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# THE GREEN LIGHT

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PEORIA - Club 3238

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**Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church**  
**Friday, November 3, 2023 at 12:00 PM**  
**Speaker: Keith Cornille**  
**Topic: Heartland Community College**  
**Partnership with Rivian & ICC**

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



Mark Denzler is President & CEO of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association. He spoke to Peoria Rotarians last Friday. Founded in 1893, the IMA represents Illinois companies employing

650,000 women and men. These companies generate up to \$150 billion in labor income annually.

In a recent editorial in Crain's Chicago Business, Denzler wrote that Illinois' government was pushing for new manufacturing jobs in the electrical vehicle market "Lawmakers are keeping their eye squarely on the ball to ensure we are competitive in this new EV arms race.



Mark Denzler

Three years ago, Illinois struggled to keep up with the competition, but today we are in nearly every discussion because of policy changes." In all, it is estimated that the manufacturing industry supports nearly 30 percent of all jobs in Illinois, making it among the state's largest industry sectors. Those companies range from CAT and Boeing to Mel-O-Cream.

The IMA won the "Manufacturing Leadership Award" in 2022 as the best manufacturing association in the U.S. The biggest challenge facing manufacturing is the worker shortage. There are currently 616,000 open manufacturing jobs nationally. To keep up with labor needs, the IMA pushed for the creation of world class manufacturing academies in Illinois. There are now two of them, in Junior Colleges at Heartland Community College Bloomington and another in Metro-East.

## 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"**

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## 2023 Rotary Veterans Day Meeting

### VETERANS DAY MEETING - RSVP REMINDER

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.

## 2023 Veterans Day Parade

### 2023 VETERANS DAY PARADE - REMINDER

The Rotary Club of Peoria and Rotary North will have a float in this year's Veterans Day Parade **Saturday, November 11, 2023 | 10:00AM**

More information about the parade route - TBA

Peoria Rotarians will be walking along with the Rotary float with members from Rotary North. If you and your family want to show up and join us to walk with the Rotary Float during Parade, please do so, the more the merrier.

After the Veterans Day Parade, volunteers will be needed again to help decorate the Rotary Float for the Santa Parade in November. (November Volunteer Date - TBD)

## Midwest Food Bank



Midwest Food Bank is looking for volunteers to help label and/or package bulk food items so they can be ready 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.

## Holiday Social

### Rotary Club Holiday Social

Date: **Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

## 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.



## 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 Feb 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.



## Join the Rotary Club of Peoria

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.





## Upcoming Meetings

**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**

**NOVEMBER 17th - Meeting at Peoria Riverfront Museum**  
**Speaker: Suzanne Ellerbrock, Rotary Foundation Chair**  
**Topic: Rotary District 6460**  
**Greeters: Patrick Kirchhofer & Pam Cain**  
**Inspiration/Reflection: Susie Stockman**  
**Attendance Prize: Pam Cain**  
**Meeting Tech: Maggie Freidag**



No Meeting Friday  
November 24, 2023

## New Membership Proposal

The following membership proposal has been approved by the Club Board of Directors and are published here for general membership consideration.

**Prospective Member: Brian Wagner**

**Sponsored by: Edie Barnard**

Protests may be sent, in writing, to the President or Secretary within 7 days. If none are received, the proposals will be considered satisfactory.

## Rotary District 6460 Conference & Foundation Awards Dinner

The Rotary District 6460 Conference and First Annual Foundation Awards Dinner was held this past weekend.

Members attending included: Jana Stevens, Emily Jacob-Rudesill, Martha Herm, Tom McIntyre & Randy Neff.

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The Rotary Club of Peoria was recognized as the #5 Club in District 6460 for Polio Plus Donations.

Way to go Club!



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## Foundation Minute

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**FOUNDATION MINUTE - WHY DONATE TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION**



November is Foundation Month for Rotary. During this month, Rotarians worldwide are encouraged to support the humanitarian efforts of OUR Rotary Foundation through its many projects, scholarships and philanthropic partnerships around the world.

- The Rotary Foundation allows individual Rotarians and clubs to have a much larger impact than they could ever have on their own.
- Donations to the Rotary Foundation are tax deductible for US taxpayers.
- The impact of every dollar you give is multiplied thanks to the grant system and Rotary's partnerships with other organizations.
- When you give to The Rotary Foundation, you know your money is in good hands. In the United States, Charity Navigator is a trusted evaluator of nonprofits, measuring charities on their financial health, accountability, and transparency. The Rotary Foundation has consistently received four stars, the highest possible rating.

The above four reasons spell out why giving to the Foundation is the smart thing to do. It is also the right thing, as Rotarians, to do. As members of Rotary, we ought to give.

As Mother Theresa once said, "it's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." How could we not agree? But giving with love does not imply giving blindly.

Giving to the Rotary Foundation is both right and smart.

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# NOVEMBER

## Member Celebrations

**Birthdays  
&  
Anniversaries**

*Let's  
Celebrate*

| Member Birthdays   | Date  |
|--------------------|-------|
| Don Johnson        | 11/1  |
| Perry Johnson      | 11/3  |
| Damon Piper        | 11/5  |
| Bernie Drake       | 11/7  |
| Lisa Mullins       | 11/8  |
| Patrick Kirchhofer | 11/10 |
| Melissa Entzminger | 11/11 |
| Peter Russell      | 11/12 |
| John Crawford      | 11/17 |
| Brian Mooty        | 11/28 |
| Tim Bassett        | 11/30 |
| Katie Vandenberg   | 11/30 |

| Member Anniversaries | Years |
|----------------------|-------|
| Darin LaHood         | 7     |
| Jodi Tarter          | 9     |
| Perry Johnson        | 14    |
| Tom Hunt             | 19    |
| Debbie Sippel        | 22    |
| Cathy Butler         | 27    |
| Les Cohen            | 31    |
| Richard Eagleton     | 32    |
| Tim Swain            | 47    |

### Club Officers

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

### Board Members

Robert Brandfass  
 Melissa Entzminger  
 Charlie Greer  
 Emily Jacob-Rudesill  
 Jason Parkinson  
 Cedric Volkmer

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