



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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# THE GREEN LIGHT

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**IN-PERSON MEETING: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2021 @ 12:00 PM**

## MEETING AT THE WAREHOUSE

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

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

Peoria is a global community. So says Professor Angela Weck of Bradley University, the Executive Director of the Peoria Area World Affairs Council. Weck, who became Executive Director of PAWAC in 2000, points to the 114 businesses in the Peoria Area which have international trade ties. Those 114 companies include Caterpillar, ADM and Komatsu but most are small or medium-sized businesses.



In fact, Weck would go so far as to say that Peoria has always been an international community, with the French arriving here in 1680 and beginning the establishment of the trade in furs to Europe.



The Peoria Area World Affairs Council consistently offers programs of interest to those curious about the rest of the world. Those programs are taking place on Zoom for the time being. Fees to join range up from \$45.00 for an individual. Programs recently have included ones of the Us-China business relationship to a timely talk on the development of vaccines.

There is also a PAWAC Book Club and the organization has sponsored trips to foreign destinations, Ask Martha, and Tom about their trip to Russia with Angela. To see some of the PAWAC past events check out their Virtual Events YouTube Page by [clicking here](#).



## February 2021

### In-Person Meeting Schedule

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

**Speaker:** Jack Friedrich, Digital Marketing & Design Director, Louisville Slugger Sports Complex

**Topic:** Updates & Plans

**Door Prize:** Jodi Tarter | **Invocation:** Randy Neff | **Greeter:** Jodi Tarter

## Meeting Information

This week's meeting will be held at [THE WAREHOUSE](#) 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 join the Zoom meeting will be posted here and In-Person Meeting RSVP.

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)**

## March 2021 Meeting Schedule

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

**Speaker:** John Morris, President & CEO Peoria Riverfront Museum

**Topic:** Peoria Riverfront Museum 2021 Update

**Invocation:** Kate Schureman

**Greeter:** TBD

**Door Prize:** Kate Schureman

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

**Speaker:** Ashley Schreck, Director of Marketing, EPIC

**Topic:** Update on Murray Baker Bridge Lighting

**Invocation:** Carmen McCarthy

**Greeter:** TBD

**Door Prize:** Carmen McCarthy

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

**Speaker:** Dr. Aaron Buchko, Professor, Management and Leadership, Bradley University

**Topic:** Leadership in Light of COVID-19

**Invocation:** TBD | **Greeter:** TBD | **Door Prize:** John Wahlfeld

### March 26<sup>th</sup> - Meeting at the [\\*Barrack's Cater Inn\\*](#)

**Speaker:** Carl Wilkens, Co-Founder & Director of World Outside My Shoes

**Topic:** "I'm Not Leaving" Story of the Only American to Stay in Rwanda During the 1994 Genocide

**Invocation:** Kate Schureman

**Greeter:** TBD

**Door Prize:** Kate Schureman

## So You Thought You Knew Robert Brandfass (In 200 Words or Less)

By Edith Barnard

Robert Brandfass has many interests from international travel to civil war history to family genealogy. This captivatingly loquacious Rotarian has many stories to share. Sit by him at a Friday noon meeting and learn more! Below he discloses a tip of the iceberg of his fascinating background and interests.




"I have been a Rotarian since 2003, having been a GSE Team Leader for a 5 week Rotary trip to Japan (hence the picture in a kimono) and a member of the Rotary sponsored Guatemala Literacy Project Book Delivery Tour (that is Lake Atitlan behind me in the picture of me with my Rotary garb on).



I have also visited Rotary clubs in Ireland, the Bahamas, Japan & Guatemala. Being interested family genealogy, my son Matthew Robert and I traveled to Heisebeck, Germany from where my family emigrated in 1860, settling in Wheeling, West Virginia (both my parents are from Wheeling). There is still a Brandfass family in Heisebeck who we met (see photo with the four of us). My father, who served in the US Army during WWII (see top hat photo) was within a few miles of Heiseback during the war but did not know his connection to it. Speaking of connections, my father and the father of fellow club member Dick Macdonald, both helped liberate the same concentration camp, Ebensee in Austria. Our fathers were there at the same time! My lovely bride Paula is also an attorney. My oldest daughter Lara is finishing up her last year of law school while my middle child Ally is a senior at WVU. The youngest, my son Matthew, is following in my footsteps and attends my alma mater, Ripon College in Ripon, WI; Ripon being the birthplace of the Republican Party. I currently serve as Senior Vice President, Legal Services for OSF Healthcare System."





# 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!**





**Illinois-Peoria**  
Midwest Food Bank of Illinois-Peoria



**Midwest**  
FOOD BANK

Midwest Food Bank is looking for **15 volunteers** to help out on **Thursday, March 04, 2021 9am-11am** with bulk food packing. If you are interested in volunteering, there will be a sign-up sheet at the in-person meeting. If your not attending the in-person meeting, and you want to sign-up to help you can send an email to [infodowntown@peoriarotary.org](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org) or call the office at **676-5432** and we will get you added to the volunteer list.


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**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?

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



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