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Weekly Meeting at The Warehouse
Friday, May 21, 2021 at 12:00 PM

Speaker: Laura Ewan, Rivian - Community Relations Coordinator
Topic: Rivian Electric Vehicles

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?

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN VIRTUALLY](#)

[VIA ZOOM](#)

Meeting ID:

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Please Note: A limited number of more convenient parking spaces will be reserved by the front door for Rotarians who would appreciate closer access.

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

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



Covid 19 has had a noticeable impact on social service agencies in the Peoria area. Stephanie Johnson of the Pediatric Resource Center, Andy King of Peoria's Dream Center, Carol Merna, head of The Center for Prevention of Abuse and Bryna Ryan from Neighborhood House talked to Peoria Rotarians Friday about how Covid affected their agencies.

For the Center for Prevention of Abuse, Covid meant an increase in phone referrals; to ten-thousand calls from a pre-Covid norm of 8,100. Because shelter residents could no longer share a kitchen, Covid meant that the CFPOA had to cater their meals.

The Dream Center meanwhile had to supply a lot more meals as well as well. They delivered meals to the homes of students because mass gatherings were out of the question and set up shower facilities to take directly to the homeless.

For the Pediatric Resource Center, referral calls about abused or neglected children dropped off when Covid struck. That is because teachers, grandparents and other potential reporters no longer had contact with the children. When the reports did come in eventually, they came from hospitals, and injuries were more significant.

Neighborhood House meanwhile found its resources stretched, as the number of senior citizens using the Meals on Wheels program jumped up by an additional 50-percent. In some cases, volunteers who had delivered the meals now found themselves on the receiving end after losing their jobs. All agency executives said that while Covid tested them, they had found ways to work around problems and create new solutions to their on-going problems.

Upcoming Meetings

May 21st - 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 28th - Meeting at Barrack's Cater Inn

Speaker: Michael J. Freiling, President / CEO, Downtown Development Corporation Peoria
Topic: Update on Downtown Development
Invocation: Austin Locke | **Greeter:** Airen Kuster
Door Prize: Don Hartshorn

June 4th - Meeting at the Warehouse

Speaker: Isaac Bennet, Agency Director, YouAre, LLC
Topic: Cybersecurity: Our World Under Attack
Invocation: Steve Driscoll | **Greeters:** Ken Silverthorn & Tim Miller
Door Prize: Ken Silverthorn

June 11th - Meeting at the Warehouse

Speaker: General. William "Robbie" Robertson, Commander of Illinois Air National Guard's 182nd Airlift Wing
Topic: Update on the Air National Guard's 182nd Airlift Wing
Invocation: Steve Driscoll | **Greeter(s):** Mike Kelly | **Door Prize:** Tim Miller

June 18th - Meeting at the Warehouse

Topic: Rotary Club of Peoria - Change of Officers
Invocation: Owen Ackerman | **Greeter(s):** TBD | **Door Prize:** Owen Ackerman

June 25th - Meeting at the Warehouse

Speaker: Lonnie Stewart, Peoria-based - World Renowned, Artist and Sculptor
Topic: Current & Future Projects
Invocation: Chuck Gabbert | **Greeters:** Art Oakford & John Hart
Door Prize: TBD

Upcoming Service Projects

- 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 this project, please email 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.

Community Service Grants Announcement

A total of \$13,730 in Community Service Grants will be awarded to eight outstanding organizations this year. Over the past few weeks, we have held grant award presentations during our weekly meetings. Last Friday, the Rotary Club of Peoria welcomed the last organization to accept the award and give a short presentation on how the organization will be utilizing the grant funds.

**Caitlin Scott &
Ron Tyler with
Family Core**



Sterling Merit Awards

The 62nd Annual Sterling Merit Awards

sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Chillicothe, East Peoria, Farmington, Peoria–Downtown and Peoria-North were given to 177 Students of the Class of 2021. Medallions were given to Students in the top eight percent of their graduating class from sixteen Peoria area high schools. (Brimfield, Dunlap, East Peoria, Elmwood, Farmington, Illini Bluffs, Illinois Valley, Limestone, Manual, Peoria Christian, Peoria Heights, Peoria High, Peoria Notre Dame, Princeville, Quest, and Richwoods. Photos of the Students were published in the Sunday, May 16th edition of the Peoria Journal Star. Unfortunately, due to COVID we could not host a banquet again this year.

