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Weekly Meeting at The Warehouse on State

Friday, August 20, 2021 at 12:00 PM

Speaker: Kari Rauh, Director of Workforce Solutions

Topic: Greater Peoria Economic Development Council

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

Amanda Atchley, Executive Director of Camp Big Sky



Camp Big Sky in Fulton County, near Middle Grove, exists because Brad Guidi had a number of family members who were disabled, including his younger brother and his daughter. Brad found there was a lack of opportunity for the disabled community to experience the outdoors. Brad Guidi founded Camp Big Sky on 102 acres of former strip mine land in Fulton County he purchased in 1995. It took nine years to prepare the property for its first visitors, but now they come by the thousands. The camp is open from the first of May until the end of October.



Camp Big sky director Amanda Atchley talked to Peoria Rotarians on Friday about the facility and their plans. Open to disabled people of any age, Camp Big Sky offers fishing, boating and life skills education to residents of fifteen



Because Camp Big Sky receives no state or federal funding and does not charge campers, it is dependent on volunteers and donations. Peoria Rotarians helped build outdoor structures and floating docks there in recent years.



The Community Foundation of Central Illinois (CFCI) also supports Camp Big Sky. More than sixty thousand dollars has been donated over the past two decades. Want to learn more about Camp Big Sky? Click the link below to watch a short video from CFCI showing a recent camp tour.

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

New Club Member



Please extend a warm welcome to our newest Rotarian Melinda "Mindy" Nolte who was inducted at the club meeting on Aug, 13th.

Upcoming Meetings

August 20th - Meeting at The Warehouse

Speaker: Kari Rauh, Director of Workforce Solutions
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

September 10th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Speaker: Kim Mitchell, Peoria Women's Club President
Topic: The Women's Club in Peoria - 135 years old
Invocation: TBD | **Greeter(s):** TBD
Door Prize: TBD

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.

Rotary



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Membership Announcements

Membership Dues Change - What item that you use each year hasn't changed in cost for nearly 30 years?

- A) A cup of coffee | B) The price of gasoline
C) A postage stamp | D) Your Rotary Dues

Answer: D) Your Rotary Dues.

In order to keep up with current costs for members and club projects and activities, dues will increase from \$206 per quarter to \$245 per quarter. This increase will be effective Oct 1, 21. For Senior, Spouse or Guest fees, costs will increase from \$12 per person to \$15 per person.

Change Effective Oct 1, 2021.

Club Announcements

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.

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.

Donation Wish List

Recyclables:

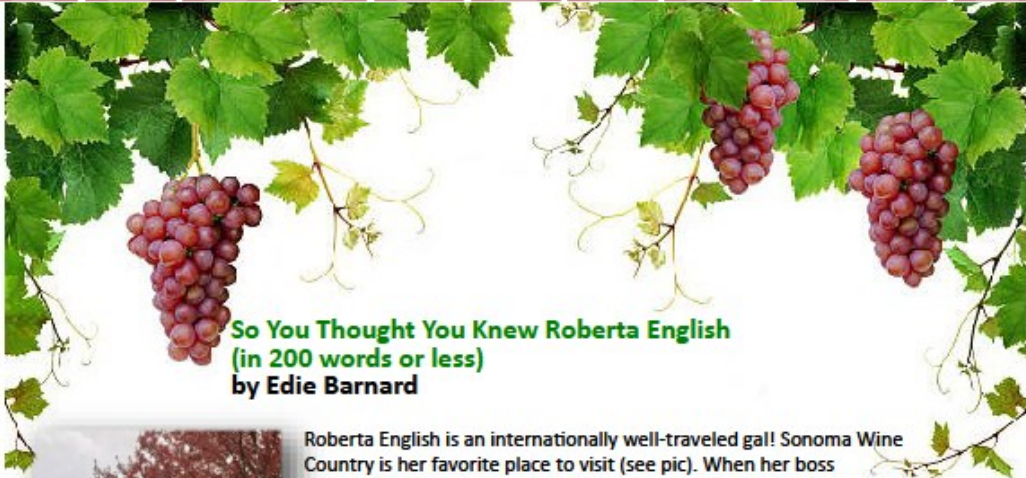
Wood scraps, especially softer woods
Decorative papers
Cardboard of all types - cereal or cracker boxes, egg cartons, toilet paper tubes, etc
String and ribbon scraps
Plastic containers (yoghurt, cottage cheese, etc)
Any interesting paper, cardboard, or plastic recyclables / discarded craft materials 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 Roberta English
(in 200 words or less)
by Edie Barnard**



Roberta English is an internationally well-traveled gal! Sonoma Wine Country is her favorite place to visit (see pic). When her boss told her that she needed to join Rotary, Roberta said, "No way, I'm too busy, I don't have time." It took her almost two years to join, and now she's so glad that she did.

This charming Rotarian says, "Rotary is worth the time and I look forward to coming each week. Each Friday I learn something new, meet someone new, and have a laugh with our wonderful fellowship. Rotary is one of the wonderful activities keeping me in Peoria. I moved here six years ago for a change, and to be closer to family in Central Illinois and

Chicago. Since then I've found the greatest work I've ever done at Neighborhood House, a wonderful school and church at St. Philomena, and many treasured friends.

I grew up in Chicago, attended Northwestern University, and lived in 13 cities, including Washington, D.C, London, U.K., and Dublin, Ireland. My varied experiences as a journalist and mom (see pic) have taught me that one can have a happy life anywhere. I have learned that it's the people and relationships we build that create community. In Peoria, I love to attend fundraisers with my friends (see pic) and hear about all the good work that is happening in this town. I look forward to getting better acquainted with my fellow Rotarians and attending a Rotary conference someday."



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