

# ROTARY - Update 12/21/2020

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Dear fellow Rotarians of Jefferson City Evening Rotary Club!

Greetings on this the shortest day and the longest night of 2020. The earth will now begin tilting back on its axis to start our journey to summer.

Tonight half my neighborhood was out in the street to stargaze. In the southwestern sky on a heading of 240 degrees Saturn could be seen in conjunction with Jupiter. This happened shortly after sunset and was pretty much done by 7 pm. Apparently these two objects in the sky haven't been this close for 800 years. This spectacle is thought to likely have been the Christmas star or star of Bethlehem. To the naked eye you could appreciate that it was two objects. It is sort of nice that the sky was clear and the weather was nice. It will be visible for the next several nights so if you get a chance go look to the sky.

Another happy note. Tomorrow I get to go get the COVID vaccine dose 1. I wholeheartedly support vaccination and I will keep you posted as to how this goes. I hope that we can reach a point where we can once again gather face to face in Rotary Fellowship.

I appreciate everyone sticking with us through this difficult year. I am proud of how our club has continued to meet virtually to keep the spirit of Rotary alive. I had a friend contact me about a possible international service project. He has been working with an orphanage in Thailand and one of the things he is trying to do is develop a restaurant on the property as a job training site for these orphans. I'm thinking about having my friend come up and cook to do a Thai dinner. He is sort of a celebrity chef having cooked at the Troubadour in Los Angeles, Das Stein House here in Jeff City and a few other places.

We will also be working on fund raising for the Habitat for Humanity House. The joint project between the Jefferson City clubs will eventually need some hands on work as well as financial support. Our club is looking to provide about \$5,000 for this \$40,000 project. I will be sending out pledge cards in the mail soon. To kick this off I will contribute 10% of our clubs commitment. Please search your hearts and think about what you can do to help this worthy cause.

This weeks program is Melissa Wiliford with Faith Maternity Care an alternative to abortion.

I look forward to seeing everyone tomorrow in the virtual world of Zoom!

Until then enjoy the longest night of the year!

Joe