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THE ROTARY CLUB OF PEORIA — Club 3238

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 CLUB NO. 76

Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Friday, March 25, 2022 at 12:00 PM

Program: Community Service Grant Awards | Club Assembly

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

Mike Rucker, Author & Retired Caterpillar Engineer Peoria's History on Bicycles & Early Automobiles



Peorian Charles Duryea was present at the birth of the automobile in America. Duryea's story was told to Peoria Rotarians by author Mike Rucker. Rucker, who helped bring Duryea's "Peoria Trap" back to the city in the 1980's, indicated equal credit for the first Duryea vehicle needs to Frank Duryea, Charles' brother. It was Frank who actually finished the first car at the factory in Springfield, Massachusetts, while Charles was back in Peoria producing bicycles.

That first Duryea vehicle won the first long-distance auto race in America, held in Chicago in 1893. There were only six vehicles in the race, and the Duryea won in miserable winter conditions... taking all day to drive 54 miles. But the Duryea's won the prize and fame. That fame, unfortunately, did not translate to commercial success for Charles Duryea, as he spent years trying to perfect his version of the automobile. Frank Duryea, meanwhile, teamed with the Stevens

company to create the Stevens-Duryea, and retired a wealthy man. You can see one of

Charles Duryea's Peoria vehicles, the "Motor Trap" at the Peoria Riverfront Museum. You can see both the first Duryea (a replica) and the last Duryea car at the Wheels of Time Museum in Dunlap.



Duryea Chicago Race Car



The "Motor Trap" at the Peoria Riverfront Museum



1920 Stevens-Duryea

Upcoming Meetings

March 25th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church
 Program: **Club Assembly | Community Service Grants**
 Invocation: **Kate Schureman** | Greeter(s): **Lynn Demanes**
 Attendance Prize: **Tim Swain**

April 1st - Meeting at First United Methodist Church
 Speaker(s): **Corey James**

Topic: **Freedom Paws Service Dogs**
 Invocation: **Emily Jacob-Rudesill** | Greeter(s): **Bill Harlan**
 Attendance Prize: **Donna Malone**

April 8th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church
 Speaker(s): **Colleen Callahan, Director IDNR**
 Topic: **Illinois Department of Natural Resources**
 Invocation: **Bill Harlan** | Greeter(s): **TBD**
 Attendance Prize: **Donna Malone**



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 are only unlocked from 11:30am - 12:05pm. For any members arriving after 12:05pm, please use the church intercom system and the receptionist will buzz you in.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING

2022 Membership Drive

2022 Membership Drive
 - 22 (Or More) in 2022!

- **1st Place:** FREE MEALS for 1 Quarter (or \$195 if employer pays dues) + Rotary Swag
- **2nd Place:** \$100 Gift Card + Rotary Swag
- **3rd Place:** Rotary Swag

*Point System = 1 points per guest ~ 3 points per new member

Sterling Merit Banquet Announcement

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 3rd at the Peoria Civic Center Ballroom. The committee held the first planning meeting on March 1st. If you are interested in serving on the committee or volunteering to help at the awards banquet, please email Susie Stockman at susie1026@comcast.net or the office infodowntown@peoriarotary.org

R Y L A

Rotary Youth Leadership Academy



The goal is to have two or more sophomores from each Rotary Club in District 6460 attend the RYLA weekend Apr 22-24. 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 so we can start the application process.

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 & Hormel Completes. Melissa can come and pick up items from you, please email

infodowntown@peoriarotary.org or call **676-5432** to arrange a time. If you would like to donate money, we will buy non-perishables on your behalf!



Rotary District 6460 Upcoming Events

2022 Rotary Family Day at The Ball Park

Chicago Cubs vs. St. Louis Cardinals

June 26th at Busch Stadium | 1:15pm Game Time
 Pre-Opening Day Ticket Sale - Early Bird Special -
 Tickets \$45.00 - Until April 6th *

On / After Opening Day - April 7th - Tickets \$58.00

**** Buying Tickets Helps with The Literacy Projects ****

Ticket Order Forms can be downloaded from the Rotary Club of Peoria website or requested by emailing the office infodowntown@peoriarotary.org

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Rotary International Announcements



Rotary International Convention

Register to Attend
www.riconvention.org

More Information
www.houstonri2022.org

Rotary Foundation - Ukraine Relief Efforts



Rotary's network enables rapid humanitarian relief for Ukrainian refugees
Rotary clubs have taken swift action to provide food, water, medical equipment, and shelter for Ukrainian refugees.

[Read more about the relief efforts >](#)

The Rotary Club of Peoria is collecting donations for the relief efforts in Ukraine.
If you would like to donate using a credit/debit card, please go to the club's website www.peoriarotary.org to make your donation.

***Note: This will make it easier for the club to keep records and make sure the donation counts for Paul Harris.**

**You can also mail donations to
Rotary Club of Peoria
P.O. Box 5639 | Peoria, IL 61601
OR**

Make a donation at the weekly meeting.

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 or call the office 309-676-5432

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?

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