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## Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Friday, September 10, 2021 at 12:00 PM

**Speaker: Kim Mitchell, Peoria Women's Club President**

**Topic: The Women's Club in Peoria - 135 years old**

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

## Dr. Sheila Quirk-Bailey, President of IL Central College | ICC Workforce Sustainability Center



On Friday, Illinois Central College President Dr. Sheila Quirk-Bailey told Peoria Rotarians a hard truth about the Peoria area: 60% of local jobs require a credential past high school. The problem is that only 40% of adults locally have that post-secondary credential.

That's where the new ICC Workforce Sustainability Center comes in. Dr. Quirk-Bailey says the new facility on the ICC East Peoria campus will help to build a credentialed workforce to the needed 60% level. The Center will offer pre-apprenticeship and entry-level training in the 13 programs most essential to workforce development and manufacturing in Central Illinois. The new building will be dedicated next month and is due to be completed in the Fall of 2022.

To construct the building, ICC received a three-million-dollar federal grant in 2019. Matching funds come from the state of IL, and the largest contribution comes from ICC itself. A million-dollar fund drive is underway to get the last of the needed funds to build the Workforce Sustainability Center.



To learn more about the ICC Workforce Sustainability Center.



## Club Announcements

**Meeting Location Reminder** - Please remember the club is holding weekly meetings at the [First United Methodist Church](#). For security reasons the Church doors will only be unlocked from 11:00am -12:15pm. For any members arriving after 12:15pm, please use the church intercom system and the receptionist can buzz you in.

THANK YOU  
 FOR YOUR  
 PATIENCE AND  
 UNDERSTANDING

## September Club Social

Hosted by: Steve & Gina Driscoll  
 Date: Thurs, September, 30th  
 Time: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
 Location: [112 Royal Vista Dr, East Peoria, IL 61611](#)

Stay tuned  
 for  
 more details!

If you would like to attend you can RSVP to [infodowntown@peoriarotary.org](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org) there will also be a sign-up sheet available at Friday's meeting.

## Upcoming Meetings

### September 10<sup>th</sup> - Meeting at [First United Methodist Church](#)

**Speaker:** Kim Mitchell, Peoria Women's Club President

**Topic:** The Women's Club in Peoria - 135 years old

**Invocation:** Shelly Heiden | **Greeter(s):** Jason Miller

**Attendance Prize:** Shelly Heiden

### September 17<sup>th</sup> - Meeting at [First United Methodist Church](#)

**Speaker:** District Governor Ryan Byers

**Topic:** Address to the Club

**Invocation:** Bill Albers | **Greeter(s):** Kala Bertrand Pierce

**Attendance Prize:** Bill Albers

### September 24<sup>th</sup> - Meeting at [First United Methodist Church](#)

**Speaker:** Ann Lading-Ferguson, CEO, FamilyCore

**Topic:** FamilyCore Updates

**Invocation:** Edie Barnard | **Greeter(s):** Debbie Sipple

**Attendance Prize:** Edie Barnard

### October 1<sup>st</sup> - Meeting at [First United Methodist Church](#)

**Speaker:** Police Chief Eric Echevarria

**Topic:** Peoria's New Chief of Police

**Invocation:** TBD | **Greeter(s):** TBD

**Attendance Prize:** TBD

## Rotary District 6460 - News & Upcoming Events

\* **The Rotary Leadership Institute** - (RLI) is returning to District 6460! RLI is a program geared towards training individuals to serve as leaders within their clubs, whether as an officer, board member, or even president. The program is offered in three parts over three separate weekends. We will be offering RLI Parts I, II, & III on Sat, Oct 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Scheels in Springfield, IL. To read more about the RLI program as a whole, visit <http://hoa-rli.org/> and to register for our Oct 30<sup>th</sup> RLI program in Springfield, navigate over to <http://hoa-rli.org/rli/upcoming-rli> & use the registration links.

\* **District Conference** - While you are saving dates, also be sure to save the dates of Nov 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> for our District Conference, which this year will be hosted at the Gateway Center in Collinsville, IL. You will be hearing plenty more about the District Conference in coming weeks. The Conference will be an opportunity for clubs from throughout our District to unite and exchange ideas.

