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Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Friday, April 14, 2023 at 12:00PM

Speaker: Mike Acerra

Topic: LuxBlox

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

Rotary Squir Cheese Extravaganza

We'd like to share with you all the announcement of our Grand Champions, dare we say World Champions, of the Squir Cheese Extravaganza. The extravaganza was conceived in April 2020 as a fun way to keep in touch as Rotary zoomed. The semi sanctioned squir cheese "squir out" was born with contestants competing for a one of a kind hand crafted trophy and World Champion Status. The top three categories were crowned, anointed, and praised.

The Havarti and Provolone recipients. **Elsa and Ava DelPozo (Granddaughters of Rotarian Marty Collier)**

Elsa and Ava are 14 and 15 yr. old students who attend school in Dunlap. By all accounts, they are excellent students. They are creative and top "squir in class." They are your 2020-2023 World Squir Cheese champions and have a bright future in the world of Squir. They also received a \$20 cash scholarship each to the "Squir Academy of Cheese" and a day off from school.

John Hart is certainly recognized and known for his "cheese cutting" but he has upped his game and has been recognized with the "American Cheese Award" for his unique hors d'oeuvres entry in this year's World Championship of Squir Cheese Extravaganza. He's a real whiz!

And NOW!! The final result for the Rotary World Championship Extravaganza.

The "Gouda...but not great" Award (Rotary Theme) winner was **Walter Ruppman**. Walter was out of town touring on the Professional Squirting Tour Circuit. Congratulations to Walter, "You've always been the BIG CHEESE" but now you're the "King of the Squirs" too!

Hoops to End Polio

HOOPS TO END POLIO



CONGRATULATIONS
to our **WINNERS!**

Thank you to all of you who for participating in Hoops To End Polio! Our goal was to raise \$1,600 for End Polio Now and we MET OUR GOAL! YOU ALL ARE AMAZING!

DRUMROLL PLEASE!
AND THE WINNERS ARE...

1ST PLACE: JIM COTE
2ND PLACE: PRESTON MEINHART
(SARA MEINHART'S SON)
3RD PLACE: JOHN BEARCE

Again, thank you all so much! Every 60 cents donated to End Polio Now immunizes one child! With this single fundraiser, our club was able to help 2,667 children receive polio vaccinations!!! That is definitely something to celebrate!

Upcoming Meetings

APRIL 14th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church
Speaker: Mike Acerra
Topic: LuxBlox
Greeter: Ryan LaCosse
Invocation: Ryan LaCosse
Attendance Prize: Bill Harlan

APRIL 21st - Meeting at First United Methodist Church
Speaker: Roberta English
Topic: Wildlife Prairie Park Update
Greeter: TBD
Invocation: Bill Harlan
Attendance Prize: Donna Malone

APRIL 28th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church
Speaker: Timothy Killeen
Topic: University of IL Updates
Greeter: TBD
Invocation: Ryan LaCosse
Attendance Prize: Emily Jacob-Rudesill

Volunteer Opportunities



The Service Committee scheduled the Rotary Club of Peoria to volunteer at the Midwest Food Bank.

Several volunteers are needed to help build and pack food boxes for children and their families.

These boxes will be distributed to families in Harlan & Bell Counties in Kentucky, which are two of the most populated & poorest counties in the United States.

Date: **Thursday, April 13th, 2023**

Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Location: [9005 N Industrial Rd, Peoria](#)

[Click Here to Sign up for this Opportunity](#)

You can also sign-up to volunteer for either date at the weekly meeting. A sign-up sheet will be available.

Trewyn Rotary Readers Fishing Field Trip

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Date: Thursday, May 11th | Time: TBD

Location: Camp Big Sky

Volunteers are needed to help - we would love to have some of the Rotary Readers there to help out. If you would like to volunteer, a sign-up sheet is available on the back table. You can also email the office and Melissa will get you signed up.



**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.

**ROTARY CLUB OF PEORIA
NEWEST MEMBER**



Daniel Blanchard - (CES)
Computerized Estimating Services
*Sponsored by Fellow Rotarians
Brad Stegall & Cedric Volkmer*

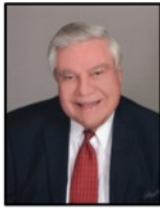
WELCOME NEW ROTARIANS

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SERVICE Above Self

In Memoriam



Frederick J. Stuber July 18, 1939 - March 30, 2023



Frederick J. Stuber, 83, passed away the morning of Thurs, March 30, 2023, at UnityPoint Proctor Hospital in Peoria.

Fred was a member of Rotary for 36 years and a Paul Harris Fellow. He will be greatly missed by all those who knew him, and the Rotary Community as a whole. Thank you, Fred, for giving so generously of your resources and time, and for being a true example of "Service Above Self"

Funeral services will be at 1:00pm on Sat, April 15, 2023, at Wilton Mortuary in Peoria. Major Heath Sells of the Salvation Army will officiate. Visitation will be from 11:00am until the time of service on Saturday at the mortuary. Private burial will occur in Historic Springdale Cemetery in the Stuber Plot where Fred will be interred together with four generations of his Stuber ancestors.

Rotary District 6460 Events

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](#)

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
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Manito, IL 61546

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Phone: 309-840-0420



Photos from last year's Rotary Family Day at the Ball Park

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

Sterling Merit Sponsorship Opportunities & Benefits



THE ROTARY CLUBS OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS
 Present the 2023 Sterling Merit Awards Banquet
 Tues, May 9th 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
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mention on the big screen presentation before program • Mention from the podium as a sponsor • Name listed on the banquet signage
	SILVER \$500
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	Please make checks payable to Rotary Club of Peoria Mail to: P.O. Box 5639 Peoria, IL 61601
	STUDENT SPONSOR \$100
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four students attending the banquet • Name listed on the event signage
	STUDENT SPONSOR \$50
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two students attending the banquet • Name listed on the event signage

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