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THE ROTARY CLUB OF PEORIA — Club 3238

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Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Friday, April 21, 2023 at 12:00PM

Speaker: Roberta English

Topic: Wildlife Prairie Park Update

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 Acerra came to Friday's Rotary meeting pulling a wagon full of toys – toys which Mike had made. If you are a certain age, you remember having Lincoln Logs as a child. If you are younger, you had Legos to play with. Mike and Heather Acerra, of Galesburg, have created "Lux Blox," a new kind of construction/building toy.



In 2012, Mike says he and Heather began the process of creating a toy which could create forms which would "bend, fold, squish, and move". It took three years - and the help of a creative 15-year-old- to create a final form which connected to other forms at several different angles, which Mike and Heather called "Lux Blox".

The Acerra's website says the "core of Lux Blox is the use of moving linkages to simulate free-form motion."

Given the number of Rotarians who were crowding around Mike's demonstration table after the meeting, there may be Lux Blox on some children's or grandchildren's Christmas or Birthday lists.

[Click here](#) to visit the Lux Blox website. You can also reach out to Mike Acerra by email Mike@luxblox.com



Volunteer Opportunities

Hooked on Fishing



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.

New Membership Proposal

The following membership proposal have been approved by the Club Board of Directors and are published here for general membership consideration.

Prospective Member: Damon Piper
Company: Heartland Bank & Trust
Sponsored by: Mick Hall

Protests may be sent, in writing, to the President or Secretary within 7 days. If none are received, the proposals will be considered satisfactory.

Sterling Middle School Project

ROTARY CLUB SERVICE PROJECT STERLING MIDDLE SCHOOL 2315 N Sterling Ave | Peoria, IL 61604

Sterling Middle School received a Rotary District Grant this year. They have recess supplies, balls, toys etc. and ball carts for each grade level that need to be put together. The grant does require Rotarians to do some kind of work with the project, so we are hoping to get some members there to help. If you have a Rotary shirt, please wear it.

Date: **Friday, April 20th** | Time: 1:00pm - 2:00pm

If you would like to volunteer, please use the link provided in the **Green Light** to sign-up. A sign-up sheet will be available at weekly meetings or email infodowntown@peoriarotary.org to be added to list.

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.

Rotary Club of Peoria Endowment Project - YMCA's Playground



The YMCA's playground equipment has arrived. Volunteers are needed to help with installation. Our Rotary Club has the first opportunity to fill what we can before the YMCA has to look elsewhere for volunteers.

Two Dates: **Friday, May 19th** & **Saturday, May 20th**

Two Shift Options Each Day: **9am - 1pm OR 1pm - 5pm**

If you would like to volunteer, please use the link provided in the **Green Light** to sign-up. A sign-up sheet will be available at weekly meetings or email infodowntown@peoriarotary.org to be added to list.

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Upcoming Meetings

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

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

May 5th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church
Speaker: Anthony Marotta
Topic: Peoria Symphony Orchestra
Greeter: TBD | Invocation: TBD
Attendance Prize: TBD

New Members

WELCOME NEW ROTARY CLUB OF PEORIA MEMBERS

Darcy McQuellon
Family House Peoria
Sponsored by Fellow Rotarians
Mick Hall & Jana' Stevens

Brooke Sommerville
Peoria County
Sponsored by Fellow Rotarian
Marcellus Sommerville



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

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
29494 E CR 2390 N
Manito, IL 61546

Email: lynncoers@yahoo.com
Phone: 309-840-0420

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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.

<p>2023 STERLING MERIT SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES & BENEFITS</p>	<p>PLATINUM \$1500 & ABOVE</p> <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
	<p>GOLD \$750</p> <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
	<p>SILVER \$500</p> <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
	<p>BRONZE \$250</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name listed on the big screen presentation before the program • Name listed on the event signage
	<p>STUDENT SPONSOR \$100</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four students attending the banquet • Name listed on the event signage <p>STUDENT SPONSOR \$50</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two students attending the banquet • Name listed on the event signage

Pay online for STERLING MERIT SPONSORSHIPS

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