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Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Friday, April 28, 2023 at 12:00PM

Speaker: Nicholas P. Jones

Topic: University of Illinois Updates

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



Roberta English began working as Executive Director of Wildlife Prairie Park in 2019. Friday, she told her fellow Peoria Rotarians what's been accomplished during her tenure and what's still to come.



Among the accomplishments, using down time during Covid to refurbish some of the on-site buildings - including the women's bathroom formerly a privy!



The Park - which is over 2,000 acres includes a working farm and space for the bison to roam, as well as bicycle and hiking trails, nine fishing lakes, holiday housing and recreational space. Roberta says she expects to see ten thousand visitors this year. Her job, she says, is to make Wildlife Prairie Park a better-known center for adventure tourism for locals and visitors alike. The park recently received a \$151,000 grant from the State to increase tourism.



Wildlife Director Andy Aberle says among the changes coming; more bison, with the intent of creating a sustainable herd for meat production, more animals including a white buffalo, four wolves and three female cougars.



Rotarians have worked at Wildlife Prairie Park on projects for years now, and Roberta English says we'll be asked back again.

[Click here](#) to watch a video.

Upcoming Meetings

APRIL 28th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church
Speaker: Nicholas P. Jones
Topic: University of IL Updates
Greeter: Emily Jacob-Rudesill
Invocation: Martha Herm
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

MAY 12th - Meeting at The Warehouse on State
Speaker: Scurry Miller
Topic: Children's Home: Helping the Kids & Families Who Need It Most
Greeter: TBD | Invocation: TBD
Attendance Prize: TBD

Volunteer Opportunities

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

 **Rotary Endowment Project**
GREATER PEORIA YMCA
7000 North Fleming Lane | Peoria, IL 61614

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.

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

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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

Rotary Family Day at The Ball Park

Rotary Family Day at The Ball Park

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



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

Service Project Updates



SPRING
CLEAN-UP
DAY



Peoria Rotarians went to Hooked on Fishing Park on April 19th, to help clean the areas around the ponds and other spring activities to get the park ready for the opening season.



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THANK
YOU
Volunteers!

Peoria Rotarians went to Sterling Middle School on April 20th, to assemble sporting goods for the students there. Assisted by some willing eighth graders, the Rotarians assembled cages for basketballs and footballs, as well as inflating the balls. Peoria Rotary received a District grant for the athletic equipment. Still to come are new backboards for the basketball courts.



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

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 Mail to: P.O. Box 5639
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Club Officers

- President - Tom McIntyre
- President-Elect - Randy Neff
- Secretary - Katherine Coyle
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- Melissa Entzminger
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