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CLUB NO. 76

Weekly Meeting at The Warehouse on State
Friday, May 3, 2024 at 12:00PM
Speakers: Illini Bluffs High School Interact Club
Topic: Speed Networking with Club Members

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



Gary Jacob &
Emily Jacob-Rudesill

Foster-Jacob, Inc. is one of the oldest electrical contracting companies in central Illinois, and it's still owned by the original founder's family.

Two members of that family spoke to Rotarians on Friday: Gary Jacob and daughter Emily, who is now company President.



It all began with John George (J.G.) Jacob working as an electrician for Best Electric in Peoria in the 1920's and through the Great Depression. In 1933, he decided to start his own business, Jacob Radio and Electric, in Morton. The company's name was changed to J.G. Jacob and Sons in the late 1930's when his sons, Ray, Joe, and Ken joined the company.

By the mid 1950's, the Jacob family assumed control of Foster Electric and Foster-Jacob was formed. Ray's eldest son, Gary, took control of the company in the 1990's, After learning the company ropes at an early age, visiting job sites with his grandfather and working in the shop.

Gary joined the apprenticeship program in 1967 at age 17 and in 2003 earned his M.B.A at Bradley University. Gary was the third generation of his family to own the company.

In 2009, Gary's daughter, Emily graduated from college and joined the business. The next year she was accepted into the JATC apprenticeship program, where she worked for five years. After graduating from the apprenticeship, she became majority owner and President in the Fall of 2015 and the fourth generation of her family to run the Peoria company.



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

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Upcoming Meetings

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

MAY 17th - Meeting at The Warehouse on State
Program: **Trewyn Rotary Readers Club Visit**
Greeter: **Caitlin Behrends**
Inspiration/Reflection: **Maggie Freidag**
Attendance Prize: **Gene Olson**

MAY 24th - Meeting at The Warehouse on State
Speaker: **John Wieland** | Topic: **WTVP Updates**
Greeter: **Aaron Kilgore**
Inspiration/Reflection: **Steve Driscoll**
Attendance Prize: **Betsy Bladel**

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 7, 2024

Trewyn Rotary Readers Fishing Field Trip

Date: Tuesday, May 7th | Location: Camp Big Sky
17185 E McCord, Fairview, IL 61432

Volunteers are needed to help with 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 use the link in the **Green Light** to sign-up or email **Maggie Freidag** or the office.

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District 6460's Academic Scholarships

The academic scholarship application process is now OPEN!

Important Details

- Academic Year: 2024-2025
- Applications Due: May 31, 2024

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[CLICK HERE](#) for \$18,000 Menghini International
Scholarship Information

[CLICK HERE](#) for \$3,000 Domestic Scholarship Information

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** at 217-652-4371 or **Rod Buffington** 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**.


Rotary Club of Peoria Service Project at Wildlife Prairie Park

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May



Let's Celebrate

MEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays


Roger Dornaus	5/3
Eileen Setti	5/8
Don Hartshorn	5/9
Gene Olson	5/11
Jeff Gress	5/12
Win Stoller	5/20
Greg Lara	5/24
Carol Merna	5/26
Scott Seynemeier	5/27
Dennis Glavin	5/28
Aaron Kilgore	5/31

Anniversaries

Damon Piper	1
Dr. Eileen Setti	2
Cedric Volkmer	2
Jason Miller	7
Carol Merna	9
Tonda Thompson	9
Robert Brandfass	11
Steve Driscoll	15
John Bearce	20
Diana Hall	22
Todd Davis	27
Stephanie Ramsay	30
Lynne Demanes	34
Roger Dornaus	43

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.

Rotary Club of Peoria - Parks On Tap



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 infodowntown@peoriarotary.org



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.



Foundation Minute



FOUNDATION MINUTE: MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH



May is a time for celebrating the many Youth programs offered by Rotary – whether Rotaract Clubs, Interact Clubs, Early Act Clubs, Rotary Youth Exchange students, Short-term exchange students and the Global Grant and Peace Scholars supported by donations to Rotary International. Many clubs choose to honor those students in their community who exemplify Rotary’s motto of Service Above Self in their local community service efforts. This type of recognition can continue, including broader publicity throughout local communities.

We celebrate these student volunteers because they represent the future of Rotary. Each of these students, having experienced the positive effect they have on others, can continue their service – through participation in Rotary. They may continue their volunteer service with local organizations, alongside Rotarians, or through Rotaract or service clubs in their post-high school college communities. Some may join the Peace Corps after graduation, introducing them to global service and possible collaborations with Rotary clubs overseas.

The trick is to find a way to stay connected! Fortunately, this is getting easier – but involves asking for information before losing the local connection. Find out where your local Rotary Service Stars will be spending next year and stay in touch – connecting with their families is also a nice way to say “thanks for your service” and might maintain ties in the future.

DACdb Member Portal

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!

The screenshot shows the DACdb website interface. On the left, there is a logo for DACdb (A MEMBER MINDER PRO COMPANY) and the website address WWW.DACDB.COM. In the center, there is a 'START HERE' button and a 'Let's Get You That Cheat Sheet!' section with instructions on how to use the portal. On the right, there is a 'DACdb LOGIN' section with a form for 'Email/Login Name' and a password field, along with a 'LOGIN' button and links for 'Forgot/Reset Password?' and 'Forgot Username?'. There is also a 'Remember Me' checkbox and a note to 'do NOT check this on public systems (e.g., libraries, internet cafes)'. A 'cdLink' icon is also visible.

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