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THE GREEN LIGHT

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CHARTERED 1913
 CLUB NO. 76

Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church
Friday, June 03, 2022 at 12:00 PM
Speaker(s): Tracy Geisz
Topic: Travel Tours in Illinois

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

Upcoming Meetings

June 10th - 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

June 17th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church
Speaker(s): Monica Hendrickson
Topic: Peoria Health Dept. Update
Invocation: Chuck Gabbert | Attendance Prize: Caitlin Behrends
Greeter(s): Art Oakford & Brad Stegall

June 24th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church
Program: Change Of Officers
Invocation: Caitlin Behrends | Attendance Prize: Colleen Halberg
Greeter(s): Art Oakford & Colleen Halberg

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

2022 Membership Drive
- 22 (Or More) In 2022!

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

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



New Membership

ROTARY CLUB OF PEORIA

Nicholas Baker - Facet Technologies
 Sponsored by: Randy Neff

Amanda Klein - INB
 Sponsored by: Lisa Mullins & Nick Ward

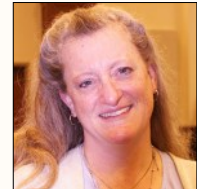
Dr Eileen Setti - Phoenix Community Develop.
 Sponsored by: Carol Merna

Cedric Volkmer - Komatsu America Corp.
 Sponsored by: Brad Stegall



WELCOME NEW ROTARIANS

Amanda Klein



Dr Eileen Setti

Nicholas Baker



Cedric Volkmer

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Blumenthal Scholarship Awards

I think it's important that the students here, our newest members of rotary, and all of us realize what the Blumenthal scholarships mean. And they mean several complementary things!



RUTH, ALBERT - AGE 2 1/2 & MARION - 6 1/2 MONTHS NAZI, GERMANY

This is a picture of Ruth Blumenthal and her children, Albert aged two and a half and Marion, just six months. The year is 1935. The place is Nazi Germany. The Blumenthal's are Jewish. Ruth, Walter, and the children managed to escape to Holland. Holland was then occupied by the Nazis. For six and a half years the Blumenthal's were forced to live in concentration camps including the notorious Bergen-Belsen.

On April 23rd, 1945, the train carrying the Blumenthal's was liberated by Russian troops. Walter Blumenthal succumbed to typhus just after liberation. Eventually, after much hardship, the three surviving members of the Blumenthal family came to America. The Jewish community of Peoria, Illinois had offered them somewhere to live. The date was April 23rd, 1948...three years to the day after their liberation. Marion -13 and Albert -15 went to Peoria central high school.



THE BLUMENTHAL FAMILY RUTH, WALTER, MARION & ALBERT

Even knowing little English to begin with, they graduated with their class. Their mother worked as a seamstress.



ALBERT - 15 & MARION - 13 PEORIA, IL

Marion Blumenthal, in the years to come, became a passionate spokesperson for the survivors of the Nazi holocaust. She wrote this book -Four Perfect Pebbles and she has been telling her family's story of survival ever since.

At 86 years old, Marion Blumenthal is still giving her speeches. And what about Albert Blumenthal, her older brother? After graduating from Peoria central high school in 1951, Albert was given a



ALBERT AND MARION BLUMENTHAL

Rotary scholarship. That allowed him to go to Bradley University.

He got a graduate degree from Northwestern University. He married Diane, got another master's degree in taxation, moved to California, became a successful CPA, and became president of the South San Francisco rotary club.



ALBERT AT PEORIA ROTARY

And, in 2006, he came back to Peoria, and announced he was paying back the gift that allowed a survivor of the camps "to live a wonderful life and live the American dream".

Albert gave out two college scholarships for Peoria central students that year. And the years that followed. Those scholarships have totaled over 150-thousand dollars to date.

Although Albert died in 2018, his widow Diane has continued with the scholarships. She has assured Martha and I that they will

continue. In an email last week, Diane Blumenthal said "among other things, I think Al's story helps the students understand the value of education". It also shows the value of perseverance It shows the resilience of the human spirit...

And, for anyone in this club who has helped a second-grade student learn to read... who has planted a tree...who has built a dock for disabled kids...who has taken kids fishing...who has helped award a graduate's education...who has helped pay for a playground or build a bird sanctuary... or one of the many other good things members of this club have done. Just remember, the good we do can come back to help others in ways we cannot foresee, we cannot imagine.

The 2022 Blumenthal scholarship winners from Peoria High School are Justus Omowumi and Symone Baptiste



(Left) Justus Omowumi (Middle) Walter Ruppman (Right) Symone Baptiste

Congratulations!

Volunteer Opportunities



2022 Hopscotch

Peoria PlayHouse Children's Museum

HopScotch is the Peoria PlayHouse Children's Museum's annual adults-only fundraising event, featuring whiskey-based cocktails and craft brews from local restaurants and breweries, as well as games of chance and live music from Dexter and the Funk Yard. This event supports the PlayHouse's maker programs, which help children gain the tools and skills they need to be the creators of tomorrow's world.

Minimum age: 18

June 11th - 1st Shift - 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Volunteers will assist PlayHouse staff with greeting guests, running games, promoting game/auction/raffle, plating food, refreshing ice and supplies for vendors.

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June 11th - 2nd Shift - 8:00 pm - 10:30 pm

Volunteers will assist PlayHouse staff running games, promoting game/auction/raffle, plating food, refreshing ice and supplies for vendors, and assist with clean up.

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



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

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 District 6460 Upcoming Events

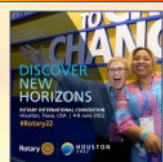
2022 Rotary Family Day at The Ball Park Chicago Cubs vs. St. Louis Cardinals

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 or requested by emailing the office 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
More Information
www.houstonri2022.org

Youth Exchange Program - Host Families Needed



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



The Rotary Club of Peoria International Youth Exchange Program is still looking for two additional host families for a four-month period for each family. We have secured our first host family but need two more.

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 | Phone: 309-231-8520

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?

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