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Reminder: No Meeting This Week
See you next Friday, December 1, 2023

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WISING YOU A HAPPY THANKSGIVING
FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS.



Suzanne
Ellerbrock

At the Friday Rotary meeting, former District Governor Suzanne Ellerbrock, the Zone Rotary Foundation chair, spoke of how the Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. During the past one hundred years, the Foundation has spent over three billion dollars on life-changing, sustainable projects. With your help, Rotary International can make lives better locally and around the world. It's important to know that the Rotary Foundation is supported solely by voluntary contributions.

The foundation was created in 1917 by Rotary International's sixth president, Arch C. Klumph, as an endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world." It has grown from an initial contribution of US\$26.50 to more than one billion dollars. It has one of the largest and most prestigious international fellowship programs in the world.

The foundation funds the anti-polio program for which Rotary has become famous. There is also funding for Disaster Recovery, Humanitarian Grants and Educational Programs. These programs have been examined for years, and the Rotary Foundation's charity score is 100-percent, a four-star rating. For Rotary year 2022-23, spendable earnings totaled \$25.8 million, of which \$20.1 million was used for program awards, \$0.6 million for operations, \$2.4 million for fund development, and \$2.6 million for general administration expenses.

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Rotary District 6460 Foundation

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



Santa Claus Parade

THE 136TH ANNUAL SANTA CLAUS PARADE

The Rotary Club of Peoria and Rotary North will have a float in this year's Santa Parade on Friday, November 24, 2023 (The Day After Thanksgiving) | Parade Starts: 9:15AM

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 walk with the Rotary Float during the Parade, please do so, the more the merrier. We plan to hand out candy during the parade. There is Candy left over from the Veterans Day Parade, so you don't need to bring any extras.

The Rotary Float will be on Monroe St one block past the Fire Station. Please be at the float by 8:30am - You can't miss the big Rotary Wheel! The parade begins at 9:15am and is televised live on WMBD-TV which will be set up on Adams St across from the CAT building. The end of the parade is at Fayette St (Mark Twain Hotel).

Upcoming Meetings

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

DECEMBER 8th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church
Program: Club Assembly - Election of Officers
Greeters: Pam Cain & Nick Vespa
Inspiration/Reflection: Jana' Stevens
Attendance Prize: Jerry Jackson
Meeting Tech: Jeremy Caldera

DECEMBER 15th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church
Program: Holiday Party - Limestone Madrigal Singers
Greeters: Jerry Jackson & Jana' Stevens
Inspiration/Reflection: John Kelly
Attendance Prize: Nick Vespa
Meeting Tech: Jason Parkinson

Rotary Member Congratulations

Congratulations! Emily Jacob Rudesill & Katie Vandenberg

At last Friday's meeting both Rotarians were recognized for being members of The Paul Harris Society. Mark Roberts, Past District Governor - was in attendance to award Emily and Katie with The Paul Harris Society Certificate and Chevron Pin.



The Paul Harris Society recognizes Rotary members and friends of The Rotary Foundation who elect to contribute \$1,000 or more each year to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus Fund, or approved global grants. The purpose of the Paul Harris Society is to honor and thank individuals for their generous, ongoing support of The Rotary Foundation.

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY](#)



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](#)

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

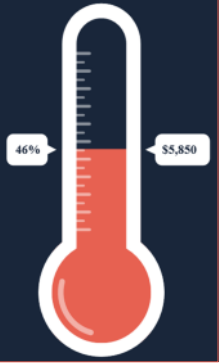
All RSVP's must be received by noon, Friday, December 1st, 2023

Every Rotarian Every Year 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.

GOAL: \$12,800



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.

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.

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EVERY
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EVERY
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CLICK
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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
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SERVICE Above Self

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.



Foundation Minute



FOUNDATION MINUTE - GIVING TUESDAY



Rotarians are People of Action – but also people who GIVE. But the gifts are not always financial. Giving Tuesday is a reminder to each of us to consider what we ARE able to give – whether it is our time, our energies, our inspiration, our talents, or our treasure.

What can WE give as Rotarians, this Giving Tuesday?

“Your gift to OUR Rotary Foundation supports:

- Eradicating polio
- Promoting peace
- Fighting disease
- Providing clean water
- Responding to disasters
- Saving mothers and children
- Supporting Education
- Growing local economies

Paraphrasing the English holiday carol, “What can I give, poor as I am; If I were a shepherd, I would give a lamb; if I were a wise man, I would do my part; but what I have I’ll give... give my heart.”

Please give generously from the bottom of your Rotary Heart this Giving Tuesday and always. Everyone can give something – time, talent, or treasure - whatever works. Thank you.

2023 VETERANS DAY PARADE



Members from the Rotary Club of Peoria and the Rotary North Club decorated and walked along with the Rotary float in this year’s Veterans Day Parade.



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED!



Club Officers

President - Randy Neff
President-Elect - Jana’ Stevens
Secretary - Caitlin Behrends
Treasurer- Gina Driscoll
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