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CLUB NO. 76

Peoria Rotary Club's - Joint Veterans Day Meeting
Friday, November 10, 2023 at the
First United Methodist Church
Buffet Line Opens 11:15 | Meeting Starts: 12:00pm
Speaker: Air Force General William "Robbie" Robertson,
Peoria's 182nd Airlift Wing of the Illinois Air National Guard
Topic: Past Peoria Veterans - Contributions to the Nation
If you would like to attend this meeting, YOU MUST
RSVP - By Wed. Nov. 8th - Click here to RSVP or email
infodowntown@peoriarotary.org

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



The President of Heartland Community College, Keith Cornille didn't plan for education to be his career. In fact, he dropped out of college after one semester! It took some time working for his uncle repairing buses before he decided a college education may have some promise.



Keith Cornille spoke to Peoria Rotarians on Friday about education specifically about what Heartland Community College is doing to help increase the work force in Illinois. First, the Heartland Community College President says one thing he learned as a bus mechanic was "always hire great teachers." Dr. Cornille said, "It's about the teaching, and how it moves somebody and gets them to learn."



Moreover, he said that he is not in the education business. His job rather, "is about transforming the lives of individuals and the community into what it can and should be."



Left to Right
Randy Neff &
Keith Cornille

To that end, Heartland has campuses in Lincoln, Normal and Pontiac, serving about 4,800 credit students, another 9,000 through non-credit type programs and 30% of the students are students of color.

The College has a financial impact on the Bloomington - Normal, Pontiac and Lincoln areas of over twenty-seven million dollars. President Cornille told Rotarians that since 2019, 40 new degrees and certificates have been added at Heartland to directly move individuals into the workforce, adding to Central Illinois' tax base.

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



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 | Parade Starts: 10:00AM
 Parade Staging Begins at 9:00AM - the Rotary float will be on Romeo B. Garrett Drive (across from the Civic Center & Kumpf Blvd.) We are #38 and follow the Manual High School Band. Look for the "huge" Rotary Wheel. The parade ends at the Peoria County Courthouse/Hamilton Blvd. in front of the Military Memorials. 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. Handing out candy during the parade is allowed, **PLEASE BYO CANDY.**
 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)

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)
 We will also have a Sign-up sheet available at weekly meetings
All RSVP's must be received by noon, Friday, December 1st, 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.



Midwest Food Bank Service Project



THANK YOU

To all the Rotarians along with family & friends who volunteered to help with the Midwest Food Bank Service Project on **November 2nd, 2023**



Neighborhood House Service Project



Neighborhood House Santa for Seniors



On Sunday December 3, 2023 - from 10AM - 2PM the Neighborhood House will coordinate the delivery of 1,000 gifts to homebound seniors in our area. Several volunteers are needed to make these deliveries possible. If you would like to volunteer, please [Click Here to sign-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 Feb 2nd.

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

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

Polio Plus Society

JOIN THE POLIO PLUS SOCIETY TODAY!
 BY JOINING YOU ARE COMMITTING TO GIVE A MINIMUM OF \$100 A YEAR UNTIL POLIO IS ERADICATED



THANK YOU!

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



Upcoming Meetings

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

DECEMBER 1st - Meeting at First United Methodist Church
Speaker: DuShaun Branch Pollard
Topic: Illinois Congressional Redistricting
Greeters: John Kelly & Steve Bash
Inspiration/Reflection: Jerry Jackson
Attendance Prize: Steve Bash
Meeting Tech: Brad Stegall

New Membership

WELCOME NEW ROTARY CLUB OF PEORIA MEMBERS



Greg Lara
CityBlue Technologies, LLC
Sponsored by Fellow Rotarian
Emily Jacob-Rudesill

WELCOME NEW ROTARIANS



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SERVICE Above Self

Rotary District 6460 Conference & Foundation Awards Dinner

The Rotary District 6460 Conference and First Annual Foundation Awards Dinner was held on October 28th, 2023. Members attending included: Jana Stevens, Emily Jacob-Rudesill, Martha Herm, Tom McIntyre & Randy Neff.



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

Way to go Club!



Foundation Minute



FOUNDATION MINUTE - ANNUAL FUND - SHARE



There are several options to consider when you donate to The Rotary Foundation (TRF). One of the most popular is the option to participate in Rotary's SHARE program - where a portion of the donor's gift is made available for use through club or global grants.

Donations to the Annual Fund help Rotary clubs take action today to create positive change in communities at home and around the world. Your contributions help strengthen peace efforts, provide clean water and sanitation, support education, grow local economies, save mothers and children, and fight disease.

At the end of every Rotary year, contributions directed to the Annual Fund-SHARE from all Rotary clubs in the District are divided between the World Fund and the District Designated Fund, or DDF. At the end of three years, our District can use the DDF to pay for Foundation, club, and district projects that clubs and others in the district choose. Districts may use up to half of their DDF to fund district grants. The remaining DDF may be used for global grants or donated to PolioPlus, the Rotary Peace Centers, or another district.

Through the SHARE system, contributions to The Rotary Foundation are transformed into grants that fund local and international humanitarian projects, scholarships, and activities, such as vocational training teams. You may never meet those who benefit from your gift - but you can be sure that those receiving it are grateful for your generosity.

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