



# THE GREEN LIGHT

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PEORIA — Club 3238



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**IN-PERSON MEETING: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 05, 2021 @ 12:00 PM**  
**MEETING AT THE WAREHOUSE**  
**ERIC MILLER & RYAN HARMS, TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**PLANNING UPDATE: REGIONAL TRAILS & GREENWAYS**

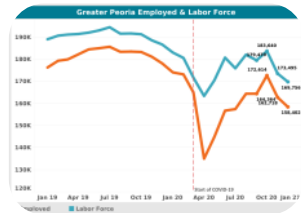


## Chris Setti, CEO, Greater Peoria Economic Development Council The Impact of COVID on the Business Community in the Region

How badly has the Peoria area been hurt by COVID-19? Chris Setti of the Greater Peoria Economic Development Council gave Peoria Rotarians the numbers on Friday. In July of 2019, there were some 185,600 people employed in the Greater Peoria five county area. By the time April of 2020 rolled around, the number was 134,970! That is a drop of 50,630 jobs.

Most of those workers were, not surprisingly, in the hospitality industry. Fifty percent of the hospitality industry jobs had just vanished, as eateries and bars closed due to the pandemic. The Retail industry also lost a thousand jobs in the Peoria area, as the sector was affected by on-line shopping.

But Chris Setti says the good news was in the way businesses and government locally worked together to get millions of dollars allocated to the area through the Paycheck Protection Plan and Business Interruption Grants. All told, 9.1 million dollars was sent to the Peoria area.



So, what happens now? Chris Setti has an answer to that question. Possible recovery plans for the area for the future have been set out in "The Big Table", a five-year comprehensive economic development plan.

You can comment on that plan by going to:

Here you can see and make comments about Peoria's planning for the future.



You can listen to Chris Setti on WMBD Radio, Monday mornings at 7:40 AM. He discusses a range of topics such as: Peoria area business, the effect of COVID-19 and plans for the future.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Rotary Club of Peoria Returning to In-Person Meetings

This week's meeting will be held at [THE WAREHOUSE ON STATE](#) 736 SW Washington St Peoria, IL 61602. - The doors will open at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin at Noon. For members who are not able or who prefer to not attend in-person, we will still be offering the meeting via Zoom. A link to the Zoom meeting will be in the Green Light and RSVP for the In-Person Meeting.

To keep all our members safe, we are asking you to please adhere to the following guidelines for In-Person Meetings:

- ◆ Please wear a mask at all times - with the exception of eating.
- ◆ Please maintain social distancing guidelines of 6 feet between you and others.
- ◆ Please do not come to the meeting if you are not feeling well or have any symptoms such as: fever, cough, difficulty breathing or nausea.



Can't make it to the In-Person Meeting?  
[CLICK HERE TO JOIN VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM](#)

Meeting ID: 897 6608 1791  
Dial by your location  
+1 312 626 6799 US  
(Chicago)

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### Rotary Club of Peoria In-Person Meeting Schedule February 2021

#### **February 5<sup>th</sup>** - Meeting at the Warehouse

Eric Miller & Ryan Harms, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission  
Planning Update: Regional Trails & Greenways

**Door Prize: Jason Parkinson | Invocation: Randy Neff | Greeter: John Iverson**

#### **February 12<sup>th</sup>** - Meeting at the Warehouse

Anna Werner, CBS Morning Show Reporter  
Restrictions COVID-19 has put on Getting a Story

**Door Prize: Pat Lewis | Invocation: Pat Lewis | Greeter: Randy Neff**

#### **February 19<sup>th</sup>** - Meeting at the Warehouse

Angela Weck, Executive Director, Peoria Area World Affairs Council  
Peoria and the World: Why it's Important to Know Your World

**Door Prize: Jason Parkinson | Invocation: TBD | Greeter: TBD**

#### **February 26<sup>th</sup>** - Meeting at the Warehouse

Jack Friedrich, Digital Marketing & Design Director  
Louisville Slugger Sports Complex, Updates and Plans

**Door Prize: Jodi Tarter | Invocation: TBD | Greeter: Jodi Tarter**

# Rotary



## THE 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** & **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4 Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### District Governor Maura Donnelly Club Visit

We have confirmed that District Governor Maura Donnelly will be visiting this Friday's Club Meeting . We will still have our normal program, but she will speak to the club for about 10 minutes leading up to our presenter.



### 2021 Community Service Grants Application ~ Now Available!

The 2021 Community Service Grant Applications are now available. To access the application please click this link: [2021 Community Service Grant Application](#)

Applications are due on or before **February 12, 2021**. Please pass the information along to local not-for-profit organizations that might benefit from a grant!

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



**Donations Needed for Trewyn 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 to arrange a time ([infodowntown@peoriarotary.org](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org))  
**If you would like to donate money, we will buy non-perishables on your behalf!**



**So You Thought You Knew Ray Lees (in 200 words or less) by Edie Barnard**



Ray Lees is a world traveler who has shared his multi-cultural architectural inspiration and passion with Peoria. This prominent Rotarian tells below how his unique childhood experiences influenced him. Or as Wordsworth said, "The child is father of the man."

"I lived in Brazil for five years from ages 5 to 10. Little did I know that a visit to the new capital in the interior of the country, Brasilia, in 1961 would plant the seed for a lifelong interest in architecture and a career spanning nearly 40 years. Seeing the design work of renowned modernist Brazilian architect Oscar Niemeyer at Brasilia would prompt my study of architecture and industrial design at the University of Illinois. My interest in design was further nurtured

with tours of Europe in 1962 and 1969 allowing me to see and experience the architectural treasures of Paris, Rome, Venice, London, Florence, Berlin, Geneva, Brussels, Oslo and Copenhagen.

My career in project and client development for architectural and engineering practices has taken me from Peoria to Chicago, Tucson, Phoenix, Dallas and Washington, D.C. Local projects of note with which I was involved include the Peoria NEXT Innovation Center, the Peoria Civic Center Expansion, the Peoria Riverfront Museum, the Caterpillar Visitor Center and the new Terminal for the General W.A. Downing International Airport. I'm understandably proud of the fact that the total point in time construction value of these and other projects throughout the U.S. is nearly \$3 billion."





Look at how much fun we had at last week's virtual meeting



**ROTARY ON THE FRONT LINE**



Peoria Rotary's Past President Andrea Parker, administering COVID 19 vaccines at Unity Point Health in Peoria.

**Club Officers**

- President - Brad Stegall
- President-Elect - Janet Bantz Glavin
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- Randy Neff

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