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**Weekly Meeting at The Warehouse on State
Friday, April 19, 2024 at 12:00PM
Program: Club Assembly & RYLA Students
Speaking about the RYLA Experience**

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



Dr. Meenakshy Aiyer



Department of Surgery

Dr. Meenakshy Aiyer of UICOMP (University of Illinois College of Medicine Peoria) was Rotary's Friday speaker. She is the eighth regional dean since 1970 and holds the titles of Head and Professor of Clinical Health Sciences Education and Pathology and in addition, Dr. Aiyer is a Clinical Professor in the Department of Medicine.

Medicine is a big business in Peoria. City leaders are proud of the fact that sixteen percent of Greater Peoria's workforce is employed at hospitals, clinics, specialty centers, and educational institutions, resulting in double the national average.

Currently, the number one and three employers in the Peoria area are hospitals: OSF St. Francis, and Carle-Methodist and Carle - Proctor. The new OSF Cancer Care Center could attract new staff and new patients to the area. Add to that, the number of the independent physicians, and all the nurses in training at five local



UICOMP Lecture

schools (Bradley, ICC, Methodist, OSF and Knox College) and you can certainly

speculate medicine could be a large part of Peoria's future.

But, Dr. Aiyer says, UICOMP programs aren't just helping Peoria.

She pointed to the RSVP program at the med-school, which has students during their training spend time in rural communities, because as a result they are more likely to practice in rural communities.



School of Medicine Diversity

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



Upcoming Meetings

APRIL 26th - Meeting at The Warehouse on State
Speaker: Gary Jacob | Topic: 90 Years of Electrical Contracting
Greeter: Andy Fograscher
Inspiration/Reflection: Andy Fograscher
Attendance Prize: Emily Jacob-Rudesill

MAY 3rd - Meeting at The Warehouse on State
Program: Illini Bluffs Interact Club
Topic: Speed Networking with Club Members
Greeter: Jeff Gress
Inspiration/Reflection: Caitlin Behrends
Attendance Prize: Steven Driscoll

MAY 10th - Meeting at The Warehouse on State
Program: Club Member Networking / Trivia
Greeter: Gene Olson
Inspiration/Reflection: Greg Lara
Attendance Prize: Jeff Gress

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

Paint Day at Sterling Middle School

STERLING MIDDLE SCHOOL ROTARY CLUB - PAINT DAY PROJECT

Date: Wednesday, May 1st | Time: 8:30am-10:00am

To fulfill the District Grant requirements, We are going to do our own version of a Paint Day at Sterling Middle School; we will also have some Peoria High students there to help us! We would love to have some Rotarians come and paint with us. If you have a Rotary shirt, please wear it.

If you would like to volunteer, please [click here](#) to sign-up. We will also have a sign-up sheet available at the weekly meetings or you can email infodowntown@peoriarotary.org to be added to list.

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 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](mailto:brian.barstead@rotary.org) at 217-652-4371 or [Rod Buffington](mailto:rod.buffington@rotary.org) 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](http://District6460.org).

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June Social Event

ROTARY CLUB OF PEORIA - JUNE SOCIAL EVENT

Date: Thursday, June 6th | Time: 5PM - 8PM
 Location:  5326 W Charter Oak Rd, Peoria, IL

Cost: Club Members - Free | Guests - \$15.00 | Kids - \$5.00

If you would like to attend the social, we are asking that you please have your RSVP'S submitted by June 3rd, 2024 - You can submit RSVP'S by clicking [here](#) or emailing infodowntown@peoriarotary.org | A sign-up sheet will be available at weekly meetings.

Thank You For Coming

Rotary Club of Peoria - April Social Event
 Date: Thursday, April 11th | Time: 5PM - 8PM
 Location: Industry Brewing - 8012 N Hale Ave - Peoria



Rotary Club of Peoria - Parks On Tap Announcement



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

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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.



URGENT REMINDER

THE DEADLINE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE STERLING MERIT PROGRAM IS APRIL 26TH 2024

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 you 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 you 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



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FOUNDATION MINUTE: DISTRICT GRANTS



The District Grants Program will provide funding for one-time-only community-service projects that involve the active, personal participation of Rotarians. The projects should serve as a means of enhancing the community and/or improving lives of the less fortunate where Rotary clubs are present.

Funding for these grants come from donations to the Annual Fund - SHARE made three years ago. The funds we received are typically only around \$2,000, but our Club could choose to grant more from our local Endowment.


What District Grants Support You can use district grants to fund a variety of district and club projects and activities, including: Humanitarian projects, including disaster recovery efforts | Local projects | Youth programs |
*** Projects should correspond with one of Rotary International's 7 Areas of Focus**

Past District Grants we have received funds for include computers at Trewyn, helping fund the new Girl Scout troop at Trewyn, Sterling Middle School outdoor learning space, and Sterling Middle School supplies.

District Grants are usually due mid-August. If you have an idea for one, please reach out to the Foundation Committee Chair! The organization receiving the grant must be a 501(c)3.

D A C d b M e m b e r P o r t a l

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

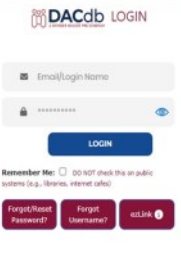
Navigating DACdb -- Quick Start Guide

START HERE

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.



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

P o l i o P l u s S o c i e t y

JOIN THE POLIO PLUS SOCIETY TODAY!

BY JOINING YOU ARE COMMITTING TO GIVE A MINIMUM OF \$100 A YEAR UNTIL POLIO IS ERADICATED



THANK YOU!

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