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CHARTERED 1913
CLUB NO. 76



Weekly Meeting at The Warehouse on State
Friday, April 5, 2024 at 12:00PM
Speaker: Joe Russell
Topic: The growth of Russell's Cycling & Fitness

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

Member Celebrations



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays		Anniversaries	
Andy Fograscher	4/11	Brooke Sommerville	1
Daniel Blanchard	4/14	Scott Fisher	6
Travis Mohlenbrink	4/16	Jeff Gress	7
Brooke Sommerville	4/17	Deepak Nair	8
Bill Harlan	4/20	Jason Parkinson	9
Steve Van Winkle	4/24	Pat Lewis	19
Emily Jacob-Rudesill	4/27	Joseph Milton	19
Jon Stephens	4/27	Mick Hall	22
		Rex Linder	29
		Martha Herm	31
		John Crawford	50





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



Rotary Readers Elevate Fieldtrip

Upcoming Meetings

APRIL 12th - Meeting at The Warehouse on State
Speaker: Dr. Aiyer
Topic: University of IL College of Medicine
Greeters: Bill Koenig & Bill Harlan
Inspiration/Reflection: Emily Jacob-Rudesill
Attendance Prize: TBD

APRIL 19th - Meeting at The Warehouse on State
Program: Club Assembly
Greeter: TBD
Inspiration/Reflection: TBD
Attendance Prize: Bill Harlan

APRIL 26th - Meeting at The Warehouse on State
Speaker: Doug Cruitt | Topic: Distillery Labs
Greeter: Andy Fograscher
Inspiration/Reflection: Andy Fograscher
Attendance Prize: Emily Jacob-Rudesill

**TREWYN
 ROTARY
 READERS
 MARCH
 21ST,
 2024
 FIELD
 TRIP TO**

**ELEVATE
 TRAMPOLINE PARK**

*Thank you
 volunteers!*



special
THANKS TO:

**PEORIA CHARTER & BILL
 WINKLER - FOR THE BUS
 RIDE TO ELEVATE**



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!

WEBSITE ADDRESS
WWW.DACDB.COM

Navigating DACdb -- Quick Start Guide

Let's Get You That Cheat Sheet!

When you're logged into DACdb, click on the "Support / Learning" tab at the top of the window and then in the left side menu click on "Overview" and select "DACdb User Quickstart Guide" and you can download a PDF file that will get you started with where things are in DACdb. This is a great tool for less experienced users.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

DACdb LOGIN

Email/Login Name

LOGIN

Remember Me? Do NOT check this in public systems (e.g., library, internet cafe).

Forgot/Reset Password? | Forgot Username? | [Go Back](#)

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

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JOIN THE POLIO PLUS SOCIETY TODAY!
 BY JOINING YOU ARE COMMITTING TO GIVE A
 MINIMUM OF \$100 A YEAR UNTIL POLIO IS
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THANK YOU!

Rotary District 6460 - Family Day at Busch Stadium

Tickets are on sale now for this year's Rotary Family Day at Busch Stadium. This is our 21st year of games at the ballpark with proceeds from ticket sales supporting literacy efforts in Downstate Rotary Districts. This successful program has raised more than \$560,000 for Literacy Projects.

Here's what you need to know about this year's game:

Cardinals vs. Cubs - Saturday, July 13th, 2024 - Busch Stadium in St Louis
 Starting time 1:15 PM - However starting times can change. All sales are final- check for updates to the game time by going to stlcardinals.com
Ticket Price: \$60 Per Seat - Seating Locations: Loge Reserved & Pavilion - Best seats go to those who do not wait! Tickets sold on a first-come-first-served basis - there are 2,000 Tickets available, Let's sell them all!!!

Anyone can buy or sell tickets - you don't have to be a Rotarian. Just print the order form, fill it out and mail it with a check for the purchase. Any questions, contact **Brian Barstead at 217-652-4371** or **Rod Buffington at 217-416-1245**

If you would like to buy tickets - Order forms will be available at weekly club meetings | Order forms can also be downloaded by [clicking here](#) or from the **District 6460 Website**.

District 6460's Academic Scholarships

The academic scholarship application process is now OPEN!

