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**Weekly Meeting at [Barrack's Cater Inn](#)**

**Friday, May 14, 2021 at 12:00 PM**

**Topic: Non-profit Panel Discussion: Service Demand  
Changes due to COVID-19 Impact**

**Speakers: Stephanie Johnson - Pediatric Resource Center  
Bryna Ryan - Neighborhood House | Andy King - Dream Center  
Carol Merna - Center for Prevention of Abuse**

**If you would like to attend this week's in-person meeting,  
[click here to RSVP](#) - we look forward to seeing you on Friday!!**

Can't make it to  
the In-Person  
Meeting?

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## Dr. Barry Clemson, Medical Co-Director of Heart Transplant OSF Heart Transplant Program Updates



Dr. Barry Clemson, Heart Failure Medical Director for OSF HealthCare Cardiovascular Institute told Peoria Rotarians about the resumption of transplants at OSF St. Francis Medical Center. The patient, 24-year-old Mendota resident John Wlodarchak, thought he had COVID-19 when he first went to the hospital. Instead, it was the beginning stages of heart failure, early this year Wlodarchak became the first person to get a transplanted heart at OSF since 2007.

Dr. Clemson said the program had been suspended in 2007 because smaller facilities were doing fewer transplant procedures, and it was thought transplant surgery might better be a specialty of larger medical centers. Now the transplant program is back at OSF because of several factors. The number of transplants is increasing because the number of donor hearts has increased - unfortunately due to the number of opioid-related deaths. In addition, the survival rate for transplant patients is rising.

Finally, Dr. Clemson said the mission is to provide a local option so that people living in central Illinois do not have to travel to Chicago, St. Louis, or Indianapolis for a procedure that could take several months to happen. OSF St. Francis is the only Illinois hospital outside of these major cities providing this service.



Clemson estimates that in the future an upward of 40 heart transplants a year could be performed at the OSF HealthCare Cardiovascular Institute. Two successful surgeries have already been done this year, including Wlodarchak and another patient shortly afterward. There are also several patients waiting for the call to let them know that a heart is available and they will be the next recipient undergoing a heart transplant surgery.

# May Meeting Schedule

## May 14<sup>th</sup> - Meeting at Barrack's Cater Inn

**Speakers:** Stephanie Johnson - *Pediatric Resource Center*, Andy King - *Dream Center*, Bryna Ryan - *Neighborhood House*, & Carol Merna - *Center for Prevention of Abuse*

**Topic:** Non-profit Panel Discussion: Service Demand Changes due to COVID-19 Impact

**Invocation:** Steve Driscoll | **Greeter:** Carol Merna

**Door Prize:** Kim Eiten

## May 21<sup>st</sup> - Meeting at the Warehouse

**Speaker:** Laura Ewan, Community Relations Coordinator at Rivian

**Topic:** Rivian Electric Vehicles

**Invocation:** Andrea Wiegand | **Greeter:** Airen Kuster

**Door Prize:** Don Hartshorn

## May 28<sup>th</sup> - Meeting at Barrack's Cater Inn

**Speaker:** Michael J. Freilinger, President / CEO, Downtown Development Corporation Peoria

**Topic:** Update on Downtown Development

**Invocation:** Austin Locke | **Greeter:** Airen Kuster

**Door Prize:** Don Hartshorn

**SORRY THIS EVENT IS SOLD OUT**

Rotary District 6460

**ROTARY DAY AT THE BALLPARK  
CARDINALS VS. CUBS**

The Rotary Day at the Ball Park baseball game has been sold out. The Rotary District which includes Peoria will have another game on October 2, 2021 with the Cubs.

## Community Service Grants Announcement

A total of \$13,730 in Community Service Grants will be awarded to eight outstanding organizations this year. Over the next couple of weeks, we will have grant award presentations during our weekly meetings.

Last Friday, the Rotary Club of Peoria welcomed two organizations to accept awards and give a short presentation on how the organization will be utilizing the grant funds.

**Michael Brooks & Susan Smith with St Ann's Garden**



**Claire Crone with Sophia's Kitchen**



## Trewyn Kids Fishing Day at Camp Big Sky - 05/05/21



Photos include kids from Trewyn school and club members that volunteered to help out: Owen Ackerman, Chuck Gabbert, John Hart, Joseph Milton, & Bill Winkler - EXTRA THANK YOU for providing the Peoria Charter Bus for transportation!

## Member Announcements

Over the next couple of weeks, we will have Paul Harris Fellow presentations during our weekly meetings. Last Friday, the Rotary Club of Peoria awarded the following members

*Congratulations!*



Rotary Club of Peoria	New Paul Harris Fellows	
<b>The names in red are members who haven't been a Paul Harris Fellow before.</b>	Owen Ackerman	Shelly Heiden
	Bill Albers	Martha Herm
	Janet Bantz-Glavin	Susan Hoffman
	Betsy Bladel	Jerry Jackson
	Bob Brandfass	Emily Jacob-Rudesill
	Jim Cote	Katherine Coyle
<b>The names in blue are members with multiple Paul Harris Fellows.</b>	Lynn Demanes	Ray Lees
	Gina Driscoll	Austin Locke
	Steve Driscoll	Tom McIntyre
	Chuck Gabbert	Evan Moore
	Blair Gambill	Brian Mooty
	Charlie Greer	Randy Neff
	Mike Gudat	Debbie Sippel
	Mick Hall	Brad Stegall
	Bill Harlan	Jana' Stevens
	Jamie Harwood	Susie Stockman

Back Row from left to right: Brad Stegall, Austin Locke, Bill Harlan, William Albers, Tim Miller, & Rebekah Bourland | Front Row from left to right: Gina Driscoll & Steve Driscoll  
There was also a Paul Harris Fellow awarded to Jamie Harwood (Not Pictured) this was gifted to him on behalf of Gina Driscoll

## Member Congratulations



**May Business After Hours:  
Ravina on the Lakes**

**Join us for our first In-person Business After Hours of 2021! Thursday May 13th | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

Ravina on the Lakes is our host featuring beverages and tasty treats by Cracked Pepper Catering - set up in various event spaces to accommodate social distancing and flow like a single-site, traveling event. **Ravina on the Lakes is also celebrating its 40th Anniversary!**

We look forward to seeing you there!

