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CLUB NO. 76

Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Friday, August 26, 2022 at 12:00PM

Speaker: Gerald Prall

Topic: Pringle Robotics

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

Angela Weck, Executive Director Peoria Area World Affairs Council The Situation in Ukraine

Angela Weck of Bradley University teaches courses on Contemporary World Forces and Russian Foreign Policy. She is also Executive Director of the Peoria Area World Affairs Council, and a few years ago led a Peoria group on a trip to Russia, including Martha Herm and Tom McIntyre.



On Friday, she was talking to Rotarians about Russia and Ukraine. It's a conflict going back years, but Angela Weck says the most recent focus between Russia and Ukraine all started when the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991.



Pictured from Left to Right
Angela Weck & Martha Herm

The fifteen republics which made up the Soviet Union then became independent states. For years, the two countries got along. But Ukraine is a rich country in agricultural and mineral wealth.

Ukraine produces more agricultural goods, especially foodstuffs than the whole of Russia. Russia President Putin has said that Ukraine is not technically a country, it's really a part of Russia, artificially created by the Bolsheviks. What happens next is speculation, but Ukraine conflict has pushed two formally neutral countries, Finland, and Sweden, into the NATO alliance.



Interested in learning more?

Angela is teaching an [OLLI Class](#) on the topic this Fall.

REMINDER: Hunger & Community Service Grants Committee Meeting

The Hunger & Community Service Grant Committee will meet immediately after the club meeting on **Friday Aug 26**, for any existing members and for anyone who would like to join the Hunger & Community Service Grant Committee, email the office infodowntown@peoriarotary.org or plan to attend the committee meeting on **Aug 26** - Thank you!

Upcoming Meetings

August 26th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church
Speaker: Gerald Prall
Topic: Pringle Robotics
Invocation: Bill Winkler
Attendance Prize: Tom Schlink
Greeter: Mick Hall

September 2nd - Meeting at First United Methodist Church
Speaker(s): Andrew Eilola, Director of Forensics & Members of the Bradley Speech Team
Topic: Bradley University's Award-Winning Speech Team
Invocation: Edie Barnard
Attendance Prize: Nick Baker
Greeter: Jason Miller

September 9th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church
Speaker: Molly Hogeboom
Topic: Easter Seals 101
Invocation: Shelly Heiden
Attendance Prize: Dr. Bill Albers
Greeter: Debbie Sippel

Upcoming Social Events

Rotary Club of Peoria AUGUST SOCIAL

Date: Thur, Aug 25th | Time: 5:30pm - 7:30pm
Location: Home of George & Diana Ghareeb
4308 W Deermeadow Dr, Peoria, IL 61615
Food, Beer, & Wine will be Provided
No Cost for Members & Guests | RSVP by 08/24

Members Are Encouraged To Bring Friends, Family Members & Prospective Members

If you would like to attend the upcoming social we are asking that you please **RSVP** by emailing infodowntown@peoriarotary.org.
 A sign-up sheet will also be available at the weekly meeting. Thank you!!

Rotary Readers Update

The Rotary Readers program is hoping to start sometime in September, but before they can start they need to build & rebuild the reading teams.

MORE HELP NEEDED: We still need four New Readers to complete teams with the right amount of Readers for each student. You do not need to be a Rotary member to participate in this program.

[Click Here](#) if you would like to join or know someone who wants to have a positive impact on needy 2nd graders, please talk to them about this opportunity.

Let's make this another great year with Miss Doty's students!
Thanks to all for your commitment!!
Maggie & Owen - Rotary Readers Co-chairs

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

Youth Exchange Student - Updates



ROTARY CLUB of PEORIA WELCOMES FINNISH-ESTONIAN MULTIDISTRICT ROTARY DISTRICT 1430 2022-23 EXCHANGE STUDENT



Konsta Age 17



Kuopio, Finland

Konsta arrived in the United States on Sunday, August 7th



Rotary Club of Peoria International Youth Exchange Program

- **Angela & Shawn Weck** are hosting **Konsta** from - August through November
- **Two additional host families are still needed** - One for the December through March term and one for the third & final leg of his stay April through July
- We are looking for host families who live primarily in Brimfield or Peoria or nearby. The time commitment is four months for each family. Host families do not have to be Rotarians. (Help spread the word)
- Youth Exchange Counselor - **Brad Stegall** has completed his online training / paperwork to become the Youth Exchange Counselor for Konsta.

