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# THE GREEN LIGHT

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Weekly Meeting at **First United Methodist Church**  
Friday, December 1, 2023 at 12:00PM  
Speaker: **DuShaun Branch Pollard**  
Topic: **Illinois Congressional Redistricting**

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 136TH ANNUAL SANTA CLAUS 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 136th Annual Santa Claus Parade.



**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE  
WHO PARTICIPATED!**

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### 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



## 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 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

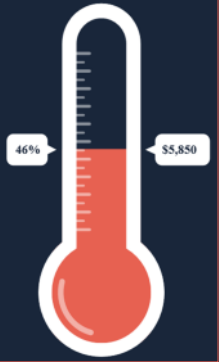
All RSVP's must be received by noon, Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

## Every Rotarian Every Year 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](mailto: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.



## 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](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org)



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## 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.



## Member Celebrations

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## Upcoming Meetings

**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**


  
**DECEMBER 22 & DECEMBER 29, 2023**  
**HOLIDAY BREAK - NO CLUB MEETINGS**

*Happy Holidays*

## Rotary Member Congratulations

**Congratulations!** Emily Jacob Rudesill & Katie Vandenberg

Both Rotarians were recognized for being members of The Paul Harris Society. Mark Roberts, Past District Governor - awarded Emily and Katie with The Paul Harris Society Certificate & Chevron Pin at a November Rotary Club meeting.



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

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.



## Foundation Minute



### FOUNDATION MINUTE - PREVENTING DISEASE



Rotary's theme for the month of December is "Disease Prevention and Treatment", which is one of Rotary's Six Areas of Focus. Around the world Rotary clubs are preventing disease by:

- Improving the capacity of local health care professionals.
- Promoting disease prevention and treatment programs that limit the spread of communicable diseases and reduce the incidences of and complications from noncommunicable diseases.
  - Strengthening health care systems.
  - Providing clinical treatment and rehabilitation of physical disabilities.
- Supporting graduate studies for career-minded professionals related to disease prevention and treatment.

Rotary accomplishes its objectives by focusing on community-driven, measurable, and sustainable projects throughout the world. Preventing Disease is a world-wide imperative, as germs and microbes know no international boundaries. Of critical importance is getting every child and at-risk adult vaccinated against preventable diseases – whatever is needed in the communities in which they live.

Our focus on disease prevention is especially important this year, as we work together to vaccinate EVERYONE – against Covid, against Polio, and against anything that threatens the health of the residents in our communities. When those who CAN be vaccinated do so, those who cannot, due to medical conditions, are protected too.

### 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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