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# THE GREEN LIGHT

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**Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church**  
**Friday, June 23, 2023 at 12:00PM**  
**Speaker: Dr. Jamel Santa Cruze Wright**  
**Topic: 168 Years & Just Getting Started:**  
**Uniquely Eureka College**

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



**GREATER PEORIA**  
Economic Development Council



Chris Setti

The Greater Peoria Economic Development Council's CEO, Chris Setti, was at Rotary on Friday. He outlined the plans and progress his organization has made in bringing business to this area. That Greater Peoria "area" is the five counties of Peoria, Tazewell, Woodford, Logan, and Mason. Why those five counties? Because they make up the federally designated Economic Development District.

What the EDC is selling is that our region "ranks high in quality of life and business metrics, making it a perfect place for settling into a home or growing a new business." The affordable quality of the Greater Peoria region is also promoted.

One success story which is up and running; the Amazon Fulfillment Center newly opened in North Pekin. The 90-thousand square foot facility will eventually employ some two hundred workers by the end of this year.

Another story is still in the works. Brazilian Alexandre Chequim is planning to move himself and his family to Peoria as he brings his company "DigiFarmz" to the USA. "DigiFarmz" provides software which helps farmers make decisions about spraying and other crop improvements and interventions.



Alexandre Chequim

The Peoria EDC is hiring - [Click here](#) to explore the current opportunities available.

## Upcoming Meetings

**JUNE 23rd - Meeting at First United Methodist Church**  
**Speaker: Dr. Jamel Santa Cruze Wright**  
**Topic: 168 Years & Just Getting Started: Uniquely Eureka College**  
**Greeter: Colleen Halberg | Invocation: Steve Driscoll**  
**Attendance Prize: Colleen Halberg**  
**Meeting Tech: Jason Parkinson**

**JUNE 30th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church**  
**Program: Change of Officers**  
**Greeter: Chuck Gabbert | Invocation: Art Oakford**  
**Attendance Prize: Chuck Gabbert**  
**Meeting Tech: Ryan LaCosse**

**JULY 7th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church**  
**Speakers: Konsta & The Weck's**  
**Topic: Youth Exchange Student Presentation**  
**Greeter: TBD | Invocation: TBD**  
**Attendance Prize: TBD**  
**Meeting Tech: Austin Locke**

## 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](#)

## Volunteer Opportunities



**Midwest**  
**FOOD BANK**

**Illinois-Peoria**  
 Midwest Food Bank of Illinois-Peoria

**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.**

## Upcoming Social Events

### ROTARY CLUB OF PEORIA - JULY SOCIAL EVENT

**Date: Thursday, July 27th | Time: 5pm - 7pm**

**Location:  - 71 E. Queenwood Rd - Morton**  
**MORE INFO COMING VERY SOON**

**If you would like to attend the social, we are asking that you please RSVP by July 24th to [infodowntown@peoriarotary.org](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org)**  
**You can submit RSVP's using the link in the **Green Light Newsletter** or using the sign-up sheet available at the weekly meetings.**

**During the month of July, MUSE Morton will donate 20% of art sales to Rotary Endowment Fund**

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## 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**



## Youth Exchange Student Updates

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### Rotary Club of Peoria International Youth Exchange Program Updates

#### Farewell Potluck for Konsta

**Date: July 18, 2023 | Location: The Weck's Home | Time: TBA**

**All Members Are Invited - We Hope To See You There!!**

**If you would like to attend the potluck, please RSVP by July 14th to (infodowntown@peoriarotary.org) You can submit RSVP's by clicking here or using the sign-up sheet available at the weekly meetings.**

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#### 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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