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# THE GREEN LIGHT

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**Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church**  
**Friday, October 20, 2023 at 12:00 PM**  
**Speaker: Rik Edgar or Beau Sutherland**  
**Topic: Peoria Civic Center Updates**

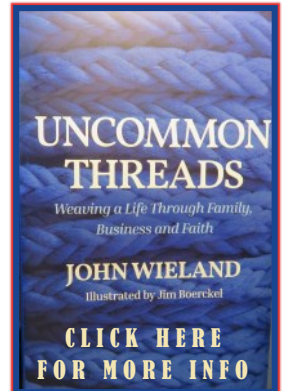
Can't make it to the In-Person Meeting? [CLICK HERE TO JOIN VIA ZOOM](#)  
Meeting ID: 897 6608 1791 Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799



John Wieland

John Wieland is the owner of **MH Equipment**, one of the largest and fastest-growing material handling service providers in the US. He is the author of "Uncommon Threads" and was recently inducted into the Central Illinois Business Hall of Fame.

Wieland, a self-described "average Joe," now has about a thousand employees. He also heads up the "First Foundation," which receives ten percent of the profits of MH Equipment.



Wieland gave Rotarians a condensed version of his life story and his book, citing some life-lessons he has learned along the way. With self-deprecating humor, Wieland reminded Rotarians that he is -as Amazon puts it "an unlikely (and imperfect) business leader who wove together the threads of faith, family, and vocation to find his saving grace."

Wieland urged Rotarians to find their "Esther Moment," when it was only the Biblical Queen Esther who could have moved the King to spare Jews from being killed.

## 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?



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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



## Wildlife Prairie Park Cougar Platform Build



**VOLUNTEER PROJECT  
COUGAR PLATFORM BUILD**



Several volunteers are needed to help with building a multi-level platform for the cougars at Wildlife Prairie Park.

**Date: Sat, October 21st | Build Platform at Wildlife Prairie Park  
3826 N Taylor Rd, Hanna City, IL 61536 | Time: TBD**

If you would like to volunteer, please use the links provided in the **Green Light** to sign-up. Sign-up sheets will be available at weekly meetings or email [infodowntown@peoriarotary.org](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org) to be added to list.

## PHS Rotary Interact / Key Club Blood Drive



**Rotary Interact / Key Club  
ImpactLife Blood Drive**

**Rotary Interact Club is hosting a Blood Drive through Impact Life on Wednesday, October 25th from 8-1pm in the Complex Gym – Peoria, IL. Donations are held via appointment only and the drive is open to the public.**



To sign up, scan the QR code or call ImpactLife at (800) 747-5401.

## Midwest Food Bank



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.

**Date: Thursday November 2nd, 2023  
Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm**

If you would like to volunteer, please [click here to sign-up](#).

A sign-up sheet will be available at weekly meetings or email [infodowntown@peoriarotary.org](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org) to be added to list.

## South Side Mission Service Project

### South Side Mission ~ 2023 Thanksgiving

Join forces with South Side Mission to prep and deliver Thanksgiving to those in need. We will have delivery routes available in Peoria, East Peoria, Peoria Heights, Dunlap, Bartonville, Creve Coeur, Morton, Pekin & Washington

#### Meal Delivery Drivers

Date: 11/23/23 (Thur.)

Times: 8am | 8:30am | 9am | 9:30am

Details: Delivering packaged meals. 1 Signup = 1 Delivery Route. Each Route Consists of Between 20 & 25 Meals

Location: South Side Mission  
1127 S Laramie St, Peoria, IL 61605

There are other volunteer assignments available, to see the full list of assignments or to sign-up to volunteer, please [Click Here](#)

A Sign-up sheet will be available at weekly meetings or email [infodowntown@peoriarotary.org](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org) to be added to list.

## Celebrate World Polio Day



**WORLD POLIO DAY**  
24 OCTOBER #EndPolio | [endpolio.org](http://endpolio.org)

One Day. One Focus: Ending Polio

World Polio Day is a time for Rotary members, public health advocates, and all who want a world free from polio to come together, recognize our progress in the fight to end polio, and talk about the actions we need to take in order to end polio for good.

**TOGETHER, WE  
END POLIO**



## 2023 District 6460 Conference / Rotary Foundation Dinner



## 2023 Rotary Veterans Day Meeting

### VETERANS DAY MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Veterans Day meeting will be held jointly with Rotary North on **Friday, November 10, 2023** at **The First United Methodist Church**

Active Club Members - No cost

R85 Club Members & Guests - \$15.00

If you plan to attend the Veterans Day meeting, you can RSVP using the link in the **Green Light** or email [infodowntown@peoriarotary.org](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org)

We also have a sign-up sheet available on the back table.

