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**Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church**  
**Friday, May 6, 2022 at 12:00 PM**  
**Speaker: Dr. Abigail Larrison**  
**Topic: The Community House Network**

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

## Local Realtor Developments

### Katie Kim , The Kim Group



Peoria Developer Katie Kim returned to the Peoria Rotary Club on Friday for an update on her continuing efforts to change what was once an old IDOT office complex on Knoxville Avenue.

It is now called the Keller Station buildings, which the Peoria Park District assumed control of, and which Kim and the park district are now partners in the development. Kim says that keeps the Park District receiving money from the once abandoned offices and garages.

There are several offices inside the Keller Station buildings, and Kim says there are on-going plans for more. There are also plans for another round of Farmer's Markets at the site off Knoxville's parking lot.

There's also plans for a micro-brewery at the Keller Station property which would open this summer, part of the third phase of the development of the old IDOT property.

In addition, the Kim Group is also pursuing the development of condos in Peoria Heights along Samuel Street. Kim said that a survey had shown that there was a lack of that type of housing in the mix in the heights.



## Youth Exchange Program



Be a Host Family for  
an Exchange Student!



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### Rotary Club of Peoria International Youth Exchange Program Host Family Information Sessions

Learn More About Being A Host Family for The Rotary  
International Youth Exchange for the 2022-2023 School Year!

Sign up to attend an Informational virtual meeting:  
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email  
containing information about joining the meeting.

**THURSDAY, MAY 5 | TIME: 7:00-7:45 PM**  
**ZOOM REGISTRATION LINK**

If you would like more information about the program  
or want to refer someone who is interested in being a  
host family or learning more contact Scott Seynemeier,  
Rotary Club of Peoria Youth Exchange Officer.

Email: [sseynemeier@gmail.com](mailto:sseynemeier@gmail.com) | Phone: 309-231-8520

## Rotary Readers Update

No Rotary Readers on **Mon. May, 9th**  
Students are going on a field trip to Camp Big Sky!

**Thanks to all for your commitment!!**  
Maggie & Owen - Rotary Readers Co-chairs

## Paul Harris Presentations

Four Peoria Rotarians were presented with Paul  
Harris awards at last Friday's meeting.



Dr. Bill Albers  
Todd Davis  
Robert Brandfass  
Rebekah Bourland

*Congratulations!*

## Upcoming Meetings

**May 6<sup>th</sup>** - Meeting at First United Methodist Church  
Speaker(s): **Dr. Abigail Larrison, Founder / Director**  
Topic: **The Community House Network**  
Invocation: **Don Hartshorn** | Greeter(s): **Jeff Gress**  
Attendance Prize: **Carol Merna**

**May 13<sup>th</sup>** - Meeting at First United Methodist Church  
Program: **TREWYN ROTARY READERS PROGRAM**  
Invocation: **Scott Seynemeier** | Greeter: **Don Hartshorn**  
Attendance Prize: **Jeff Gress**

**May 20<sup>th</sup>** - Meeting at Barrack's Cater Inn  
Speaker(s): **Ty Livingston & Eric Miller**

Program: **East Peoria Trail Design**  
Invocation: **TBD** | Greeter: **Scott Seynemeier**  
Attendance Prize: **Don Hartshorn**

### Meeting Location Reminder

Please remember the club  
is holding weekly meetings at the **First United Methodist Church**.  
*Unless noted otherwise.* For security reasons the Church doors  
are only unlocked from 11:30am - 12:05pm.

For any members arriving after 12:05pm,  
please use the church intercom system  
and the receptionist will buzz you in.

THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR  
PATIENCE AND  
UNDERSTANDING

## 2022 Membership Drive

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- 22 (Or More) In 2022!

- **1<sup>st</sup> Place:** FREE MEALS for 1  
Quarter (or \$195 if employer  
pays dues) + Rotary Swag
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** \$100 Gift Card + Rotary  
Swag
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Rotary Swag

\*Point System = 1 points per guest ~  
3 points per new member



## Rotary District 6460 Upcoming Events

### 2022 Rotary Family Day at The Ball Park

**Chicago Cubs vs. St. Louis Cardinals**

June 26th at Busch Stadium | 1:15pm Game Time

\* **Tickets \$58.00** \*

**\*\* Buying Tickets Helps with The Literacy Projects \*\***

Ticket Order Forms can be downloaded from the  
[Rotary Club of Peoria website](http://Rotary Club of Peoria website) or requested by  
emailing the office [infodowntown@peoriarotary.org](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org)

\* **Note:** Game Time may change if ESPN opts to  
promote this as a Sunday Night Baseball broadcast,  
so be prepared to be flexible \*

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Camp Big Sky - Trewyn Kids - Fishing Day

Looking for volunteers to help take the Trewyn kids out for a day of fishing at Camp Big Sky.

**Date: Monday, May 9th**

**Location: Camp Big Sky**

**Time: 8:30am- 3:30pm**

**Meet at Chuck's around 8:30-8:45am Monday morning.**

If you would like to volunteer, please email [infodowntown@peoriarotary.org](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org) to be added to the list. A sign-up sheet will also be available at the weekly meeting.