\* **District Leadership** - We could use a bit of help within our Dist. leadership. Specifically, we are in need of a new **Dist. Newsletter Editor & Dist. Webmaster**. Currently, the newsletter & website are maintained through DACdb and WordPress, respectively, but we are open to using alternative platforms as well. The Newsletter Editor and Webmaster roles are open immediately. We are also in need of an individual to begin serving as **Dist. Treasurer** in the **2022-2023 Rotary year**. Per our current Treasurer, the role takes about three hours of work per month. Familiarity with QuickBooks is preferred. To express interest in any position, [click here to send an email](#).

## 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.

**Thursday, Sept. 30th, 2021 - 5:00pm - 7:00pm**

[If you are interested in volunteering, click here to sign-up online.](#) We will also have a sign-up sheet available at the weekly meeting.

## Rotary District 6460 Literacy Project

### DISTRICT 6460 LITERACY PROJECT

**IT IS - A WIN FOR LITERACY**

**2021 "ROTARY FAMILY DAY AT THE BALL PARK"**



**IT MAY BE FOR THE PENNANT (YES)!**

**Sunday, October 3, 2021, 2:15PM**

**[Busch Stadium](#) - St Louis**

**Tickets are \$55 Each (\$90 Value)**

**Seat Locations are in Right Field Loge**

**Sections 228-234**

**[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD TICKET ORDER FORM \(PDF\)](#)**

**Make Checks Payable to: "R. D. 6460 Foundation"**

**Mail completed ticket order forms and payments by to:**

**Baseball - 2001 Barberrry Dr, Springfield, IL 62704**

**Ticket order forms will be available at the weekly meeting.**

**[All ticket orders & payments must be received by 09/15](#)**



Downtown Peoria Rotary has been involved with the Goodwill Stand Down for Homeless Veterans for 13 years!!

This year's event will be held at [Goodwill Commons](#) - 2319 E War Memorial Dr, Peoria, IL 61614 on

**Fri, Oct 15th & Sat, Oct 16th from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM** and they need volunteers to help out.

If you would like to volunteer, a sign-up sheet will be available at *Friday's meeting*. You can also email the office [infodowntown@peoriarotary.org](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org) to be added to list.

## So You Thought You Knew Roberta Koscielski (In 200 Words or Less!)

By Edie Barnard

Rotarian Roberta Koscielski met her husband, Chandler, at a bowling alley! They both think they made lucky strikes and they continue to bowl separately and together. (See bowling pic)



She and her husband (See wedding pic) share their home with eight delightful felines. January marked her 35th anniversary of working at Peoria Public Library. She spent the first 22 years as the Manager of Lakeview Branch and is currently the Deputy Director of PPL. She had the honor of meeting President George W.



Bush in January 2007 (See pic) when she received the President's Volunteer Service Award for her work at Common Place where she served as a volunteer literacy tutor. She enjoys being a frequent presenter/facilitator for Bradley University's OLLI program. A highlight of each day is a visit to her 93-year-old mother who lives at Hedington Oaks.

This busy lady finds that her favorite and most relaxing hobby is gardening. Below she shares more:

"In 2018, I was selected as a Library Journal Mover and Shaker. (See her in front of plaque) This national award was presented in honor of my years of working toward goals that benefit the community with the Library and with Common Place Family Learning Center, including recent work on educating the community on the skyrocketing opiate epidemic. I believe libraries are a place to learn about issues, discuss them together, and work on solutions. Last year, I nominated Peoria Public Library for the inaugural Helping Communities Come Together Award from the Public Library Association. This award recognizes a public library's ability to identify community needs specifically in times of crisis and division and respond in creative and exemplary ways. Peoria Public Library was selected to receive this \$1,000 award for its courageous and creative response to the opioid crisis."



### Club Officers

President - Janet Bantz Glavin  
President-Elect - Tom McIntyre  
Secretary - Katherine Coyle  
Treasurer- Scott Fisher  
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### Board Members

William Albers  
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