



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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**Weekly Meeting at Barrack's Cater Inn
Friday, May 28, 2021 at 12:00 PM**

**Speaker: Michael J. Freiling, President / CEO
Downtown Development Corporation Peoria**
Topic: Update on Downtown Development

**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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Meeting ID:
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Rivian Electric Vehicles

Laura Ewan, Community Relations Coordinator



Rivian Automotive spokeswoman Laura Ewan tells Peoria Rotarians that the company's new all-electric pickup truck and van will be priced around \$75,000. Rivian's plant in Normal, Illinois is expected to start producing the vehicles this summer, possibly as early as June. Covid-19 forced Rivian to halt there-tooling of the former Mitsubishi plant for a while.



There are currently 1,600 employees at the plant in Normal, and Ewan says there will be more hiring in the future. Rivian got a big boost when Amazon ordered 100,000 custom-designed electric delivery vehicles. Amazon, Ford, and Cox Automotive have invested 2.8 billion dollars in the company, giving it a lead in developing all-electric vehicles. Pickup trucks and vans account for the majority

of personal use vehicles sold in the U.S., and those are the vehicles Rivian is manufacturing first. According to published reports, Rivian has already copyrighted designations for sedans as well.

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.



From left to right: Emily Jacob-Rudesill, Jana' Stevens,
Robert Brandfass, Mike Gudat, & Mick Hall
Not pictured: Janet Bantz-Glavin



New Paul Harris Fellows

Owen Ackerman	Shelly Heiden
Bill Albers	Martha Herm
Janet Bantz-Glavin	Susan Hoffman
Betsy Bladel	Jerry Jackson
Rebekah Bourland	Emily Jacob-Rudesill
Robert Brandfass	Katherine Coyle
Jim Cote	Ray Lees
Lynn Demanes	Austin Locke
Gina Driscoll	Tom McIntyre
Steve Driscoll	Evan Moore
Chuck Gabbert	Brian Mooty
Blair Gambill	Randy Neff
Charlie Greer	Debbie Sippel
Mike Gudat	Brad Stegall
Mick Hall	Jana' Stevens
Bill Harlan	Susie Stockman
Jamie Harwood	

Upcoming Meetings

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: Brig Gen William "Robbie" Robertson, ANG Assistant to the Commander, 12th Air Force

Topic: The AF Mission in US SOUTHERN COMMAND

Invocation: Caitlin Behrends | **Greeter(s):** Mike Kelly

Door Prize: Tim Miller & Brad Stegall

June 18th - Meeting at the Warehouse

Topic: Rotary Club of Peoria - Change of Officers

Invocation: Owen Ackerman | **Greeter(s):** Colleen Halberg

Door Prize: Owen Ackerman & Colleen Halberg

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, Mike Kelley & John Hart

Door Prize: Mike Kelley & Nick Vespa

Club Social



The Social Committee has organized the Club's second Social of the year.

This event will be held at **Ravina on the Lakes** on **June 9th** from **5pm- 8pm**

Cost: **Club Members** are **free** and **guests** are **\$15.00**

Members are encouraged to bring friends, family members and prospective members.

Rotary Readers Update

Owen Ackerman & Maggie Freidag will be delivering new books to the Trewyn students on Wed. May 26th at 1:00 pm at Trewyn School.

Members are welcome to come and watch the books being distributed to the students.

Member News



Upcoming Service Projects

- Flower Planting Day at Wildlife Prairie Park

Date: Wed, June 9th

Location: Wildlife Prairie Park

Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm | **Details:** Planting of native flowering transplants in the flower beds.

- 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 these projects, please send an email to infodowntown@peoriarotary.org to be added to the volunteer sign-up list. Sign-up sheets will also be available at the weekly club meeting.



Donations Needed for Trewyn Food Pantry

We are collecting food items such as: Peanut

or almond butter, dried goods such as: Oatmeal, Cereal, Ramen Noodles, Rice, Pasta, 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!**

So You Thought You Knew Our Club Members' Favorite Movies (Part 1) (In 200 Words or Less!)

By Edie Barnard



Randall Yelverton's favorite movie is "CASABLANCA." A former movie critic with The Ozark Times, Rotarian Randall is a treasure trove of movie history! He says that "CASABLANCA" is the quintessential movie of all times.

Jeff Redmon likes "A FEW GOOD MEN." He said that the part of the movie in which Tom Cruise challenges Jack Nickolas on the stand in which Tom says he is entitled to the truth and Jack responds " You Can't Handle the Truth!!"



Colleen Johnson's favorite is "THE LORD OF THE RINGS" because it has romance, adventure, and beautiful scenery! She hopes to go to New Zealand some day!

Katherine Coyle adores "THE SOUND OF MUSIC" and has seen it over 100 times. She knows most of the tunes and loved her trip to Salzburg where it was filmed.



Tom McIntyre finds "THE PRINCESS BRIDE" to be lovely fun and that it is an adult fairytale, and his favorite character is Andre the Giant.

Marty Collier remembers feeling the heat, mosquitos, and the fiery response that he was really there on the "BRIDE ON THE RIVER KWAI" helping build the bridge whenever he watches this 1957 award-winning movie.



Randy Neff finds the Old West theme of "DANCING WITH WOLVES" to be an inspiring one of strength and taking on new challenges. Is the fact that he and his wife have horses a part of his liking this 1990 epic film?

Karla Losey's favorite movie is "PRIDE AND PREJUDICE." Her favorite scene is when Elizabeth Bennet slowly walks toward Mr. Darcy in the fog!



Patrick Kirchofer shares that "TOP GUN" is his most watched movie because of all the military action, speed, romance, and drama!

(Stay tuned next week for more fav movies of our club members)

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