### Rotary Service Project to support Make-A-Wish in Peoria

Luz Elena, age 10 of Peoria is diagnosed with a life-threatening seizure disorder. Because of her frequent seizures, she has a lot of anxiety about playing safely away from home and has limited vision as well. In order to play safely, Luz has wished for a Barbie-themed playhouse in her backyard located in central Peoria. We are in need of volunteers to help with the following:

**May 20 and or May 21 - Help assembly and finishing of interior - Furniture assembly (play stove, couch/bed, chairs and table, hanging of lights and wall items, etc.. Need four volunteers for approximately 2 hours. If after Rotary, work can be done immediately following Rotary or later Friday afternoon. Like 2-4 or 2-5 PM.**

**May 20 and/or May 21 - Help installing mulch & planting flowers for Luz to finish her playhouse and set up for wish day reveal party! Weather dependent. Can be done immediately following Rotary meeting on 5/20 from approx. 2-4 PM. Or Saturday morning from approx. 9-11:30 AM.**

If you would like to volunteer, email the office to be added to the list - [infodowntown@peoriarotary.org](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org). A sign-up sheet will be available at the weekly meeting.



### REALITY CHECK For ages 11-18

**Tuesday, July 12th**  
Morning Shift - 9:00 am-12:30 pm  
Afternoon Shift - 12:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Reality Check is a hands-on financial literacy simulation for youth ages 11-18. Volunteers are needed to run booths and shops where students can spend their money, & to help students balance their checkbooks & navigate the event.

Contact Lyndsie to reserve your spot  
(309) 369-2335 - [lgravemier@goodwillpeo.org](mailto:lgravemier@goodwillpeo.org)

#### Can you survive a month as an adult?

Compete against other teens in this fun workshop as you try to apply for a job, choose housing, haggle over a car, budget for childcare, and still end with money in the bank. But be careful, one spin of the wheel could spell fortune... or disaster.

**Tuesday, July 12th, 2022** Time assigned at registration.

Thank you to Peoria Downtown Rotary Club for your support in this event.

## Trewyn Food Pantry

### Donations Needed for Trewyn Food Pantry

We are collecting food items such as: Peanut or almond butter, dried goods such as: Oatmeal, Cereal, Rice, Pasta, Ramen Noodles, Granola Bars & Hormel Completes.

Melissa can come and pick up items from you, please email

[infodowntown@peoriarotary.org](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org) or call **676-5432** to arrange a time. If you would like to donate money, we will buy non-perishables on your behalf!



### Rotary Foundation - Ukraine Relief Efforts



**Rotary's network enables rapid humanitarian relief for Ukrainian refugees Rotary clubs have taken swift action to provide food, water, medical equipment, and shelter for Ukrainian refugees.**

[Read more about the relief efforts >](#)

**The Rotary Club of Peoria is collecting donations for the relief efforts in Ukraine.**

**If you would like to donate using a credit/debit card, please go to the club's website [peoriarotary.org](http://peoriarotary.org) to make your donation.**

**\*Note: This will make it easier for the club to keep records and make sure the donation counts for Paul Harris.**

**You can also mail donations to Rotary Club of Peoria P.O. Box 5639 | Peoria, IL 61601 Donations can be made at the weekly meeting.**

### Rotary International Announcements



#### Rotary International Convention

Register to Attend  
[www.riconvention.org](http://www.riconvention.org)

More Information  
[www.houstonri2022.org](http://www.houstonri2022.org)

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## Club Social

**Thank You**  
**To everyone who**  
**attended the club social**  
**event last week at Oliver's**  
**in Peoria Heights!!!**



## RYLA Updates



The Rotary Club of Peoria sent two students to attend RYLA this year. Both students have shared what they experienced while attending the event.

### Rylee Mull's RYLA Experience

When I first got to RYLA, I didn't know what to think. I was nervous and didn't really know anyone except the girl whose mom was kind enough to drive me there with them. I saw my room and got even more nervous, I was in a room full of strangers, and I didn't know what to think. I've never been to a camp or shared a room with others besides my family before. As I got to know my roommates and the group leaders, I became a lot more relaxed. Everyone was nice enough and the leaders were very welcoming. Doing the activities allowed me to get to know some of the other participants better. Unfortunately, we didn't get to do any of the physical activities, but we still got to learn more about the members on our teams we were assigned to. I loved the small groups, and I loved my leader, Aaron. It was very exciting to learn about everyone else. We met people who have gone to different places with the Rotary exchange program. By the end of RYLA everyone was saying how they didn't want to leave. We all have stayed in contact and share those experiences. I left RYLA with new friends!

### Sophia Geisz's RYLA Experience

My experience at RYLA this weekend was very eye opening. The multiple small groups I was in allowed me to meet many new people and hear their stories. At first, I was skeptical and nervous to see what will go on, but I'm glad that I opened myself up to the new opportunities I would be a part of. This weekend made me step out of my comfort zone and learn how to be a leader, but overall, be a better person. I deeply appreciate this experience given to me and I look forward to sharing with others and telling them about the amazing occasion. With the new information I had received, I plan to be more involved in my community and sharing the word of Rotary and their events like RYLA.

Rylee Mull (Left) & Sophia Geisz (Right)



That's me (Rylee) on the left and my new friend Emily on the right.



Everyone was singing during the bonfire



Lake Williamson Carlinville, IL

### Club Officers

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