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Weekly Meeting at The Warehouse on State

Friday, July 09, 2021 at 12:00 PM

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

Topic: How's the Playhouse Playing?

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 VIA ZOOM](#)
 Meeting ID: 897 6608 1791 Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799

So You Thought You Knew Bernie Drake (in 200 words or less!) by Edie Barnard

Bernie Drake loves to travel! From zip lining in Nevada (see pic), to eating fried bugs in Vientiane, Laos (see pic), to tubing on Lake Tahoe (see pic), to visiting Angkor Wat in Cambodia (see pic) and more, this adventurous Rotarian loves to seize and savor the moment.



Born and raised in Indiana, Bernie came to Peoria in 1966 to work for Peoria Public Schools. He was a debate coach at Manual, then at Peoria High School where Corky Robertson was his boss!



In 1974 he left education for a job at WABCO (which became Dresser, then Komatsu-Dresser, then Komatsu). During his 29 years at the company he served a stint in Brussels, Belgium; traveled extensively, and spent the last five years stationed in Vernon Hills, IL.

Bernie loves history. If there is reincarnation, he says that he'll probably come back as a history teacher. He is a history guide for the Peoria Historical Society, has taught Civil War and Peoria history classes at OLLI, and has led Civil War history trips.

He and his wife, Barb have three sons, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Below he shares an amazing experience.

"In 2001, while I was taking a stress test, my heart stopped. Luckily, I was in a hospital and was quickly revived. The next day I had quadruple by-pass surgery. It changed my life. Twelve-hour work days no longer seemed so important. Two years later when offered an opportunity for early retirement, I took it and returned to Peoria with a desire to get involved in the community. Since then I have volunteered at and served on boards of my church, Crittenton Center, Peoria Historical Society, Fine Arts Society of Peoria, OLLI, Sculpture Walk, Lakeview and Peoria Riverfront Museums, and Rotary. It was one of the best decisions I ever made. I have enjoyed working in the community and meeting so many interesting people."



Club Social



Join us for a fun day at Gabbert's Lake

Date: **July 24th** | Location: **Gabbert's Lake**
Time: **10am - 3pm**



Enjoy fishing, swimming, & cooking out.

Members are encouraged to bring friends, family members & 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.



Club Announcement

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

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

The Club is no longer asking members to RSVP for weekly meetings. We are going back to the quick check-in process used pre-Covid-19.

When you enter, please obtain your badge from 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 buffet line to drop the attendance tickets into.

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

Upcoming Meetings

July 9th - Meeting at the Warehouse

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

Topic: How's the Playhouse Playing?

Invocation: Steve Driscoll | **Greeter(s):** Fred Stuber

Door Prize: Richard Zuckerman

July 16th - Meeting at the Warehouse

Speaker: Ryan LaCrosse, Director Area Best Buddies

Topic: Why Inclusion Matters

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

Door Prize: Pam Johnson

July 23rd - Meeting at the Warehouse

Speaker: Dr. Neal Bernard, New York Times Best Selling Author

Topic: Your Body In Balance: The New Science of Food, Hormones & Health

Invocation: Mike Kelley | **Greeter(s):** Tony Beiermann

Door Prize: Tony Beiermann

July 30th - Meeting at the Warehouse

Speaker: East Peoria Mayor John Kahl

Topic: East Peoria Levee District Development

Invocation: Chuck Gabbert | **Greeter(s):** Gina Driscoll

Door Prize: Gina Driscoll

Upcoming Service Projects

Build A Ramp

Date: 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 infodowntown@peoriarotary.org to be added to the volunteer sign-up list. A sign-up sheet will also be available at Friday's meeting.

Volunteer Opportunities



Corn Stock Theater is in need of volunteers to help with the Summer Showcase.

They are looking for volunteers to help with the positions listed below:

* **Box Office** (computer skills are not required for Will Call windows & you are in a/c)

For more info or to sign-up, click the link next to the Program Title below.

My Way : volunteersignup.org/CBFAE

Shakespeare : volunteersignup.org/AXC8X

Musical of Musicals : volunteersignup.org/BHBRT

* **Concessions** (we will only be providing bottled water this summer & you are in a/c)

For more info or to sign-up, click the link next to the Program Title below.

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* **Ramps** (a great way to watch the show and volunteer at the same time!)

For more info or to sign-up, click the link next to the Program Title below.

My Way : volunteersignup.org/YQ4QR

Shakespeare : volunteersignup.org/Q3K7T

Musical of Musicals : volunteersignup.org/B39RB

A sign-up sheet will also be available at Friday's meeting.

Member Announcements

Martha Herm & Tom McIntyre A Trusted and Steady Presence



From her tireless efforts to bring peace and healing to victims of violence and abuse, to his service as a trusted authority on the news of the day, they have been a steady presence in central Illinois for decades.

Peoria Magazine announced the 2021 Local Legends in this month's issue. Congratulations to fellow Peoria Rotarians Martha Herm and Tom McIntyre, both were named as 2021 Local Legends.

On Monday, July 12, Peoria Magazines will host an intimate reception at the Creve Coeur Club of Peoria to honor the 2021 class of Local Legends. Held in conjunction with the July issue of Peoria Magazine, the event will take place from 4:30 to 6:00pm, with the program beginning promptly at 5:00pm. Tickets include complimentary wine, beer, soda and light hors d'oeuvres. Limited seating is available. Visit [309tix.com](https://www.309tix.com) to reserve your space!

Congratulations!



In Memoriam



Elwin L. Basquin Nov. 18, 1931 - July 1, 2021

Elwin Basquin 89, of Heartis Village, Peoria, IL, former President and General Manager of the Illinois Valley Public Telecommunications Corporation licensee of WTVP-TV, Channel 47, died at 8:26 AM, Thursday, July 1, 2021 at the OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home.

Elwin was a member of Rotary for 25 years and a Paul Harris Fellow. He will be greatly missed by all those who knew him, and the Rotary Community as a whole.

Thank you, Elwin, for giving so generously of your resources and time, and for being a true example of "Service Above Self."

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Elwin Basquin Endowed Scholarship in Mass Communications at Bradley University and the WTVP Endowment Fund.



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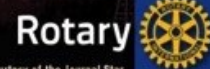


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