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<p>NO MEETING FRIDAY DECEMBER 24th</p>	<p>HAPPY Holidays & A Prosperous NEW YEAR</p>	<p>NO MEETING FRIDAY DECEMBER 31st</p>
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Rotary
Holiday Party

Club of Peoria

The Morton High School Madrigal singers entertained Peoria Rotarians at the Club's last meeting in 2021. The nineteen members of the Madrigals performed a selection from their annual December program. Led by Choir Director Heather Berger, the singers --who range from freshmen to seniors at MHS -- have been performing for decades, and auditions for the choir begins in the summer. The choir got a standing round of applause at the conclusion of Friday's concert. If you were not able to attend Friday's meeting, you can get an idea of what the MHS Madrigals sound like in this recording from earlier this year at the Morton Library.



Youth Exchange Program



Be a Youth Exchange Host Family!

We are currently looking for 2-3 families that would be interested in hosting an inbound youth exchange student between the months of **August 2022 & July 2023**.

The student would live with the family for 3-5 months during that time period. A variety of family structures are perfect for being host families- small, big, with many children, or no children. Working families - retired families - We aim to reflect real-world families to students, and we know that real families come in all shapes and sizes.

If you are interested in becoming a host family for our inbound student, please email Amanda Gordon-Sandberg (agordonsandberg@gmail.com) with questions/concerns!

Upcoming Meetings

NO MEETING ON DECEMBER 24th & DECEMBER 31st

January 7th - Meeting at [First United Methodist Church](#)

Speaker: Maestro George Stelluto

Topic: Peoria Symphony Orchestra

Invocation: Scott Fisher | **Greeter(s):** Bill Koenig

Attendance Prize: Austin Locke

January 14th - Meeting at [First United Methodist Church](#)

Speaker: Dan Silverthorn & Bob Sinkler

Topic: Port of Peoria Progress

Invocation: Maggie Freidag | **Greeter(s):** Maggie Freidag

Attendance Prize: Roberta English

Meeting Location Reminder

Please remember the club is holding weekly meetings at the [First United Methodist Church](#).

Unless noted otherwise. For security reasons the Church doors will only be unlocked from 11:00am - 12:15pm.

For any members arriving after 12:15pm, please use the church intercom system and the receptionist will buzz you in.

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
PATIENCE AND
UNDERSTANDING

Volunteer Opportunities

Central Illinois Agency on Aging (CIAA) Annual New Year's Day Meals Program

Date: 01/01/2022 (Sat.) New Year's Day

Time: 9:30AM | **Location:** TBD

Details: The Rotary Club of Peoria is joining forces with (CIA) to help deliver meals for the Annual New Year's Day Meals Program.

Several churches are volunteering to cook and prepare the meals, but assistance is needed in delivering the meals. If you would like to volunteer, please [click here](#) to be added to list.

Trewyn Food Pantry

Donations Needed for Trewyn Food Pantry

We are collecting food items such as: Peanut or almond butter, dried goods such as: Oatmeal, Cereal, Rice, Pasta, Ramen Noodles, Granola Bars and Hormel Completes.

Melissa can come and pick up items from you, please call

676-5432 or email infodowntown@peoriarotary.org to arrange a time. If you would like to donate money, we will buy non-perishables on your behalf!



Club Announcement

Friday, at our Holiday Meeting, our Club was presented with special banners by the District 6460 Governor and the District 6460 Foundation Chair (and former District Governor). They will proudly grace our dais when we start meeting again in January.

We received the banners because we earned the status of an "Every Rotarian Every Year" last Rotary year which ended June 30, 2021. The EREY designation meant that we contributed to the Rotary Foundation at least \$25 per member and our average was \$100/member. Only 11% of clubs worldwide reach this milestone!

It would be a good thing to maintain this status from now on. Contributions to The Rotary Foundation help eliminate Polio and support many other humanitarian causes here in Illinois and around the world. As you make year-end donations, which are tax deductible, The Rotary Foundation is one to consider.

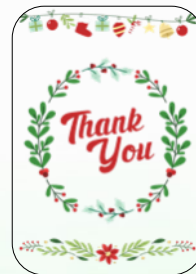
You can do that by writing a check to "The Rotary Foundation" and send to Martha Herm who will forward them on to the Foundation along with the proper donation form. Designate where you want your donation to go....to Polio Plus or the Annual Fund for the other humanitarian efforts. Any donations to Polio Plus are matched 2:1 by Bill Gates!

Or you can donate directly to the Foundation by going on-line to www.rotary.org and click on the "donate" button. You will be asked for your member ID number which is located on your Rotary magazine label or on our member listing on DACdb.

To receive tax credit for 2021, The Rotary Foundation must receive your donation by Dec. 31.

Your generosity makes a difference in many, many lives and shows a great example of "Service Above Self".

Maggie Freidag dropped off the donated food at Trewyn. Wow, they were more than appreciative!! Big thanks to Janā for getting the CEFCU mortgage department involved. Your generosity makes a difference in many lives and shows a great example of "Service Above Self".





Tracy Geisz



Bernie Drake

The Rotary Club of Peoria's annual "ugly sweater" contest brought out some unusual outfits to the club's last meeting of 2021. Because last year's contest was "virtual", **2020 Ugly Sweater Winner Tracy Geisz** did not get her prize of a treasured "Gabbert Gift". That was rectified this year! And, on Friday, veteran **Rotarian Bernie Drake** was voted Ugly Sweater Winner for 2021. Many other Rotarians got in the Christmas Sweater spirit for Friday



Travis Weaver



Brad & Ashley Stegall



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