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THE ROTARY CLUB OF PEORIA — Club 3238

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## Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Friday, April 8, 2022 at 12:00 PM

**Speaker: Colleen Callahan, Director of the IDNR**

**Topic: Illinois Department of Natural Resources**

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

## Freedom Paws Service Dogs Foundation



Peoria Rotarians heard from Corey James, his wife Teresa, and associates from Freedom Paws Service Dogs Foundation on Friday. James is a ten-year veteran of the Air Force and suffers from PTSD after multiple deployments. Corey initially worked for a service dog organization until it dissolved. Corey and wife Teresa then started the Freedom Paws Service Dogs Foundation in September 2018.

Teresa James had been a puppy raiser for Leader Dogs for the Blind, and Corey says it was a natural thing for Teresa to begin training service dogs for veterans and first responders.



Joining Corey and Teresa at Rotary were Brenda Olson, who fundraises for the group, and Brenda Twisdale, a U.S. Navy veteran suffering from multiple service-related illnesses. Twisdale was joined by her service dog William, who she received in October of last year. It was Twisdale's first time speaking in public about the help she receives from her dog.

The FPSD Foundation is always looking for trainers for their donated dogs, which come from breeders donating to the 501(c)(3) organization. To learn more about The FPSD Foundation please visit: [www.freedompawsservicedogs.org](http://www.freedompawsservicedogs.org)



### Be a Youth Exchange Host Family!

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE HOST FAMILIES SOUGHT (Help spread the word)

Rotary Club of Peoria is seeking interested families for the Rotary Youth Exchange program to host an international high school student.

**Host families do not need to be Rotarians.**

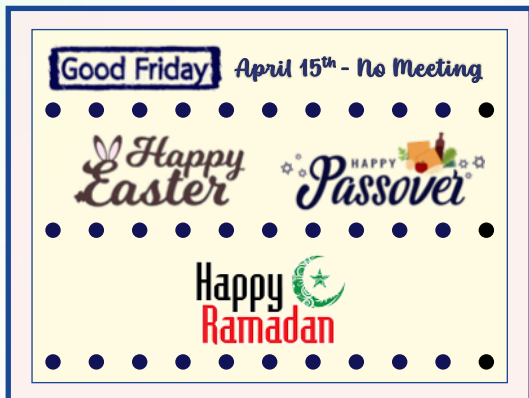
- The time commitment is four or six months for each host during the 2022-2023 school year between the months of August 2022-July 2023.

- If you or someone you know in the community might be interested, contact Rotary of Peoria President Janet Glavin at 309-370-4893 or [jglavin@illinois.wish.org](mailto:jglavin@illinois.wish.org). | Interested respondents will be added to an invitation list for an informational online meeting that will be held in

April or early May. **If you would like to learn more about hosting an exchange student - [CLICK HERE](#)**

## Upcoming Meetings

**April 8<sup>th</sup>** - 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**



**April 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Meeting at **First United Methodist Church**  
 Speaker(s): **Gene Olson, Director of Airports**  
 Topic: **PIA Airport: New Tower**  
 Invocation: **Steve Driscoll**  
 Greeter(s): **Emily Jacob-Rudesill & Gina Driscoll**  
 Attendance Prize: **Bill Harlan**

**April 29<sup>th</sup>** - Meeting at **First United Methodist Church**  
 Speaker(s): **Katie Kim, The Kim Group**  
 Topic: **Local Realtor Developments**  
 Invocation: **TBD** | Greeter(s): **Gina Driscoll**  
 Attendance Prize: **Emily Jacob-Rudesill**

## 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](http://Rotary Club of Peoria website) or requested by  
 emailing the office [infodowntown@peoriarotary.org](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org)

## 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](mailto: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!



**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

## Volunteer Opportunities

**Camp Big Sky - Service Project**  
 Looking for volunteers to help demo the existing boardwalk at Camp Big Sky.

**Date: Saturday, April 9th, 2022**

**Time: 9:00am - 1:00pm**

**Location: 17185 E McCord, Fairview, IL**

If you would like to volunteer, please email [infodowntown@peoriarotary.org](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org) to be added to the list. A sign-up sheet will also be available at the weekly meeting.

## Social Event

Rotary  **APRIL CLUB SOCIAL**   
 Club of Peoria

**Date: Thur, April 28th | Time: 5pm - 7pm**

**Location: Oliver's in the Heights**

**Members: Free | Guests: Free**

The Social Committee has organized the Club's first Social event of the year. Members are encouraged to bring friends, family members and prospective members. Hors d'oeuvres will be served, and a cash bar will be available.

If you would like to attend the social we are asking that you please RSVP by emailing [infodowntown@peoriarotary.org](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org). A sign-up sheet will also be available at the weekly meeting. Thank you!!

## 2022 Membership Drive

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- 22 (Or More) in 2022!

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

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



# RYLA

## Rotary Youth Leadership Academy



**What is RYLA?** 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 Woodlands, Georgia, IL.

**Why attend?** Exponentially grow student's leadership and community skills. Will get a chance to meet and network with other students. Become an emerging leader in the community.

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](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org) so we can start the application process.

## Rotary International Announcements

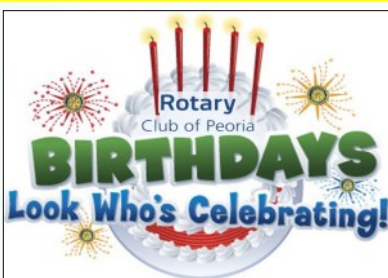


### Rotary International Convention

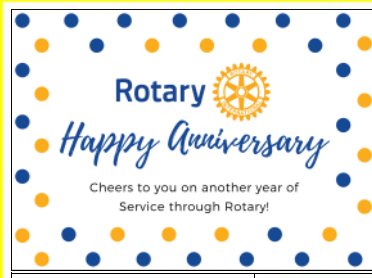
Register to Attend  
[www.riconvention.org](http://www.riconvention.org)

More Information  
[www.houstonri2022.org](http://www.houstonri2022.org)

## Member Celebrations



Member	Birthday
Karl Gabbert	4/4
Andy Fograscher	4/11
Travis Mohlenbrink	4/16
Donna Malone	4/17
Bill Harlan	4/20
Steve Van Winkle	4/24
Emily Jacob-Rudesill	4/27
Roberta Koscielski	4/28



Member	Years
Michael Salmon	2
Scott Fisher	4
Jeff Gress	5
Deepak Nair	6
Jason Parkinson	7
Pat Lewis	17
Joseph Milton	17
Mick Hall	20
Rex Linder	27
Martha Herm	29
John Crawford	48



## 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 [peoriarotary.org](http://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  
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Donations can be made at the weekly meeting.**

### Club Officers

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