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# THE GREEN LIGHT

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**Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church**

**Friday, June 09, 2023 at 12:00PM**

**Speaker: Mary Sparks Thompson, President - Trillium Place**

**Topic: The Young Minds Project: Revolutionizing  
Mental Health Care for Youth in Peoria**

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



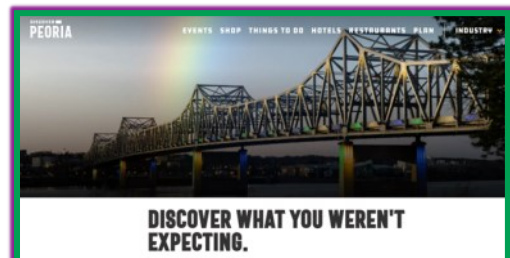
JD Dalfonso is President/CEO at **Discover Peoria**, which is another name for the Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. His job, he told Rotarians, is to promote the Peoria area to the rest of the world. The result is packed hotel rooms, restaurants, and attractions.



As examples of that, this past weekend, hotel rooms were filled with both softball and baseball players who came for two separate events: the St. Jude Brad Wallin Memorial Baseball Tournament and the IHSA State Softball 1A/2A Finals at the **Louisville Slugger Complex**. Those tourneys brought in an estimated 600-thousand-dollars for the weekend.

That kind of money, Dalfonso says, offsets taxes that local citizens might otherwise be paying. But it's not just for the visitors! If you visit [www.peoria.org](http://www.peoria.org) you might just find all sorts of things happening in your own backyard. Like taking a behind the scenes bus tour of **Wildlife Prairie Park**, doing yoga on a paddleboard or a night hike on Cole Hollow Road in Chillicothe. Or buy a "historic" Peoria T-shirt.

Tourism is getting a boost from the passage of the "Tourism Improvement Districts" bill in the legislature. Dalfonso was one of those behind the move to get a consistent source of funding to promote local tourism.



## Upcoming Meetings

**JUNE 9th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church**  
**Speaker: Mary Sparks Thompson**  
**Topic: The Young Minds Project: Revolutionizing Mental Health Care for Youth in Peoria**  
**Greeter: Jeff Gress | Invocation: Colleen Halberg**  
**Attendance Prize: Don Hartshorn**  
**Meeting Tech: Austin Locke**

**JUNE 16th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church**  
**Speaker: Chris Setti**  
**Topic: Great Things in Greater Peoria**  
**Greeter: Colleen Halberg**  
**Invocation: Steve Driscoll**  
**Attendance Prize: Colleen Halberg**  
**Meeting Tech: Jason Parkinson**

**JUNE 23rd - Meeting at First United Methodist Church**  
**Speaker: Dr. Jamel Santa Cruze Wright**  
**Topic: 168 Years & Just Getting Started: Uniquely Eureka College**  
**Greeter: Owen Ackerman | Invocation: Chuck Gabbert**  
**Attendance Prize: Owen Ackerman**  
**Meeting Tech: Randy Neff**

## Volunteer Opportunities



Midwest Food Bank is looking for volunteers to help label and/or package bulk food items so they can be readied for distribution to our food pantries.

**Date: Friday, June 30th, 2023**  
**Time: 9:00am - 11:00am**

If you would like to volunteer, please **CLICK HERE** to sign-up. We will also have a sign-up sheet available at weekly meetings or you can email [infodowntown@peoriarotary.org](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org) to be added to list.

## Service Project Update



**THANK YOU** to all the Rotarians along with family & friends that volunteered for the Midwest Food Bank service project on Friday, June 2nd

## District 6460 Pints for Polio Fundraiser



### District 6460 End Polio Now Fundraiser

**Ezra Books Cask Strength & Rebel Cask Strength Bourbon (\$100/bottle)**  
 Delivery of bourbon expected in late summer or early fall

[Reserve your bourbon today! \(PDF\)](#)

More information and mailing instructions on the form

The Rotary Club of Quincy purchased a cask of 120-proof bourbon for the "Pints for Polio" fundraiser, and they still have a few bottles of the Bourbon left. Bottles are \$100 - make checks out to Rotary Club of Quincy.

[CLICK HERE FOR ORDER FORM](#)

## Rotary Night at Dozer Park

**JOIN US FOR SOME FAMILY FUN!**

**ALL ROTARY NIGHT AT THE PEORIA CHIEFS**  
**Peoria Chiefs vs Beloit Sky Carp**

**Friday, June 9th**  
**Dozer Park in Peoria**

**Gates Open at 5:35pm**  
**Game Starts at 6:35pm**

**Tickets: \$10.00**

**Seats located in Home Run Landing**

**General Concessions will be available for food & drinks**

**JOIN US FOR SOME FAMILY FUN!**  
**ALL-ROTARY NIGHT AT THE PEORIA CHIEFS**  
**Peoria Chiefs vs Beloit Sky Carp (Marlins)**  
**Friday, June 9th**  
 Gates open at 5:35pm / Game Starts at 6:35pm  
**Enjoy Evening Fireworks!**  
 Tickets: \$10 at the Gate  
 Location: Home Run Landing  
 Food: General Concessions  
 Yadier Molina Bobblehead Night (First 1,000 Fans)  
 Dozer Park / 730 SW Jefferson Ave., Peoria, IL 61605 / (309)480-4000 / PeoriaChiefs.com

## Neighborhood House Ribbon Cutting

**NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE**  
 1020 S. Matthew | Peoria, IL 61605

**Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the outdoor learning space, the Rotary Endowment helped fund & assemble.**

**Date: Tuesday, June 20th | Time: 11:00am**



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR "SERVICE ABOVE SELF"**

## District Leadership Celebration

### You're Invited

District Leadership Celebration & Installation for Rotary District 6460

Saturday, June 24, 2023

5:00pm Cocktail Hour

6:00pm Dinner & Celebration

The Vault  
 185 S. Kellogg St.  
 Galesburg, IL 61401

Cost: \$35/person

We are proudly supporting Rotary owned businesses with appetizers from Tres Cafe, dinner from 156 East Bar and Grill, and dessert from Innkeepers Coffee!

A fundraiser for the District's project to assist Zambian farmers increase corn yields will be held, so bring a few dollars to participate.

This event is being sponsored by the Rotary Club of Galesburg and the Galesburg Rotary Club Foundation.

Kindly make your reservation by June 1st, 2023

Register digitally:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: Galesburg Rotary Club Foundation

Please mail checks to: Morgan Seabloom  
 185 S. Kellogg St.  
 Galesburg, IL 61401



Pay digitally:





## 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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## Blumenthal Scholarship Awards

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**ALBERT AND MARION BLUMENTHAL**



**ALBERT AT PEORIA ROTARY**

**Peoria Rotarians were introduced to the 2023 Blumenthal Scholarship winners at the June 2nd Rotary Club meeting.**

**The Peoria High School Grads are Audryonna Reddick and Denali Craig Edwards.**

**Audryonna has been accepted at Virginia State University. She wants to become an FBI agent.**

**Denali Craig Edwards is going to Western Michigan University where she plans to study biomedical science to become a dermatologist. She is the daughter of Coach Meechie Edwards. (Audryonna is on the left & Denali on the right)**



### Club Officers

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