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THE GREEN LIGHT

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PEORIA — Club 3238

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Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Friday, May 5, 2023 at 12:00PM

Speaker: Anthony Marotta

Topic: Peoria Symphony Orchestra

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



**UNIVERSITY
OF ILLINOIS
SYSTEM**

Peoria Rotarians heard from two leaders from the University of Illinois on Friday. Dr. Nicholas P. Jones is the Vice President for Academic

Affairs at the University of Illinois System, second-in-command to the president.

Dr. Meenakshy Aiyer is the Regional Dean at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria.



Their talks confirmed that medicine is one of the strongest economic drivers in the Peoria region.

OSF Medical Center and the Carle HealthCare Hospital (formerly Methodist Medical Center) are together the largest employers in the region.

With four local nursing colleges and the U of I Med School added, its clear medicine is a strong component of the local economy.

Dr. Jones points to the University of Illinois itself as a major economic driver for the state - by educating as many students as it does. In fact, he says, 52% of all students attending public universities are at a University of Illinois campus.

Upcoming Meetings

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

MAY 19th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church
Program: Trewyn Rotary Readers Club Visit
Greeter: TBD | Invocation: TBD
Attendance Prize: TBD

Volunteer Opportunities

Neighborhood House - Rotary Club of Peoria - Endowment Fund Project

ROTARY CLUB SERVICE PROJECT

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE 
1020 S. Matthew | Peoria, IL 61605

The Neighborhood House received funding from the Rotary Endowment Fund to update the outdoor spaces. Volunteers are needed to help assemble the items (Picnic tables, Adirondack Chairs, Benches) & do some painting of the items along w/ painting sandboxes (which they plan to repurpose into reading nooks) & existing benches. If you have a Rotary shirt, please wear it.

Date: Thursday, May 18th | Time: 1:00pm - 4:00pm

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.

YMCA Playground - Rotary Club of Peoria - Endowment Fund Project

 **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.

Trewyn Rotary Readers Updates

Our last week of reading with the kids will be the week of May 15th. On our schedule, we have down that we are reading the following week, however, the kids have multiple fieldtrips scheduled and therefore it doesn't make sense to read that week.

I also wanted to remind everyone of the fishing fieldtrip on Thursday, May 11th to Camp Big Sky. The kids should be out there around 9:30am and will leave around 2pm. If you would like to join us, please let me know! You do not have to stay the entire time.

We will also have the kids join us for our Friday lunch on May 19th. The kids will arrive at 11:30am. I would appreciate it if a couple of members from each group could be there to sit with their readers. This is always a very fun event for the kids. We have lunch, they perform a song for us, and we give them a bag full of books and goodies.

Thanks for another successful year of reading!

Maggie Freidag

Rotary Readers Fishing Field Trip

Trewyn Rotary Readers Fishing Field Trip
Date: Thursday, May 11th | Time: 9:30am - 2:00pm
Location: Camp Big Sky

Volunteers are needed to help the kids - we would love to have some of the Rotary Readers there to help.

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.

Rotary



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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 Scholarship

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)

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

[Click here for further details](#)

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

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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
Carol Merna	5/26
Scott Seynemeier	5/27
Dennis Glavin	5/28
Aaron Kilgore	5/31

Anniversaries

Amanda Klein	1
Paris McConnell	1
Dr. Eileen Setti	1
Cedric Volkmer	1
Jason Miller	6
Carol Merna	8
Tonda Thompson	8
Robert Brandfass	10
Steve Driscoll	14
John Bearce	19
Diana Hall	21
Todd Davis	26
Stephanie Ramsay	29
Lynne Demanes	33
Roger Dornaus	42



Let's
Celebrate

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



	<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 your 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>Pay online for STERLING MERIT SPONSORSHIPS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Peoria Rotary Club</p> <p>www.peoriarotary.org</p>	<p>Please make checks payable to</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rotary Club of Peoria</p> <p>Mail to: P.O. Box 5639 Peoria, IL 61601</p>
	<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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