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THE GREEN LIGHT

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**Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church
Friday, August 18, 2023 at 12:00 PM
Speaker: Dr. Mae Wright
Topic: ArtsPartners of Central IL**

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



(Left) Ray LaHood, Former
Congressman & U.S.
Transportation Secretary &
Peoria Mayor Rita Ali

Peoria Mayor Rita Ali and former Congressman and U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood make it clear to Rotarians on Friday. A Peoria-to-Chicago rail line will not be cheap, nor will it happen quickly. It has been two years since city leaders began looking in earnest at the re-establishment of passenger rail service between Peoria and the Windy City.

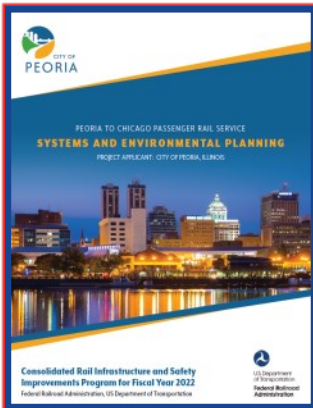
Passenger service to Peoria by Amtrak ended in 1978. Now, the Mayor and former Congressman are hoping for good news from the federal government agencies looking at initial rail proposals.

The proposed rail line would run from Peoria to LaSalle-

Peru, Ottawa, and Morris, then branching up to Joliet and Chicago. The estimated cost: 2.5 Billion dollars. But former

Transportation Secretary LaHood told Rotarians, "President Obama put eight billion (dollars) in his budget for high-speed rail. And that's eight billion times more than was ever put into a federal budget for rail". And, LaHood added: "Congress a year or so ago passed a trillion-dollar transportation bill. Sixty-six billion dollars for rail, of which 24 billion will go for Amtrak."

But, even with federal approval, a five-times-a-day Peoria/Chicago train schedule is a long time off. Secretary LaHood put it this way: "This is going to take 10 years, these things do not happen overnight."



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 and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



Rotary
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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



Upcoming Meetings

AUGUST 18th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church
Speaker: Dr. Mae Wright | Topic: ARTS Partners
Greeter: Mick Hall
Inspiration/Reflection: Martha Herm
Attendance Prize: Mick Hall
Meeting Tech: Austin Locke

AUGUST 25th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church
Speaker: Congressman Eric Sorensen
Topic: Legislative Updates
Greeters: Charlie Greer & John Bearce
Inspiration/Reflection: Amanda Klein
Attendance Prize: John Bearce
Meeting Tech: Brad Stegall

SEPTEMBER 1st - Meeting at First United Methodist Church
Speakers: Jolene Whisler
Topic: Phoenix Community Development Services
Greeter: Sue Portscheller
Inspiration/Reflection: Rotary Four-Way Test
Attendance Prize: Sue Portscheller
Meeting Tech: Brad Stegall

Rotary Interact Club



Rotary Club of Peoria
Interact
 Peoria High School

2ND ANNUAL COMMUNITY TAKE BACK NIGHT

FUN & CREATIVE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, FOOD, AND MERCHANDISE FOR FAMILIES & THE COMMUNITY TO ENJOY

Date/ Time
 Sep 16th
 3-7pm

Admission
FREE

Vendors Needed
 Vendor Fee \$20

Interact & Keyclub
 1615 North North Street, Peoria IL

All Proceeds will be donated to
Generational Manhood Alliance

More Information (309) 672-6630 Ext (40253)
 Dana.sanders@psd150.org

August Social

ROTARY CLUB OF PEORIA - AUGUST SOCIAL EVENT

Date: Thursday, August 17th | Time: 5:00pm - 7:00pm
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 14th to 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.**

The Rotary Club of Peoria Consider Becoming a Member!

We welcome you to join us at an upcoming Rotary Club of Peoria meeting to see what it's all about.

To learn more about The Rotary Club of Peoria and becoming a member, click the Rotary Membership Image

If you have any questions email infodowntown@peoriarotary.org



EVERY ROTARIAN, EVERY YEAR

Did you know that donors who gave \$25-\$50 contributed more than \$5.1 million to the Foundation in 2020-21? When every Rotarian gives every year, it makes life-changing, sustainable projects possible.

Also in 2020-21:

- \$139 million was given to the Annual Fund.
- 34% of Rotarians donated to the Annual Fund.
- 82% of Rotary clubs supported the Annual Fund.
- 2,066 global grants were awarded.



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.



Rotary Club of Peoria - Committee List



The goal of the board is to have all members sign up for at least one committee. (Not limited to one) Please review the attached committees & select the ones you are interested in & reply either to the chair of that committee or the [office](#).

COMMITTEE LIST OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF PEORIA

A/V TECH COMMITTEE

Chair: [Austin Locke](#) (Austin@share-builders.com)

Group of members to manage the Technology (Audio, Video, Zoom, etc) during our weekly club meetings.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Chair: [Randy Neff](#) (rneff@neffvaluation.com)

The Executive Committee, made up of the five officers, meets to oversee the governance of the Club.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION (TRF) and ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Chair: [Emily Jacob-Rudesill](#) (emilyj@fosterjacob.com)

Encourages Club Members to actively support the philanthropic opportunities of Rotary through The Rotary Foundation (TRF) and the Rotary Club of Peoria Endowment Fund. The Committee educates the Club about the work and outcomes of TRF and Endowment Fund.

