Rotary Club of Peoria

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Mission

The objective of Rotary is to encourage and foster the idea of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster high ethical business standards, to serve the local community and the world beyond, and to advance international understanding, goodwill and peace. The motto of Rotary is "Service Above Self."

Vision

The ethical guide for all Rotarians is: Of all the things we think, say or do…
- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Rotary Club of Peoria meets Fridays at noon at First United Methodist Church, 116 NE Perry, in Peoria.

Upcoming Events

Sterling Merit Banquet
May 9, 2017

Rotary Veterans Day Luncheon
November 10, 2017

March Madness Wheelchair Basketball Dinner
March 2018

How to Help

The Rotary Club of Peoria stands ready to help other agencies by volunteering time and talent.

SERVICE ABOVE SELF… for our club…. for our community… for our world.

For over 100 years, Peoria Rotarians have embodied the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self." Members volunteer to manage their club of 175 professionals, help others in our community, and generously support the Rotary International goals of eliminating polio, bringing potable water to everyone, and providing education for all, to name a few.

The Rotary Club of Peoria is made up of men and women representing a wide variety of professions and services. The Friday noon meetings are an opportunity to network professionally, make new friends, and learn about many important issues in central Illinois. "I learn something new every week," says one member.

Community service projects are diverse and include things like laying sod in a tornado-damaged Washington park, helping young people prepare for the working world by conducting mock employment interviews, and preparing pre-packaged food for disaster victims all over the country. Club volunteers also help homeless veterans and teach third grade students to improve their reading skills. During March Madness in Peoria, Club members serve dinner for wheelchair athletes, their families and coaches. Additionally, scholarships for high school students are awarded annually, and grants are awarded to social service agencies.

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Peoria, members donated funds to build the "Rotary Adventure Grove" at Glen Oak Park.

Every year, Rotarians from six local Rotary clubs recognize the top senior scholars of 16 area high schools at the Sterling Merit Banquet.

Last year, three members promised to shave their heads if their fellow Rotarians pledged more than $14,000 to the polio eradication program of Rotary International. Members promptly responded by going over the goal by 20 percent, raising $17,500. That money, matched two-for-one by the Gates Foundation, will provide thousands of immunizations across the globe.

But Rotary is not all about work. Rotary socials are an opportunity for members to unwind and share food, drink and conversation with each other. The Club's annual Christmas party is a time to share music, memories and sometimes, some very odd gifts.

Through Rotary, each member can discuss community and global needs and develop ways to meet them; connect with other leaders who are changing the world; expand leadership and professional skills; and catch up with old friends and meet new ones.

Come for a visit! Join the Rotary Club of Peoria and make a difference in our community and our world!

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