Register >>

**BUSINESS AFTER HOURS**

## Volunteer Opportunities

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Peoria City/County Health Department Vaccine Clinic

**Medical Volunteers**

- Help administer COVID-19 vaccines to patients
- Assist with observing patients after injection
- Assist with answering patients' questions at clinic
- Doctors, nurses, 4th year medical students, EMTs, dentists, pharmacists - any licensed medical professionals with ability to give IM injection

**Non-Medical Volunteers**

- Assist with clerical, data entry, scheduling, etc.
- Runners between clinic rooms/rooms to assist Medical staff
- Assist with maintaining disinfected areas
- Duties may vary
- Variety of availability/timeslots needed

For more information, visit [www.pchhd.org/289](http://www.pchhd.org/289) or sign up on the HOIUW website: <http://bit.ly/pchhdvols>

The Peoria City/County Health Department is looking for volunteers to assist with its COVID-19 vaccine clinic. PCCHD is looking for volunteers with a **medical background** to dispense vaccines and those **without a medical background** to assist with helping make sure the clinic runs smoothly.

**If you would like to volunteer, you must complete these two steps.**

**1. Click on the Heart of Illinois United Way's links below to find out more.**

You will need to create an account to sign in and fill out registration forms. It only takes a few minutes.

[MEDICAL Volunteer Registration](#) | [NON-MEDICAL Volunteer Registration](#)

**2. Fill out the Peoria County MRC Volunteer Application [by clicking here.](#)**

Please email the completed application to [Jillian Stowe](#) as indicated on the form.

**If everything is booked, please check back. They will be updating the schedules frequently. It's ok to get on a waitlist for certain days or keep checking back as you will receive notifications when people cancel. When those cancellation slots become available, they tend to fill up quickly.**

**After you have volunteered,** email [Melissa Brewer](#), Executive Secretary, Rotary Club of Peoria your volunteer assignment confirmation and **you will be given service credit hours** for your volunteer work.

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**THE FOUR-WAY TEST**  
of the things we think, say or do

- 1 Is it **TRUTH**?
- 2 Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build **GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4 Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



**Additional Vaccine opportunities exist at the [Methodist Medical Center](#).** If you would like to find out more or sign up to help, please contact Tammie Speck, Vaccine Clinic Coordinator - Volunteer Services, Unity Point Health - Methodist (309) 671-8242 Office | [Tammie.Speck@unitypoint.org](mailto:Tammie.Speck@unitypoint.org)



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

## Upcoming Service Projects

### - Making Downtown Peoria Beautiful Flower Planter Day

**Date:** Wed, May 12th | **Location:** Downtown Peoria | **Time:** 4:00pm - 6:30pm

**Details:** Planting flowers in the planters throughout downtown.

### - Build A Ramp

**Date:** Sat, June 19th | **Location:** TBD | **Time:** TBD | **Details:** Build a ramp for someone in need.

If you would like to help out with any of these projects, please email [infodowntown@peoriarotary.org](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org) to be added to the volunteer sign-up sheet. There will also be sign-up sheets available at the weekly in-person club meeting.

## So You Thought You Knew About Emily Jacob-Rudesill (in 200 words or less!) *By Edith Barnard*

Emily makes everyone happy with her contagious, radiant smile! She is very active in our wonderful community helping organizations such as Peoria Playhouse Children's Museum and co-chairing the Peoria Chapter of Hike it Baby, which inspires families with young children to connect with nature. This multi-talented lady is a semi-professional photographer who specializes in nighttime backdrops. She is dedicated to preserving views of the night sky and to combating light pollution. Below she shares more!

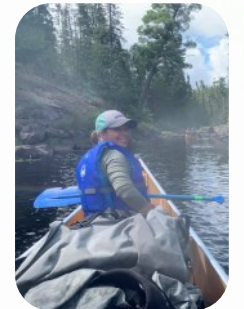


"My husband and I have a son named Dillon. He will be 3 in August. The hobbies I had prior to him have changed a bit, I'm no longer going on photography trips, and that's okay! Dillon and I love to be out in nature and go on hikes. I started a blog called "Hiking with Dillon" which features hiking local trails with my toddler. I am still doing some of my own trips.

This past August I went to Boundary Waters in Minnesota and spent 5 days canoeing, portaging, and camping in the wilderness with True North Expeditions. At the end of May, I will be going with the same group to Red River Gorge in Kentucky backpacking, camping, and kayaking inside caverns. I'm anxious for Dillon to be a little older to bring him along.



What I love about Rotary - I love hearing from the amazing speakers. Not just the local ones, but ones from all over. I think my favorite so far was Carl Wilkens - the last American in Rawanda. He had me tearing up at the meeting. I love to hear about the amazing service projects we do locally and Internationally. The Rotary motto "Service Above Self" is one of the main reasons why I joined Rotary."



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