GRANTS COMMITTEE

Chair: [Amanda Klein](#) (aklein@inb.com)

Selects organizations to receive hunger and community service grants from the Rotary Club of Peoria.

INTERACT COMMITTEE

Chair: [Aaron Kilgore](#) (askilgore64@gmail.com)

Work with high school personnel to organize a student-led service club based on Rotary ideals.

Interact volunteers must submit to a background check and be orientated to the program.

Recruit sophomore Interact members to RYLA (District Rotary Youth Leadership Academy).

Collaborate with the Public Image Committee to highlight Interact activities to the Club and possibly media.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

Chair: [Janet Bantz Glavin](#) (jglavin@illinois.wish.org) | Co-Chair: [Eileen Setti](#) (esetti@rmhc-centralillinois.org)

Responsible for all aspects of the club's activities relating to International Service such as District international projects or club grants from The Rotary Foundation; and sponsoring Youth Exchange.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair: [Aaron Kilgore](#) (askilgore64@gmail.com)

Plan activities to actively support and encourage membership growth and membership retention.

MUSIC COMMITTEE

Chair: [Edie Barnard](#) (PeoriaMusicLady@gmail.com)

Provide any musical needs for the Club, including weekly meetings.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chair: [Jana' Stevens](#) (jstevens@cefcu.com)

Nominate a slate of Officers and Directors for approval by The Board and then the entire Membership. Requirements are based on the Bylaws of the Club. The President Elect chairs the Committee and chooses the committee members.

ORIENTATION COMMITTEE

Chair: [Steve Driscoll](#) (steve.driscoll@goblusky.com)

Informs prospective and new members about all aspects and responsibilities of Rotary membership. Perhaps sponsor follow-up "Rotary 101" sessions after new members are inducted.

PUBLIC IMAGE COMMITTEE

Chair: [Jason Parkinson](#) (jason.parkinson@onfire.com)

Promotes awareness and provides information to the public about the Club and Rotary International.

ROTARY READERS COMMITTEE

Chair: [Maggie Freidag](#) (maggiefreidag@gmail.com)

Rotary Readers will work in teams of four, with one member serving as team captain. Each team will read with two students all year long. Participation in group activities with the students such as a trip to Tanner's Orchard, are encouraged.

Rotary Readers must submit to a background check and be orientated to the program.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair: [Walter Ruppman](#) (wruppman@comcast.net)

Administers the various Club scholarship activities and programs by working with Peoria High School and ICC in choosing the Blumenthal and Hardin scholarship winners and organizing their celebration at a Rotary meeting.

SERVICE PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Co-Chair: [Chuck Gabbert](#) (chuck@ctgabbert.com)

To plan and organize volunteer activities / projects for the Rotary Club Members and their families to participate in.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Chair: [Colleen Halberg](#) (chalberg@epicci.org)

To plan and organize activities beyond the Friday meetings to promote networking among Club members and their families and to help recruit new members.

STERLING MERIT BANQUET COMMITTEE

Board Liaison: [Susie Stockman](#) (susie1026@comcast.net)

Plan and participate in the annual Sterling Merit Banquet which honors the top eight percent of graduating seniors from twelve area high schools. The Rotary Clubs of Peoria, Peoria-North, Farmington and Chillicothe sponsor the event.

The Rotary Club of Peoria serves as the lead club for the event.

**2023 District 6460 Conference
/ Rotary Foundation Dinner**

Rotary
District 6460

**District Conference and
Rotary Foundation Dinner**
Saturday, October 28
Conference - 9:30 to 4:00
Foundation Dinner - 5:00 to 7:45
University of Illinois in Springfield

*Celebrate Rotary
& Be Inspired! See
current, and meet
new, Rotary friends.*

FEATURED SPEAKERS & FACILITATORS:

- Dr. Jennifer Staats, United States Institute for Peace
- Past Rotary International Vice President, Nicki Scott
- Rotarian Steve Evans, Collinsville Chief of Police
- Rotary Peace Fellow Dr. Moh Eid

Conference: \$50 includes lunch. Rotary Foundation Dinner: \$75

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

F o u n d a t i o n M i n u t e

Rotary Club of Peoria **FOUNDATION MINUTE - CREATE HOPE** **CREATE HOPE in the WORLD**

Much of the world's population, especially in poor countries, is made up of children and young people. To achieve a peaceful world, it is crucial that the rights of children and young people be respected. Injustices perpetrated against children contribute to the spread of conflicts to future generations.

A 14-year-old student named Malala was shot in 2012 by the Pakistan Taliban for her advocacy for student education. Malala Yousafzai received Nobel Peace Prize in 2014 "for her struggle against the suppression of children and young people and for the right of all children to education."

In her writings and her speeches, Malala's message was: "Let's pick up our books and our pens; They are our most powerful weapons. One child, one teacher, one book and one pen can change the world." When we donate to the Rotary Foundation, we help make that possible. When you donate \$100, 90.8% of that goes to service projects around the world.

Club Officers

President - Randy Neff
President-Elect - Jana' Stevens
Secretary - Caitlin Behrends
Treasurer- Gina Driscoll
Immediate Past President - Tom McIntyre

Board Members

Robert Brandfass
Melissa Entzminger
Charlie Greer
Emily Jacob-Rudesill
Jason Parkinson
Cedric Volkmer

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