awards banquet that was held at the Opera House in Peoria's Exposition Gardens. After the Junior League developed this successful program, they searched for a dedicated organization to take on responsibility for its continuation. The Rotary Club of Peoria proudly accepted the invitation to continue this worthy event in 1968, and the Sterling Merit Banquet remains one of the many worthwhile projects and initiatives of this area's Rotary Clubs.

"Service Above Self" is the aim of Rotary and all Rotarians, and there are a number of local participating clubs who jointly sponsor the Sterling Merit Banquet as part of Rotary's longstanding tradition of community service, especially in the area of education. These include the Rotary Clubs of Peoria, Peoria North, Peoria Sunrise, East Peoria, Chillicothe and Farmington. In addition, Peoria Magazine has been a partner in honoring the local high school seniors who are Sterling Merit scholars by featuring a photo spread in the June issue of the magazine.

In honoring the top eight percent of high school graduates who have attained the highest standing in their classes. The Sterling Merit Awards Banquet enhances the incentive for scholastic achievement through public recognition. Rotary is proud to help build stronger communities by recognizing and rewarding outstanding performance and academic excellence. It is Rotary's sincere hope that the connotation of "sterling" – applying equally to these students and their awards – will encourage all to continually strive for quality in their every endeavor.

## 2023 STERLING MERIT SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES & BENEFITS

**PLATINUM \$1500 & ABOVE**

- Banquet sponsorship of Sterling Merit Banquet
- Feature mentioned in all Rotary newsletters in the Peoria area
- Logo on big screen display throughout the presentation
- Two mentions from the podium as a sponsor
- Ability to give a token of recognition to each student
- Signage at the banquet will include you company name as a sponsor

**GOLD \$750**

- Mention on the big screen presentation before program
- Mention from the podium as a sponsor
- Name listed on the banquet signage

**SILVER \$500**

- Name listed on the big screen presentation before the program
- Mention from the podium as a sponsor
- Name listed on the event signage

**BRONZE \$250**

- Name listed on the big screen presentation before the program
- Name listed on the event signage

Pay online for **STERLING MERIT SPONSORSHIPS**  
Peoria Rotary Club  
[www.peoriarotary.org](http://www.peoriarotary.org)

Please make checks payable to **Rotary Club of Peoria**  
Mail to: P.O Box 5639  
Peoria, IL 61601

**STUDENT SPONSOR \$100**

- Four students attending the banquet
- Name listed on the event signage

**STUDENT SPONSOR \$50**

- Two students attending the banquet
- Name listed on the event signage

**IF YOU  
WOULD  
LIKE  
TO PAY  
ONLINE  
CLICK  
HERE**

### Club Officers

President - Tom McIntyre  
President-Elect - Randy Neff  
Secretary - Katherine Coyle  
Treasurer- Scott Fisher  
Immediate Past President - Janet Bantz Glavin

### Board Members

Melissa Entzminger  
Charlie Greer  
Emily Jacob-Rudesill  
Aaron Kilgore  
Patrick Kirchofer  
Randy Neff  
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