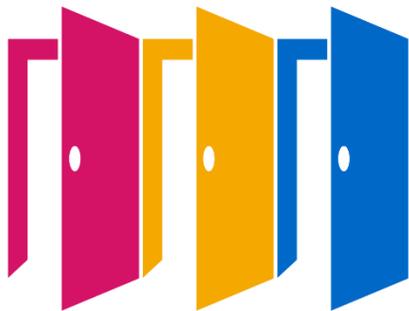




# 4-Way Today



Rotary Opens Opportunities

## Important Dates

August – Membership and Extension Month

September – Basic Education and Literacy Month

**August 8, 2020 (First Class Mail)**

**August 15, 2020 (Email)**

District 6460 Club Grant Applications Due

<https://rotarydistrict6460.org/foundation/district-grants/>

**September 15, 2020**

District Governor Nominations for 2023-2024 Due

<https://rotarydistrict6460.org/districtgovernornomination/>

**October 10, 2020**

Zones 30 & 31 Rotary Virtual Summit



## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Rotary District 6460 Members:

A few club news articles were accidentally omitted or were not available at press time for the October Newsletter, I have published an October 2020 “Supplemental” Edition to include these items.

These stories are additionally on the District Website:

(<https://rotarydistrict6460.org/stories/> )

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## East Alton Rotary Scholarship Helps Students Learn More About Community Service

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*Lori Palmer, Club Secretary, Rotary Club of East Alton*

The East Alton Rotary Club continues to help students from two local school districts even during a pandemic. The Club's foundation has been able to raise and sustain money to be given to students in two local districts for many years. This year will be no different.

Each year the club presents to roughly 25 students from the East Alton – Wood River School District, and 25 students from the Roxana School District. The Youth Service Director goes and presents to these students what Rotary is, how we help our community, and tell the students more about the scholarship that is available to them. After the presentation the students go through an interview process, and two juniors are selected from each school. The students are in the scholarship program for two years.

During the student's junior and senior year, they learn more about Rotary, their community, and the importance of volunteering. The scholarship recipients are students who excel in other areas besides academics. The students receiving a Rotary Scholarship will be mentored by the East Alton Rotary Club. This involves the student's participation in activities such as luncheons, special tour meetings, helping with the annual chili dinner, the annual basketball tournament, golf tournament, the soap box derby, the Halloween parade, and other volunteer opportunities.

There is a base amount to the scholarship, but the students can earn more scholarship money by helping the Rotary club volunteer with different community service projects. They also receive more scholarship money if they get on the honor roll and/or have no unexcused absences as an incentive to focus on their academics. The scholarship is paid upon graduation and enrollment to a post-secondary school. The post-secondary school can be for Career & Technical Education, Community College, or a College or University.

The East Alton Rotary Club is excited to continue on this year by doing things a little different. It is important for us as a club to instill a sense of community pride in our students.



# Macomb Rotary Mini Community Project

**Debby Dallefeld, Rotary Club of Macomb**

Members colored a picture from a coloring book, signed the picture and included a note to the student.

The completed picture was put in a bag with a new coloring book and a box of crayons for a kindergarten student at Lincoln school  
Included in the pic are Pat Kolata, Jack Martin, Tom Stites , assistant principal Kenny Crosby, principal Kim Gillam with the Lincoln School drop off from Rotary mini community project



## Macomb Unveils 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project

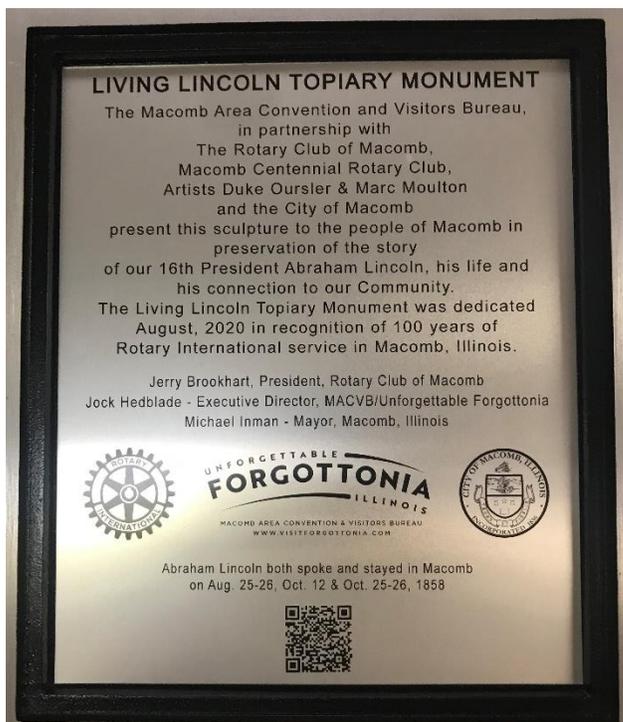
**Jerry Brookhart, Rotary Club of Macomb**

