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# THE GREEN LIGHT

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 CLUB NO. 76

**Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church**  
**Friday, May 27, 2022 at 12:00 PM**  
**Program: Blumenthal Scholarship Awards**

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

## Ty Livingston & Eric Miller Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

The East Peoria Director of Planning and Development, Ty Livingston, told Peoria Rotarians on Friday about the value of hiking and bicycling trails. Livingston and Eric Miller of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission were at Rotary to discuss planning for increasing the trail system on

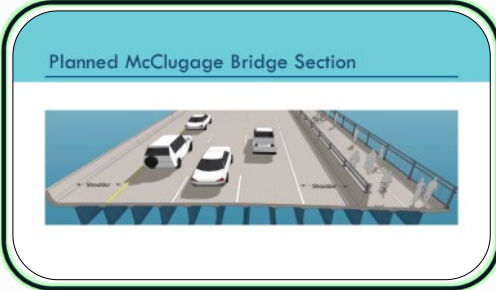


TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION



the Tazwell side of the Illinois River. That would require the extension of trails and paths from the Bob Michel Bridge to the McCluggage Bridge.

The McCluggage bridge's new span – under construction now includes a bike

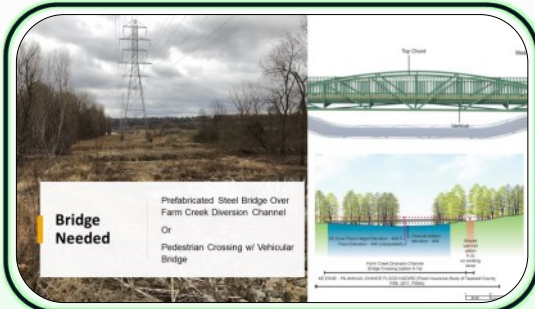


path, something never considered when the bridge was first built. Planners face the problems of several different property owners along the Illinois River on the Tazwell side, and the fact that footbridges over marshy areas could cost millions of dollars. But Miller and Livingston said that you must have a plan in place before you can

even start looking for funding for projects like these. On the positive side, they say there's ample



proof that trails and bike paths add measurably to the value of the neighborhoods they go through.



## Upcoming Meetings

**May 27<sup>th</sup>** - Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Program: **Blumenthal Scholarship Awards**

Invocation: **Bill Winkler** | Attendance Prize: **Gene Olson**

Greeter(s): **Steve & Patti Bash**

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Speaker(s): **Tracy Geisz**

Topic: **Travel Tours in Illinois**

Invocation: **John Hart** | Attendance Prize: **Brad Stegall**

Greeter(s): **Caitlin Behrends & John Hart**

**June 10<sup>th</sup>** - Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Speaker(s): **Laurie & Shelly Weaver**

Topic: **IMPACT Central Illinois**

Invocation: **Travis Weaver** | Attendance Prize: **Ken Silverthorn**

Greeter(s): **Ken Silverthorn & Travis Weaver**

**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

## Youth Exchange Program



Be a Host Family for  
an Exchange Student!



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## 2022 Membership Drive

### 2022 Membership Drive

- 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



## New Membership Proposal

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

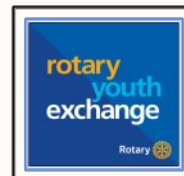
**Beau Sutherland - Director of Sales and Marketing  
Peoria Civic Center**

*Sponsored by: Jana Stevens*

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

**Finnish-Estonian Multidistrict  
Rotary District 1430  
2022-23 Exchange Student**

Rotary  
Club of Peoria



**Konsta  
Age 17**

**Kuopio, Finland**

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!

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 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 \*

## Rotary International Announcements



Rotary International Convention

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

More Information

## Volunteer Opportunities



Goodwill's  
**Youth Services**

### 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.

## 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.**

## 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!



**May 18th  
Service  
Project  
Rotarians  
Planted  
Flowers  
Around  
Downtown  
Peoria**



THANK YOU  
VOLUNTEERS

**Rotary**



**THE 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** & **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4 Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

## Rotary Service Project for Luz's Make-A-Wish



Luz Elena, age 11 of Peoria had her wish for a Barbie Dreamhouse style playhouse granted by Make-A-Wish Illinois thanks to generous community support. Luz was diagnosed in 2017 with a life-threatening seizure disorder. Luz wished for a playhouse and swing

set in her backyard to have a safe space to play and be free of her anxieties and exhaustion that her frequent seizures and hospitalizations often bring. She asked for the playhouse to have a Barbie Dream House theme full of pinks and purples, a play kitchen, swing set and a dog bed for her beloved chihuahua Canello. Make-A-Wish Illinois staff and volunteers worked to grant Luz's playset wish that was presented at a reveal party at the family' home on Saturday. The Peoria area community has been very supportive of the wish and a number of individuals, community groups and businesses have helped to make a special playset area. Volunteers Bobby Taylor, Maria Ramos and Janet Glavin have worked to plan Luz's wish over the past year. Illinois State University students enrolled in a senior level interior design class created several visuals of the interiors based on the Barbie Dream house for Luz to choose from.



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Make-A-Wish Illinois



Mid-Illinois Companies and the Mid-American Carpenters Regional Council apprentice program helped to build and finish the playhouse over the winter and early Spring. Volunteers from the Rotary Club of Peoria and other Make-A-Wish volunteers helped to finish the interior of the playhouse by assembling and installing the furniture and décor including flowers & mulch. Community supporters generously provided flowers (Kelly Seed) & party day food items (Palarte Mexican Ice Cream, Hy-Vee & Party City).



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**Rotarians:**  
Chuck Gabbert,  
Tom McIntyre,  
Martha Herm,  
Bernie Drake,  
Don Hartshorn,  
John Hart and  
Scott



Seynemeier for helping with the furniture assembly and install. A couple of prospective Rotarians also helped out.



Visit [WEEK News 25](#) and [CIProud](#) to learn more about Luz's Make-A-Wish project

### Club Officers

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