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**Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church
Friday, October 28, 2022 at 12:00PM
Speaker: Lesley Matuszak - WTVP President & CEO
Topic: Changes at WTVP**

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

**Keith Knepp, President & CEO
UnityPoint Health Systems-Central IL
Changes at Methodist**

Dr. Keith Knepp, the CEO of UnityPoint Health Systems-Central Illinois, told local Rotarians to have a little more patience, but an upcoming hospital ownership change is on the horizon. "It's close", Knepp said on Friday. The ownership change from Iowa-based UnityPoint Health to Illinois-based Carle Health is expected within a few months. "I wish I was standing here today telling you that it's signed", Knepp said. "I think we'll be able to announce soon that it is official".

Carle Health now owns hospitals in Eureka, Champaign, Bloomington-Normal and Danville. With the ownership change, Carle will add Peoria Methodist, Pekin Hospital and Proctor Hospital to its roster, as well as Methodist College and the planned "Young Minds Institute" to be located at the old Heddington Oaks nursing home facility.

One of the things which Carle Health has to offer is its own insurance plan. Health Alliance Medical Plans is a part of the Carle Health system, currently providing coverage to nearly a quarter-million members in Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Ohio, and Washington.

Published reports have put the value of the Peoria Area facilities at 355 million dollars, according to published accounts.



Pictured from (left to right)
Board Member, Aaron Kilgore
& UnityPoint CEO, Keith Knepp



NOMINATIONS
The nominating committee
is proposing the following
slate for the 2023-2024
Board of Directors

**President Elect: Jana' Stevens
Treasurer: Gina Discoll
Secretary: Caitlin Behrends
Director: Jason Parkinson
Director: Robert Brandfass**

2023-2024 Board of Directors Nominations

Upcoming Meetings

October 28th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church
Speaker: Lesley Matuszak, President & CEO - WTVP
Topic: Changes at WTVP
Invocation: Katherine Coyle
Attendance Prize: Tom McIntyre
Greeters: Nick Baker & Eileen Setti

November 4th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church
Speakers: Mayor Rita Ali & Secretary Ray Lahood
Topic: Regional Passenger Rail Study & Outcomes
Invocation: Melissa Entzminger
Attendance Prize: Melissa Entzminger
Greeter: Don Johnson

The Veterans Day meeting will be held jointly with Rotary North on **Thursday, November 10 2022** at **Barrack's Cater Inn.**

No cost for Active Club Members | \$15.00 for R85 Club Members and any guests.

If you plan to attend the Veterans Day meeting, we are asking that you please RSVP by emailing the office infodowntown@peoriarotary.org
 The RSVP Sign-up Sheet will also be available at the weekly meeting. Thank you!!

**NO MEETING ON FRIDAY
 NOVEMBER 11, 2022
 IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY**



In Memoriam

Kay Anderson Lees

We are sad to report the death of Kay Anderson Lees, the mother of Rotarian Ray Lees. Kay Lees died of natural causes, Wednesday, October 12, at the age of 97. She was an active participant in many Peoria civic organizations and was recognized in 1979 with the Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce "Tom Connor Service Award" as the outstanding volunteer in the Peoria area. She continued her volunteering in North Carolina, where she and her late husband moved after his retirement from Caterpillar. She was "Citizen of the Year" by the North Carolina Chapter of Social Workers and "North Carolina Civilian Citizen of the Year" in 2000. Living Rotary International's motto of "Service Above Self," Kay was a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow.



Upcoming Events



Location: Industry Brewing Co.
 8012 N Hale Ave, Peoria, IL 61615
Date: Thurs. October 27, 2022
Time: 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Price: \$10 per person
*Cost includes an appetizer buffet.
 A cash bar will be available.*

Pints for polio is part of a district wide and international effort. Spread the news and bring guests, this event is open to the public and is a good recruitment tool for potential new members.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP using the sign-up sheet available at the weekly meeting or email the office infodowntown@peoriarotary.org to be added to list.

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 Conference



Join us IN-PERSON or virtually to learn and collaborate with fellow Rotarians and Imagine Rotary and how we can connect in ways to change the world!

Conference Location
 Gateway Convention Center, Collinsville, IL 62234
 General Admission In-Person - \$175
 General Admission Virtual - \$75
 Friday Lunch Only - Keynote speaker/lunch -12pm to 1pm -\$35

[Click Here for Information About the Conference](#)



Volunteer Opportunities

South Side Mission ~ Thanksgiving 2022

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



Meal Delivery Drivers

Date: 11/24/22 (Thur.)

Times: 8:00am - 9:30am

Details: Delivering packaged meals.

1 Signup = 1 Delivery Route.

EACH ROUTE CONSISTS OF BETWEEN 20 & 25 MEALS.

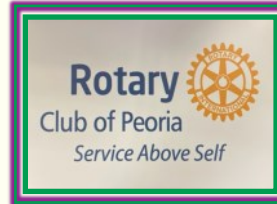
Location: [South Side Mission](#)
[1127 S Laramie St, Peoria, IL 61605](#)

If you would like to volunteer or want further info / instructions about parking, meal pickup, and meal delivery driver guidelines, please click [here](#).

There are several other volunteer assignments available, to see the full list [click here](#). If you can't get online to sign up, we will have a sign-up sheet available at weekly meetings.



Rotary Club Magnets



The Rotary Club of Peoria has 4X6 Car Magnets Available Now ~ Pick one up at the weekly club meeting.

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

Club Officers

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President-Elect - Randy Neff

Secretary - Katherine Coyle

Treasurer- Scott Fisher

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