New Membership

New Membership Proposals

The following membership proposals have been approved by the Club Board of Directors and is published here for general membership consideration.

Protests may be sent, in writing, to the President or Secretary within 7 days. If none are received, the proposal will be considered satisfactory.

Lexi Zellmer

~ Sponsored by: Austin Locke

Darlene Violet

~ Sponsored by: Andrea Parker

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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?

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 with their Paul Harris Certificate / Pins.

Congratulations!



From left to right: Brad Stegall, Blair Gambill, Kathrine Coyle, Betsy Bladel, Charlie Greer, & Jerry Jackson

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The names in red are members who haven't been a Paul Harris Fellow before.

The names in blue are members with multiple Paul Harris Fellows.

New Paul Harris Fellows

Owen Ackerman
Bill Albers
Janet Bantz-Glavin
Betsy Bladel
Rebekah Bourland
Bob Brandfass
Jim Cote
Lynn Demanes
Gina Driscoll
Steve Driscoll
Chuck Gabbert
Blair Gambill
Charlie Greer
Mike Gudat
Mick Hall
Bill Harlan
Jamie Harwood

Shelly Heiden
Martha Hern
Susan Hoffman
Jerry Jackson
Emily Jacob-Rudesill
Katherine Coyle
Ray Lees
Austin Locke
Tom McIntyre
Evan Moore
Brian Mooty
Randy Neff
Debbie Sippel
Brad Stegall
Jana' Stevens
Susie Stockman

Member News



Emily Jacob-Rudesill and her husband are so excited to share the news that they are expecting their 2nd child in December! Their son, Dillon, is super excited to be a big brother!



Congratulations!

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/floors to assist Medical/staff
- Assist with maintaining disinfected areas
- Duties may vary
- Variety of availability/timeslots needed



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.

Congratulations to **Kari Gabbert** on her new position with the



GOOD LUCK IN YOUR NEW JOB



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

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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 to arrange a time. **If you would like to donate money, we will buy non-perishables on your behalf!**

Making Downtown Peoria Beautiful - Flower Planter Day

Photos include several Rotary Club members, along with their families and friends that volunteered for this service project on 05/12/21 to help "Make Downtown Peoria Beautiful" by planting flowers in several planters around downtown Peoria.



So You Thought You Knew About Carmen McCarthy (in 200 words or less!) By Edith Barnard

Do you want to have fun at Rotary? Well, my friends, sit with Carmen McCarthy!! Our "Champion-of-all-things-good", "fantabulous", fun, elegantly rowdy, mega marvelous fellow Rotarian is a joyous inspiration to large and small gatherings. She is the personification of "Service Above Self!" Learn more about Carmen as she shares below.

"Currently Carmen is working three different jobs: one at Benjamin F. Edwards in Junction City, one at Heart of Illinois United Way, and one as a cantor, soloist and choir member at St. Mary's Cathedral in downtown Peoria on weekends. It's a crazy schedule, but she loves the variety! She is thankful for the modern technology that allows her to keep in touch regularly with family in Chicagoland, Ireland, and Tokyo. This summer she looks forward to spending Thursdays at Peoria Chiefs home games and (hopefully!) performing with her band JC and The Redemption. (See pic) The pandemic has taught her to not take any moment for granted and looks forward to some exciting changes later this year...more to come later!



Carmen singing at Glen Oak Park with her band JC and The Redemption

I love telling people my story of how I became involved in Rotary! Having just started a job in the nonprofit sector in 2017, it was strongly suggested I join the downtown Rotary club, so I finally checked it out in 2018. I came in not knowing anyone there and trepidatious of it all. That quickly went away when countless people introduced themselves and seemed genuinely interested in getting to know me. It was also immediately apparent that everyone there truly wanted to make their community a better place, and I wanted in! I'm coming up on three years in the club on June 30th, and I love being part of this group who is truly generous with their time, talent and treasure to better our community."



Carmen with fellow Rotarian from Rotary North Ashley Schreck toasting the newly-lit Murray Baker Bridge



Carmen's five nephews (counter clockwise from top left) Colin, Nolan, Cillian, Leon & Jay

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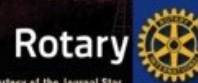


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