## Holiday Social

### Rotary Club Holiday Social

**Date: Thursday, December 7th, 2023**

**Location: Tin Lizard Bar & Grill - East Peoria**

**Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm | \*PLEASE JOIN US\***

**Cost: Members Free | Guests: \$15.00**

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by clicking here or emailing ([infodowntown@peoriarotary.org](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org)) We will also have a Sign-up sheet available at weekly meetings

All RSVP's must be received by noon, Friday, December 1st, 2023

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## Upcoming Meetings

**OCTOBER 27th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church**  
**Speaker: Mark Denzler**  
**Topic: Illinois Manufacturers' Association**  
**Greeters: Pam Cain & Nick Vespa**  
**Inspiration/Reflection: Tom McIntyre**  
**Attendance Prize: Nick Vespa**  
**Meeting Tech: Jason Parkinson**

**NOVEMBER 3rd - Meeting at First United Methodist Church**  
**Speaker: Keith Cornille**  
**Topic: Heartland Community College Partnership w/ Rivian & ICC**  
**Greeters: John Kelly & Susie Stockman**  
**Inspiration/Reflection: Katherine Coyle**  
**Attendance Prize: Katherine Coyle**  
**Meeting Tech: Ryan LaCosse**

**NOVEMBER 10th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church**  
**Peoria Rotary Club's - Veterans Day Meeting**  
**Speaker: Robbie Robertson**  
**Greeters: Patrick Kirchhofer & Robert Brandfass**  
**Inspiration/Reflection: John Kelly**  
**Attendance Prize: Patrick Kirchhofer**  
**Meeting Tech: Austin Locke**

## Every Rotarian Every Year

### 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.



## New Membership

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](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org)



## 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.



## Every Rotarian Every Year Fundraiser

Between now and the end of the December, we are taking donations for raffle prizes for the EREY Fundraiser.

Prizes should be at least a \$25 value.

Raffle tickets will be \$25/each and will go on sale in December. You can enter your raffle ticket in the prizes all of January.

Winners will be announced on February 2nd.

If you would like to donate any items for the raffle, please contact: Emily Jacob-Rudesill ([emilyj@fosterjacob.com](mailto:emilyj@fosterjacob.com))

*There will be a donation sign-up sheet available at the weekly meetings .*

## Foundation Minute



### FOUNDATION MINUTE - AFRICA'S EPN ACHIEVEMENT



On August 25, 2020, the World Health Organization certified the entire continent of Africa to be free of the polio virus. Sitting in the safety of North America, it is hard to comprehend just how significant this achievement is. The continent of Africa is comprised of 47 countries, each of which has fought to eradicate polio from its populations for decades. Health systems are compromised, travel is difficult, and vaccination teams frequently encountered resistance to vaccinations. Nigeria, the African continent's most populous country, became polio-free four years ago – but it took until now for all of the remaining pockets of infection to be fully certified as free from the polio virus.

The last cases of polio caused by the wild virus in the African region were recorded in Nigeria's northern state of Borno in August 2016, after two years with no cases. Conflict, particularly with Boko Haram groups trying to prevent vaccinations, along with challenges in reaching mobile populations, had hampered efforts to immunize children there.

Now that the African region is free of wild poliovirus, five of WHO's six regions, representing more than 90 percent of the world's population, are now free of the disease. Polio caused by the wild virus is still endemic in Afghanistan and Pakistan, in the WHO's Eastern Mediterranean region. Rotarians worldwide are working to reach and vaccinate every single child. It costs \$3.00 to administer the 6 doses necessary to protect each child. Together we can reach the finish line!

## Member Congratulations

# Congratulations!

To Rotarian Debbie Sippel - At last Fridays meeting (October, 13th) The Rotary Club of Peoria - Foundation/Endowment Chair - Emily Jacob-Rudesill presented Debbie with a Paul Harris Certificate & Pin.

## Goodwill Stand Down For Homeless Veterans



### VOLUNTEER PROJECT



The Rotary Club of Peoria has been involved with the Goodwill Stand Down for Homeless Veterans for 15 years!! This year's annual event was held last Saturday, October 14, 2023.



**THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered to help with this event!**



## Trewyn Rotary Readers Trip to Tanners Orchard - October 2, 2023



### Club Officers

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

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Robert Brandfass  
Melissa Entzminger  
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