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**Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church**

**Friday, September 16, 2022 at 12:00PM**

**Speaker: Dr. Bill Albers**

**Topic: US Healthcare – Still a Problem?**

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

## Molly Hogeboom - Easterseals 101



Peoria Rotarians heard from Molly Hogeboom of Easterseals of Central Illinois on Friday. The link between our two organizations goes back over one hundred years.



Molly Hogeboom as a child at Easterseals

Ohio Rotarian Edgar Allen -- after his son's death in a streetcar accident- dedicated his life to creating community-based services for disabled children, creating the programs that would become Easterseals.

Since the 1920s, Rotary clubs have worked with local Easterseal organizations as volunteers and sponsors.

Peorian Molly Hogeboom was one of the children who was helped by Easterseals as a child, developing a weakness in her right side which made it difficult to use her right hand. Now, Molly directs the Community Outreach of Easterseals of Central Illinois.

[Watch Molly's Story Here](#)

Molly was joined at the meeting by Melissa Riddle, the new CEO of Easterseals of Central Illinois. Melissa is taking over for Stephen Thompson, the Peoria Rotarian who headed up the local organization for 42 years and who retired at the end of August.

Easterseals of Central Illinois has children as its primary focus, and offers help for people with autism, speech and/or alternative communication issues as well as neuromotor problems.

Interested in Easterseals of Central Illinois?

Learn more online: [Easterseals Central Illinois](#)



Pictured from Left to Right:  
Melissa Riddle & Molly Hogeboom

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## Upcoming Meetings

**September 16<sup>th</sup> - Meeting at First United Methodist Church**

**Speaker: Dr. Bill Albers**

**Topic: US Healthcare – Still a Problem?**

**Invocation: Patti Bash**

**Attendance Prize: Jason Miller**

**Greeter: Shelly Heiden**

**September 23<sup>rd</sup> - Meeting at Peoria Riverfront Museum**

**Speaker: Jim Shadid - US District Judge**

**Topic: Citizenship Trust & Confidence in the Federal Courts**

**Invocation: Edie Barnard**

**Attendance Prize: Betsy Bladel**

**Greeter: Debbie Sippel**

**September 30<sup>th</sup> - Meeting at First United Methodist Church**

**Speaker: Tom Cox - Director of Medical Imaging & Outpatient Oncology OSF HealthCare**

**Topic: OSF Cancer Institute**

**Invocation: Sue Portscheller**

**Attendance Prize: Dr. Bill Albers**

**Greeter: Edie Barnard**

**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.

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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 7<sup>th</sup>

## Rotary Readers - Save the Date

Rotary Readers Orientation is scheduled to take place on **Tues. September, 13th at 3:45pm at Trewyn Grade School - 1419 S Folkers Ave, Peoria, IL 61605**

Please remember to bring ID's | Enter through the main front door, we will be meeting in the Library.

**Reading Begins: Monday, September, 19th 2022**

[Click Here](#) if you would like more information about making a positive impact on needy 2nd graders.

Let's make this another great year with Miss Doty's 2nd grade students.

**Thanks to all for your commitment!!**

Maggie & Owen - Rotary Readers Co-chairs



### 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](mailto: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](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org) to be added to list. Thank you!!

## Upcoming Events

Hosted by PHS  
Interact/Key Club



**COMMUNITY TAKE BACK**

Sept. 14 2022  
PHS practice football field  
5-8 pm

all proceeds will be  
donated to  
The Carver Center

- come out and enjoy.
- face paint
  - bouncy houses
  - food trucks
  - local vendors
  - games
  - 90.7 radio station
  - dunk tank
  - and more

Thank You:  
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## Hunger Grants Announcement

The Rotary Club of Peoria is now accepting applications for the 2022 Hunger Grants

Grants from the Rotary Club of Peoria Hunger Fund are given for Direct Services to Programs that: Provide Basic Needs of Food & Food related items such as Refrigerators, Coolers, & Supplies for Food Distribution.

Grant amounts generally range from \$200 to \$2,000.

### [2022 Hunger Grant Application](#)

Applications are also available on the Rotary Club website [www.peoriarotary.org](http://www.peoriarotary.org)

Completed applications must be received in the Rotary email cue on or before **September 30, 2022**.

If you have any questions please email the office at [infodowntown@peoriarotary.org](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org)

## Rotary District 6460 Updates



### 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

### District 6460 Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Part I



District 6460 will be offering Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Part I through Zoom on the Thursdays of September 15th and 22nd from 5:30-8:10 pm. RLI is a fast paced, interactive, series of sessions designed to improve leadership skills and enhance one's knowledge of Rotary.

[Click here for further information](#)

Registration is now open!

## Club Member Announcements

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."



#### Inherit the Wind Stars!!

Gene Pratt (Matthew Brady), Edith Barnard (Director), Phil Luciano (Hornbeck) & Jim Shadid (Henry Drummond)

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 & 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 & at 3 p.m. on Sunday for the 3:30 performance.

**TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW.** Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased online at [info@PeoriaRiverfrontMuseum.org](mailto:info@PeoriaRiverfrontMuseum.org) or by calling the Museum at 309-686-7000.

### Club Officers

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