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Weekly Meeting at The Warehouse on State
Friday, August 13, 2021 at 12:00 PM

Speaker: Amanda Atchley, Executive Director
Topic: Camp Big Sky

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

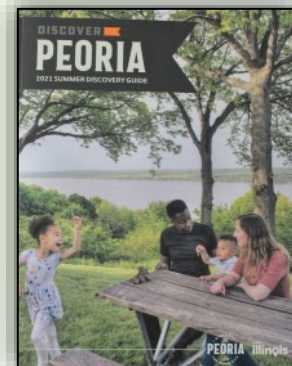
JD Dalfonso, President & CEO of Enjoy Peoria



The Central Illinois tourism and hospitality industries took a serious hit over the last weeks because of the Covid-19 virus outbreak. The IHSA basketball tournament cancellation as well as the postponement of Civic Center appearances by Baby Shark Live, Foreigner, Blue Man Group and Reba McEntire has meant the loss of hundreds of hotel room rentals.

JD Dalfonso, the President of the Peoria Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau, told Peoria Rotarians that the tourism industry has been changing, and that his organization is mounting an effort to do more than 'put heads in beds.' Dalfonso says the change is to market the area as an experience. For this exact reason, he says the Convention and Visitor's Bureau website needs revamped.

The current website is designed, to a degree, for meeting planners who would be interested in the Civic Center and other local spaces for conventions. However, a study shows that only 1 in 835 visits to the present website is from meeting planners. An Arizona firm has been hired to create a website to show off this area as "an experience." That new website, highlighting Central Illinois as a destination, should roll out in April.



[Click Here to Learn More](#)

Rotary Readers Return to Action

As of now, we have been advised by Miss Doty that we will be able to return to the classroom this fall. This is great news as we will again be able to make connections with the 2nd grade students at Trewyn, while assisting them with their reading.

Team Captains: We hope that you are still "on board" with this critical program. Please contact your team members to confirm their willingness to continue.

Within several weeks we will know the number of teams which will be necessary to serve our 2nd grade students. We will anticipate having an orientation at Trewyn school later in September, and hopefully, begin the program prior to the end of September.

Hopefully, the current "spike" in Covid will not impact this decision. We look forward to having as many Rotarians as possible back with our Trewyn students. ~ Thanks to all for your commitment to this program.

Maggie Freidag and Owen Ackerman, Co-chairs

Upcoming Meetings

August 13th - Meeting at [The Warehouse](#)

Speaker: Amanda Atchley, Executive Director

Topic: Camp Big Sky

Invocation: Martha Herm

Greeter(s): Chris Crawford | **Door Prize:** Mick Hall

August 20th - Meeting at [The Warehouse](#)

Speaker: Kari Rauh

Topic: Greater Peoria Economic Development Council

Invocation: Bill Winkler | **Greeter(s):** Mick Hall

Door Prize: Tom Schlink

August 27th - Meeting at [The Warehouse](#)

Speaker(s): Cindy Martin, Cheryl Murin, & Brittany Ryva

Topic: OSF "Almost Home" Update

Invocation: Bill Winkler | **Greeter(s):** Charlie Greer

Door Prize: Tracy Geisz

September 3rd - Meeting at [First United Methodist Church](#)

Speaker: Dr. Sheila Quirk-Bailey, ICC President

Topic: ICC Workforce Center

Invocation: TBD | **Greeter(s):** TBD

Door Prize: TBD

Volunteer Opportunities



Midwest
FOOD BANK



Midwest Food Bank is looking for volunteers to help label and/or package bulk food items so they can be readied for distribution to our food pantries.

Thursday, Sept. 9th, 2021 - 9:00am - 11:00am

Thursday, Sept. 30th, 2021 - 5:00pm - 7:00pm

[If you are interested in volunteering, click here to sign-up online.](#) We will also have a sign-up sheet available at the weekly meeting.



Tee It Up For The Troops Annual Golf Outing

Date: Mon, Aug 16th - **Two Volunteer Groups**

Location: [Mt Hawley Country Club, Peoria](#)

Volunteers are needed to help out with the following:

Pin Holders on each of the 18 holes, and in other jobs, like registration, etc..

