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Weekly Meeting at The Warehouse Friday, June 18, 2021 at 12:00 PM

Topic: Rotary Club of Peoria - Change of Officers

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

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

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

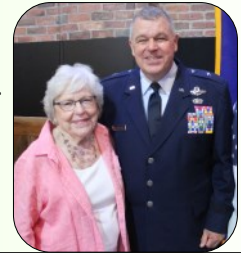
The Air Force Mission in US Southern Command



Brig General William "Robbie" Robertson, Air National Guard Assistant to the Commander, 12th Air Force returned to his home Rotary Club on Friday. Brig General Robertson - Robbie to nearly everyone - is currently the Air National Guard Assistant to the Commander of the 12th Air Force, located at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona. The 12th Air Force provides security cooperation for air, space, and cyberspace throughout Latin American and Caribbean.

[Click here](#) to watch a short video that will give you an idea of the scope of work the 12th Air Force / Air Forces Southern take on.

The Air Forces Southern helps train friendly forces in Latin America as well as providing forward operations at Curacao in the Caribbean, Guantanamo Bay in Cuba, Muniz, Puerto Rico and Soto Cano, Honduras. Robbie still lives in Peoria but is at Davis-Monthan Air Base near Tucson, Arizona much of his time.



Dee Robertson (Robbie's Mom) & Robbie Robertson



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: Susie Stockman, Andrea Wiegand, Martha Herm & Tom McIntyre

Rotary Club of Peoria		New Paul Harris Fellows	
Owen Ackerman	Jamie Harwood	Bill Albers	Shelly Heiden
Janet Bantz-Glavin	Martha Herm	Patti Bash	Susan Hoffman
Betsy Bladef	Jerry Jackson	Rebekah Bourland	Emily Jacob-Rudessil
Robert Brandfass	Katherine Coyle	Jim Cote	Ray Lees
Lynne 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	Mike Hall	Susie Stockman
Bill Harlan	Andrea Wiegand		

Upcoming Meetings

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 & Sculptor

Topic: Current & Future Projects

Invocation: Chuck Gabbert | Greeters: Art Oakford, Mike Kelley & John Hart

Door Prize: Mike Kelley & Nick Vespa

July 2nd - No Meeting - Happy 4th of July!!!!



July 9th - Meeting at the Warehouse

Speaker: Rebecca Schulman, Director of Peoria Children's Playhouse

Topic: How's the Playhouse Playing?

Invocation: Colleen Halberg | Greeter(s): Fred Stuber

Door Prize: Richard Zuckerman

Club Social



The Social Committee held the Club's second Social of the year.

The event was held at **Ravina on the Lakes** on **June 9th** from **5pm-8pm**

We had over **50** people in attendance at the social.

THANK YOU to everyone that attended!!



Upcoming Service Projects

- **Build A Ramp * DATE CHANGE ***

Date: Sat, July 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 the office at

infodowntown@peoriarotary.org

to be added to the volunteer sign-up list.

A sign-up sheet will also be available at

Friday's meeting.



Service Project Update



Flower Planting Day

On **June 9th** from 9am-12pm, Rotary Club Members volunteered to help plant native flower transplants into the planter beds at **Wildlife Prairie Park**.

Thank You!



For All Your Hard Work!

Member Celebrations



Trewyn School Food Pantry



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 the items from you, please call **676-5432** or send an email to the office at 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 Art Oakford (In 200 Words or Less)

By Edith Barnard

Everyone loves Art Oakford! He's been a Rotarian for 58 years, married for 67 Years to Judy (see pic) and has raised four daughters! Art is a proud grandpa to nine grandchildren and great grandpa to thirteen great-grandchildren, all under seven years old! He's been an Eagle Scot, Air Force



Veteran, in the retail grocery business for twenty-six years, a Commerce Banker for thirteen years, Interim Director of Lakeview Museum for two years, and a United Way Ambassador for seventeen years! He's been a Rotary Singer for nine years (see pics) and an esteemed member of the highly acclaimed KAZOO KONCERT KWIRE for two year (see pic)!

He is an ardent outdoor adventurer. Some of his unique activities include: climbing "Half Dome in Yosemite at 19, ascending the Rockies, racing sailboats on the Illinois River, "bare boating" in the Caribbean (see pic), competing in running and cycling events (still cycling) and zip-lining.



He loves rappelling down the outside of the Chase Bank Building for Peoria Friendship House (Call him if you want to join in the fun!)

This clever fellow shares more below:



"For Judy and me, family has always come first. For fifteen years we took our grandchildren camping in Door County without their parents (see pic). To qualify, they needed to be four years old, "house-broken," and love Grandma and Grandpa very much. At first when only a few qualified, we could go in a van, then we had to rent a trailer and eventually we rented a truck! We packed five tents and a dining shelter, bicycles, bed rolls, air mattresses and personal duffles, etc... We swan at the beach, hiked in the woods, climbed cliffs, canoes, rode bikes, and had great campfires every night. The cousins became friends and still are! Each camper got an Olympic type award medal and a special "Gramps Camp" tee shirt each year."

HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY

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- President - Brad Stegall
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- Treasurer- Lisa Mullins
- Immediate Past President - Maggie Freidag

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