Important Details

- Academic Year: 2024-2025
- Applications Due: May 31, 2024



[CLICK HERE](#) for \$18,000 Menghini International Scholarship Information

[CLICK HERE](#) for \$3,000 Domestic Scholarship Information

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 POLIO
 NOW**

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 District 6460
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April Social Event

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 Readers Upcoming Fieldtrip

Camp Big Sky Field Trip on May 15, 2024

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.

Rotary Club of Peoria - Parks On Tap Announcement

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PARKS ON TAP
 TRAVELING TAPHOUSE



2024 PARKS ON TAP SCHEDULE

5/19 - Donovan Park (unique Sunday event - 2 - 5 p.m.)
 5/31 - Sommer Park North | 6/13 - Bradley Park
 6/20 - Bicycle Safety Town | 7/11 - Cassidy Park
 7/18 - Morton Square Park | 8/8 - Grandview Drive Park
 8/15 - Detweiller Park | 8/30 - Sommer Park North

Special Thank You to Our 2024 Sponsors



Every Rotarian Every Year Fundraiser

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.



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.

[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!!**

If you haven't made a donation to the Every Rotarian Every Year Fundraiser, it's not too late to contribute!!!

Thank you!

Please [click here](#) to make a donation or contact: Emily Jacob-Rudesill (emilyj@fosterjacob.com)

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



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.



Sterling Merit Sponsorship Opportunities & Benefits



THE ROTARY CLUBS OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS



Present the 2024 Sterling Merit Awards Banquet
Tues, May 7th 2024 - 5:30-8:30 PM | Peoria Civic Center

This year's Sterling Merit Awards Banquet will be held on May 7, 2024, at the Peoria Civic Center Ballroom. The Keynote Speaker will be Nikki Romain - Co-founder for Artists ReEnvisioning Tomorrow (ART, Inc)

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. We honor the top eight percent of high school graduates who have attained the highest standing in their classes. The Sterling Merit Awards Banquet gives public recognition to students who have excelled academically during their high school years.

Last year 170 students qualified for the award and 153 attended the banquet, accompanied administrators from each school and by parents and/or other family members. This is a very meaningful event for students and their families, and our club has enthusiastically co-sponsored the event for over 50 years.

Students attend the banquet free of charge. Family members are asked to pay \$20.00 which is well below cost, and this year includes free parking. For the past several years, we have offered opportunities for sponsorship to partially defray the costs of the event and to keep charges within a reasonable range for our families.

We have developed six sponsorship levels which are described below. We are asking club members to strongly consider becoming a sponsor at whatever level you see fit. In addition to your contribution to the event, if you know of an individual or a business which might be interested in becoming a sponsor, please feel free to contact them directly, or send your nomination to [Susie Stockman](#) or [Bill Albers](#).

Our hope is that our entire membership will support this request, allowing us to keep costs to families within an affordable range, and enabling every student to enjoy this important event.

Thank you in advance for your support – Sterling Merit Committee.

2024 STERLING MERIT

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 your company name as a sponsor

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

GOLD \$750

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

& BENEFITS

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



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If you would like to pay for STERLING MERIT SPONSORSHIPS online, please [click here](#)

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

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



FOUNDATION MINUTE CLEAN WATERWAYS - CLEAN WATER



Many Rotarians have had opportunities to travel to communities throughout the US and in countries around the world. When done by car, the disparity between the clean, leafy suburbs of large cities contrasts starkly with debris-filled backyards and vacant lots of communities whose residents struggle to make a living. Priorities are different - and having a tidy garden isn't one of them. In some communities, public funds aren't available for garbage pick-up & residents aren't in the habit of safely dealing with trash.

What really jolts the viewer driving through many areas is the proliferation of trash and debris alongside riverbanks. As spring rains and snowmelt combine into rivers in flood, the inevitable happens - the trash ends up in the river - and taints the water supply.

In some overseas communities, residents get their drinking water from the same dirty stream which in the dry season was concentrated into a toxic brew. The rainy season brings not only flooding, but water tainted with whatever ended up in the river - a dangerous situation with the potential to spread disease to those who drink it.

What can Rotarians do to assist communities to clean up their communities, their waterways, and eventually their water sources? How about starting with simple trash cleanup projects - engaging Rotarians, Interact Students & local residents to help nearby communities who might need help dealing with a problem their residents cannot address. Sometimes the example we set is enough to change minds & make a change for the better.

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