Financial concerns with high percentage of houses for sale and scaled back local university attendance, there is a need to attract tourists to our community to support our local businesses. Our area has long been labeled “Forgottonia”. A local Western Illinois University artist had the idea of an Abraham Lincoln statue with a topiary beard. The idea was to highlight our community’s historical connection to Lincoln, who had visited our city twice during his Presidential campaign in the 1858 without a beard. He later grew a beard after winning the US Presidency in 1860. The local Macomb Area Convention and Visitor’s Bureau started looking for financing for this project, expecting to take a few years to raise the necessary funds.

At the same time, the Rotary Club of Macomb was searching for a community project for our 100th Anniversary. In summary, the statue became a community cooperative project that got implemented in 18 months!

In cooperation with the City of Macomb, Illinois, the Macomb Area Convention and Visitors’ Bureau, the State of Illinois Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition (that is promoting Illinois’ Looking for Lincoln Trail Visitor Program), the Rotary Club of Macomb provided help and financing to bring the statue to realization!

The plaque on the statue honors Rotary of Macomb and has a QR code on the plaque giving historical Lincoln information including a map of Macomb where he visited and stayed overnight while here. (see picture on the left)



Funding for the statue commemorating Rotary Club of Macomb’s 100 years came from multiple sources including: District 6460 grant, Macomb Rotary Foundation, local Rotary Club of Macomb funds (from multiple fundraising activities), private donations by multiple Club members, local bank donation, and statue foundation donated by Laverdiere Construction (owned by Club member). The other Rotary Club in Macomb, Macomb Centennial Rotary Club, will be providing the ongoing maintenance of the statue in cooperation with the Macomb Beautiful organization.

The picture at right of local Rotarians shows the results of this great community effort!



# Peoria Rotary Donates a “Story Walk”

**Tom McIntyre, Rotary Club of Peoria**

The Rotary Club of Peoria, Illinois has continued its long tradition of dedication to education by donating a StoryWalk® to the grounds of the Lincoln Branch Library on Peoria’s south side.

“We wanted to do something that would attract children for years to come.” said Maggie Freitag, immediate Past President of the Peoria club. Under Freitag’s leadership in 2019, the club’s Endowment Committee approved the project, which introduces young readers to a story, one page at a time, as they walk to the library entrance. The first book to be shown is “Clark the Shark” by Bruce Hale.



Peoria Library Executive Director (and Peoria Rotarian) Randell Yelverton said, “Strolling Storytime’ and Picnic’ programs would be organized around the new StoryWalk® at Lincoln Branch Library. “It helps build literacy yet is also a fun, family activity”, said current Rotary Club of Peoria president Brad Stegall. “That really speaks to what Rotary is”.

For some twenty years, members of the Rotary Club of Peoria have been helping young Peorians to learn with reading programs for second-graders and the donation of books to children. “Helping young readers is a project truly fitting with Rotary’s focus on literacy and our motto of ‘Service Above Self’, said Martha Herm, Chair for the Rotary Club of Peoria’s Endowment Committee. In addition to helping second-graders, the club also hosts a yearly banquet for top high school graduates and awards college scholarships.

The 180-member Rotary Club of Peoria was founded in 1913, and meets weekly for lunch on Fridays. During the current pandemic, meetings are being held both in-person and on Zoom.

(Photo information – Pictured –left to right - Randall Yelverton, Martha Herm, Brad Stegall, Maggie Freitag )

