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# THE GREEN LIGHT

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PEORIA — Club 3238

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**Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church**

**Friday, July 21, 2023 at 12:00PM**

**Speaker: Neal Miller, Governor - District 6460**

**Topic: District 6460 News & Updates**

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



Last week's guest speaker was Adam Singley, Executive Director at Hooked On Fishing Park in East Peoria.

Hooked On Fishing Park is a private, not-for-profit organization that provides fishing opportunities for the community. Their passion is helping children, senior citizens, and special needs groups to appreciate the joys of fishing. They primarily work with school groups, scouts, park districts, community groups, churches,

special needs groups, nursing homes, and other organizations that provide services for kids, senior citizens, or disabled individuals.

Hooked On Fishing Park provides their guests with all of the equipment and bait needed to go fishing. Beyond the basics, they enjoy teaching fish biology, knot tying, fishing ethics, fishing techniques and good fishing sportsmanship. All of the fishing is "catch and release".

They are happy to work with teachers, scout masters and group leaders to custom design instructional programs that meet their specific educational objectives. The enthusiastic volunteers are able to provide much one-on-one

help, guidance, and instruction to novice anglers.

Adam grew up in Tremont but has lived in the Champaign area for the last 10 years. He and his family have recently moved back to the Peoria area for his wife, Lindsey to join the morning show on a local radio station and for Adam to join the team at Hooked On Fishing Park!

Adam and Lindsey have two girls, Ruby and Remy. Adam is a longtime outdoorsman and has made hunting and fishing a lifestyle and over the years has developed a love for duck decoy carving, duck call turning, fly tying & fly and conventional fishing rod building. Adam's entire career has been

spent in the nonprofit world and community involvement. His love for fishing is almost as strong as his love for people.

Your support is important to the work at Hooked On Fishing Park. There are many ways you can contribute to Hooked On Fishing Park's cause, and every little bit that's committed goes a long way in helping them fulfill their mission.

[Click here](#) to learn more about how you can get involved with the Hooked On Fishing Park.



**Adam Singley**

## Upcoming Meetings

**JULY 21st - Meeting at First United Methodist Church**  
Speaker: **Neal Miller, Governor - District 6460**  
Topic: **District 6460 News & Updates**  
Greeter: **Ray Lees**  
Inspiration/Reflection: **TBD**  
Attendance Prize: **Ray Lees**  
Meeting Tech: **Brad Stegall**

**JULY 28th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church**  
Speaker: **Senator Win Stoller**  
Topic: **It's Up To Us**  
Greeter: **Les Cohen**  
Inspiration/Reflection: **Gina Driscoll**  
Attendance Prize: **Gina Driscoll**  
Meeting Tech: **Austin Locke**

**AUGUST 4th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church**  
Speakers: **Dr. Tena McNamara & Adrienne Locke**  
Topic: **Critical Issues in Hearing Loss**  
Greeter: **Chris Crawford**  
Inspiration/Reflection: **Bill Winkler**  
Attendance Prize: **Chris Crawford**  
Meeting Tech: **Maggie Freidag**

## ROTARY ACTION PLAN - VISION

**"Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves"**

**Rotary Club of Peoria 2023-2024**



## July Social

**ROTARY CLUB'S OF PEORIA & MORTON - JULY SOCIAL EVENT**  
Hosted by **Katie Vandenburg & Emily Jacob-Rudesill**

**Date: Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> | Time: 4:30pm - 7pm**

**Location:  - 71 E. Queenwood Rd - Morton**

**If you would like to attend the social, we are asking that you please RSVP by July 24<sup>th</sup> 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**

## Rotary Family Day at The Ball Park

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**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**

## August Social

**ROTARY CLUB OF PEORIA - AUGUST SOCIAL EVENT**

**Date: Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> | Time: TBA**  
**Location: Ivy Club - 5102 N Galena Rd - Peoria Heights**

**Cost: Club Members - FREE | GUESTS - \$15.00**

**If you would like to attend the social, we are asking that you please RSVP by August 14<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## Rotary Club T-Shirts

**THE NEW ROTARY CLUB OF PEORIA T-SHIRTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR \$15.00! WE HAVE SEVERAL DIFFERENT SIZES - IF YOU DON'T HAVE A ROTARY T-SHIRT - STOP BY THE CHECK-IN TABLE AND PICK ONE UP.**



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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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**So You Thought You Knew Katie Vandenberg (in 200 words or less!) by Edie Barnard**  
Katie Vandenberg is enthusiastic about "Following her Curiosity!" Her sister, Rotarian Emily Jacob Rudesill, will tell anyone that Kate does like to ask a lot of questions.

With a degree in Economics, Katie opened the coffee shop Eli's when she was 24, started her Divorce Coaching Business, "Focused Forward", and operates her art gallery, "MUSE" in Morton, -to name a few of her entrepreneurial successes.

Katie met her husband Ben in classic "Hallmark Movie" fashion when he was a customer at Eli's. They chatted, she inquired about his life, he displayed some of his hobby photographs there and they married less than two years later.

This brilliantly accomplished lady says that she is awe-struck and inspired daily by nature and sees beauty in all four seasons. She feels that if she can pass the gift of 'Awe' to her children, then she will have succeeded as a mother.

Working in the soil and having fun in her pottery studio fills her with joy. She says that she often picks her kids up from school with dirt under her nails or dried clay on her jeans!

As an enthusiastic Rotary Club member, Katie says, "I love to build connections within my communities. My communities range from our rental property residents in Central Peoria to parents at our kids' school to fellow Morton business owners to the local garden club members. Opening Eli's was a catalyst for my growth personally and professionally. It taught me how to adjust quickly when problems arose, be a leader to my young adult employees, connect with others in business and use my business as a vehicle for supporting local non-profits. I have an immense amount of gratitude for my healthy, laughter filled life with my husband Ben and two kids, Finn,12 and Genevieve,7, and massive dog, Fred."



#### A Note from the Author: Edie Barnard

Revvng up again!! Thanks to you who have been asking me to start writing my column again. From 2014 to 2020, I wrote a weekly column about our members' lives and activities. Then I started directing "Inherit the Wind" and sadly, decided I could not do both. I am excited to say that with so many interesting new members, I am eager to learn about them and share their stories with you. With great enthusiasm, I will write one or two columns a month and look forward to your responses.

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