Two Volunteer Groups: Breakfast 6:00am & move to job location 6:45am | Lunch 11:00am, Opening Ceremony 11:45am, & move to job location by 12:30pm.

Interested Rotarians can contact [Jerry Jackson](#) to sign-up or with any questions.

Sign-up sheets will also be available at the weekly meeting.

Club Announcements

The Service Committee - Will be meeting immediately following this Friday's meeting August 13. Chair Chuck Gabbert will lead the planning discussion. Members are welcome to attend and share projects ideas and if interested join the committee.

Meeting Location Change - Beginning of September, the club will resume holding weekly meetings at the [First United Methodist Church](#). We are excited to get back to our original Rotary home and excited that Cracked Pepper will still be serving us there.

Social Event

Downtown Peoria & Peoria North Rotary Night at the Ballpark



vs South Bend Cubs

**Post Game
Fireworks**

Date: Sat, Aug, 28 | **Time:** 7:35 PM (Gates open at 6:35 PM)

Location: [Dozer Park](#) - Right Field Picnic Area

Details: \$26.00 per person - Includes Game Ticket, Buffet w/ Burgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Potato Chips, Soda & Water.

* Cash Bar will be available to purchase beer, wine, etc..

If you would like to attend you can RSVP to infodowntown@peoriarotary.org there will also be a sign-up sheet available at Friday's meeting.

Endowment / Foundation Committee

The Rotary Club of Peoria - Endowment & Foundation Committee announced they are requesting proposals for a Capital Project.

To learn more click here --> [Endowment Foundation Capital Project](#).

If you would like to fill out a project proposal form click here --> [Project Proposal](#).

Please email your completed proposal back to Emily Jacob Rudesill (emilyj@fosterjacob.com) by August 16, 2021.

Thank you all for your Service Above Self!

Donation Wish List

Recyclables:

Wood scraps, especially softer woods
Decorative papers
Cardboard of all types - cereal or cracker boxes, egg cartons, toilet paper tubes, etc
String and ribbon scraps
Plastic containers (yoghurt, cottage cheese, etc)

Any interesting paper, cardboard, or plastic recyclables / discarded craft materials are always welcomed!

Purchased items:

Pipe cleaners
Beads
Hot Glue Guns & Glue sticks

Note: If you have items to donate, please bring them to the weekly club meeting. Collected donations will be dropped off at the Peoria PlayHouse. Donations can also be dropped off at Peoria PlayHouse during regular business hours. Make sure to let them know your from the Rotary Club of Peoria and let Melissa know so that we can track our club's support!



So You Thought You Knew Bill Albers (in 200 words or less)

by Edie Barnard

This charming Ohioan always wanted to be a doctor and chose pediatrics before medical school. As a pediatrician in the USAF Bill decided to subspecialize in pediatric cardiology. While in the Air Force, he formed a lifelong friendship with a fellow physician who had family in Peoria, which led to his coming here in 1967. His professional goals were to develop a pediatric medical center, to teach pediatrics to students and residents, and to provide patient care in his subspecialty. He was chairman of

Pediatrics at St. Francis for 30 years and of the Med School for 16 years.

He flew his plane, a Cessna 210 "Centurion," (see pic) for many years to patients who weren't able to come to Peoria. A loyal Cubs fan, he went to Cubs Fantasy Camp in Arizona in 2004.



Below he shares more.

"Music has been an important part of my life. My mother was an accomplished pianist

and vocalist and insisted that we learn an instrument. I chose the trombone and played in high school, but gave it up at age 18. After retirement I started playing again and have played in area Pops Orchestras (See pics) and Senior Citizens band. While in Med. School, I had the privilege of singing in the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus for two years, under the direction of Robert Shaw. These experiences have instilled in me a love of music.



Aside from my family, 3 children (see pic) and 6 grandchildren, I am most proud of the many students and residents with whom I have had direct contact in teaching. Many of these individuals have entered pediatrics," and continue to care for children in Central Illinois and elsewhere."



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