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THE GREEN LIGHT

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PEORIA — Club 3238

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 CLUB NO. 76

Weekly Meeting at The Warehouse

Friday, June 25, 2021 at 12:00 PM

Speaker: Lonnie Stewart, Peoria-Based - Artist & Sculptor

Topic: Current & Future Projects

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

Peoria Rotary Club ~ Change of Officers

The gavel was passed last Friday, as Peoria Rotary Club President Brad Stegall's term ended. It was a year of no meetings, zoom meetings, and Covid worries. Yet it was also a year that saw thousands of dollars raised for local not-for-profits, flowers planted, docks were built and lots of bulk emergency food supplies were divvied by Peoria Rotary Club members that volunteered to help their community.

It was also a year when 40 club members received Paul Harris Awards. The club had 20 members that were already Paul Harris Fellows, and they received their second Paul Harris Lapel Pin. There were also 20 members receiving their first Paul Harris Fellow Award Certificate and Lapel Pin. **CONGRATULATIONS!!!!**

Recognition was also given to retiring Board Members Steve Driscoll and Scott McCord, retiring Treasurer Lisa Mullins, retiring Secretary Jamie Harwood and Immediate Past President (IPP) Maggie Freidag (2019-2020).

Past District Governor Mark Roberts was in attendance to present (IPP) Maggie Freidag with a Rotary Citation Award. The club received this award under Maggie's leadership amid the Covid-19 pandemic. **GREAT JOB!!!!**

The incoming Peoria Rotary Club President Janet Bantz-Glavin takes over as the Rotary International theme changes to "Serve to Change Lives". Focusing on a renewed effort to increase membership world-wide and to create more diversity and opportunities for women and girls.



Incoming President, Janet Bantz-Glavin & Immediate Past President, Brad Stegall



Maggie Freidag & Past Dist. Gov. Mark Roberts



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Member Announcements



Congratulations! Peoria Rotarian Bernie Drake and his wife, Barb, were both given the "James Smithson Award" for their long-time work at the Peoria Riverfront Museum and its predecessors over the past thirty years. The Smithson award, named for the founder of the Smithsonian Institution - is presented to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the Museum over a long period of time. Bernie Drake has been a Rotarian since 2005 and is a Komatsu retiree. His wife Barb retired after a career at the Peoria Journal Star.



Smithsonian Institution



PEORIA RIVERFRONT MUSEUM

Upcoming Meetings

June 25th - Meeting at the Warehouse

Speaker: Lonnie Stewart, Peoria-based - 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

July 16th - Meeting at the Warehouse

Speaker: Ryan LaCosse, Director Area Best Buddies

Topic: Why Inclusion Matters

Invocation: Owen Ackerman | **Greeter(s):** Ray Lees

Door Prize: Pam Johnson

Club Social

Social Event at Gabbert's Lake

Join us for a fun day at Gabbert's Lake -

Sat., July 24th with fishing,
swimming, and cooking out.

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

If you would like to attend, please email
infodowntown@peoriarotary.org to be
added to the RSVP list. There will also be a
sign-up sheet at Friday's meeting.

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.

Club Announcement

We're excited to have you join us at our
Weekly Club Meetings!!!

With all Covid restrictions now lifted,
things are slowly getting back to normal!

The Club is no longer asking members to
RSVP for weekly meetings. With that
being said, we are going back to the quick
check-in process we used pre-Covid-19.

On the badge board, behind your badge
you will find an attendance ticket.

Senior Members and Guests attending
the meeting, please stop by the check-in
table to receive an attendance ticket.

Please take this ticket with you up to the
buffet line. There will be a box located at
the beginning of the line to drop the
attendance tickets into.

Thank you for your patience and
understanding during this past year.

Past Presidents

Rotary
Club of Peoria



Past Presidents attending last weeks meeting.

From Left to Right (Back Row: Art Oakford, Brad Stegall,
Don Hartshorn, Ray Lees, Bill Winkler, & Owen Ackerman
(Front Row: Shelly Heiden, Maggie Freidag,
Martha Herm, Susie Stockman, & Andrea Parker

Rotary



SERVICE Above Self

So You Thought You Knew Tracy Geisz (in 200 words or less!) by Edith Barnard

When Tracy Geisz walks into a room, she brilliantly lights up the space!! Tracy has been a Rotarian since December 2019 and is a true example of "Service Above Self." Among her many talents, she is quite the entrepreneur. She is the owner and tour host of Golden Tours – The Ultimate Day Trip Experience. Her business was supposed to launch in April of 2020.



Despite the pandemic she did have three successful Day Trips in the fall of 2020. Tracy started this business because she discovered she had a real passion in working and spending time with seniors and their families. She enjoys sharing her time, love and compassion while creating opportunities for them to keep learning, exploring, and sharing their memories while being active.

Although her focus is seniors, anyone ready for adventure can travel with Golden Tours. Several Rotarians have experienced these wonderful tours. They offer great destinations on a luxury motor coach with on board entertainment and activities. A wonderful meal is included which makes for an unforgettable experience transforming an ordinary day into one that is extraordinary!

Tracy shares more below.

"In March of 2021, I got engaged to John Drill from Madison, WI. We are very excited to work together and blend our families. Between the two of us, we have 9 children. My children are Rocco(19), Sophia (15) and Geno (12). I love Peoria, but will eventually have a lake house with John in Northwestern Wisconsin."



Club Officers

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