If you would like information about the program or want to refer someone who is interested in being a host family contact **Scott Seynemeier**, Rotary Club of Peoria Youth Exchange Officer. Email: sseynemeier@gmail.com | Phone: 309-231-8520

Volunteer Opportunities



The Rotary Club of Peoria has been involved with the Goodwill Stand Down for Homeless Veterans for 14 years!! This year's annual event will be held at **Goodwill Commons 2319 E. War Memorial Dr** on **Oct 15**.

Volunteers are needed to help out between **8 AM - 1 PM**. Please be sure to include your up to date phone & email - Goodwill will contact you about timeslots. If you would like to volunteer, a sign-up sheet will be available at the weekly meetings. You can also email the office infodowntown@peoriarotary.org to be added to list. Thank you!!



Rotary District 6460 Fundraiser

The bourbon to help #endpolionow is in! This is a district wide fundraiser that will help us raise anywhere between \$10,000 and \$15,000 from our district to #endpolionow. If any club members pre-ordered Suzanne Ellerbrock will be making club visits to deliver them, and for those members that did not pre-order, she will be bringing along extra bottles for sale.

They have Ezra Brooks and Rebel from the Lux Rox Distillery - both Cask Strength selling for \$100 a bottle. There is still time to send an order form - the preferred payment is cash or check and the form can be found on the [District Website](#).

Please, don't hesitate to buy a case (6 bottles) from the club and give it as a gift. Remember, for every dollar we raise for #endpolionow - The Gates Foundation will match it! So, if our district raises \$10,000, it, becomes \$30,000.

Let's sell out! We have 300 bottles that are available.

Thank you for helping make this a successful district wide fundraiser!



Announcement from Rotarian: Edie Barnard

Peoria Area Reader's Theater Ensemble (P. A. R. T. E.) performs *Inherit the Wind* at the Peoria Riverfront Museum's Giant Screen Theater Sat. October 15 at 7:30 p.m. & Sun. October 16 at 3:30 p.m.

Inherit the Wind, the timeless drama depicting issues of science and faith and how society grapples with these controversies, is an imaginative dramatization of the 1925 Scopes "Monkey Trial." In this landmark trial, high school teacher John Scopes was tried for violating a Tennessee law forbidding the teaching of evolution, specifically "the simian descent of man."

Edith Barnard directs this multimedia show which will feature performances by Judge Jim Shadid, Phil Luciano, Gene Pratt, Kathryn Eissfeldt, Tom Biederbeck, Judge Christ Doscotch, Barbara Carraway, Brian Buralli, Judge Mike McCuskey, Mitch Gilfillan and many more talented Central Illinois actors. The "Hillsboro Tunes of the Twenties Trio" features Wes Sedrel, guitar; Don Perilles, keyboard and Bill Turner, bass. The Giant Screen slides are created by Duffy Armstrong Farrell and Elizabeth Keest Sedrel.

The question of evolution versus creationism still elicits strong feelings. In *Inherit the Wind*, the arguments are presented in the dramatic setting of a courtroom.

"What's on trial here is not evolution; it's freedom of speech!" so states lead defense counsel Henry Drummond.

This rollicking audience participatory production benefits "Prairie State Legal Services."

So that audiences can converse with the cast who will be in character, the theater will open 30 minutes prior to the performances. Doors open at 7 p.m. Saturday evening for the 7:30 performance and at 3 p.m. on Sunday for the 3:30 performance. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased online at info@PeoriaRiverfrontMuseum.org or by calling the Museum at 309-686-7000. Tickets are on sale now.



Inherit the Wind Stars!!
Gene Pratt (Matthew Brady),
Edith Barnard (Director),
Phil Luciano (Hornbeck) &
Jim Shadid (Henry Drummond)

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