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THE ROTARY CLUB OF PEORIA — Club 3238

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Weekly Meeting at <u>The Warehouse on State</u> Friday, August 27, 2021 at 12:00 PM

Speaker: Cindy Martin, Cheryl Murin, & Brittany Ryva

Topic: OSF "Almost Home" Update

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? <u>CLICK HERE TO JOIN VIA ZOOM</u>
Meeting ID: 897 6608 1791 Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799

Kari Rauh, Director of Workforce Solutions Greater Peoria Economic Development Council



Kari Rauh has been the Director of Workforce Solutions for the Greater Peoria Economic Development Council since December of 2020.

On Friday, she explained to Peoria Rotarians the EDC's goals for 2021- 2025. First, promoting economic development which encourages innovation and entrepreneurship as well as supporting existing businesses. Secondly, the development of a more resilient and robust talent



pool for the area - which means getting more people finishing high school and getting post-school training. Thirdly, the EDC wants to make the five-county area a place where all residents and visitors enjoy active, secure, healthy lives.



Finally, there's expanding the economic value of the region's natural resources. Kari Rauh says there are currently thousands of local job openings and that's before Amazon starts hiring for the new North Pekin center. Want to know who's hiring?

Click Here to Learn More

Membership Announcements



Please extend a warm welcome to our newest Rotarian Shelly Rapp who was inducted at the club meeting on Aug, 20th.



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: Sue Portscheller | Greeter(s): Steve Hope

Door Prize: Mark Hanson

September 10th - Meeting at <u>First United Methodist Church</u>

Speaker: Kim Mitchell, Peoria Women's Club President Topic: The Women's Club in Peoria - 135 years old **Invocation:** Shelly Heiden | **Greeter(s):** Jason Miller

Door Prize: Shelly Heiden

September 17th - Meeting at <u>First United Methodist Church</u>

Speaker: District Governor Ryan Byers Topic: Address to the Club

Invocation: Bill Albers | Greeter(s): Kala Bertrand Pierce

Door Prize: Bill Albers

Social Events

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.

September Club Social

Hosted by: Steve & Gina Driscoll Date: Saturday, September, 30th

Time: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Location: 112 Royal Vista Dr, East Peoria, IL 61611



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.

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 Opportu





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.





Downtown Peoria Rotary has been involved with the Goodwill Stand Down for Homeless Veterans for 13 years!! This year the event is scheduled for Oct 5th & Oct 6th and they need volunteers to help out.

If you would like to volunteer, a sign-up sheet will be available at Friday's meeting. You can also email the office infodowtown@peoriarotary.org to be added to list.

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

cheese, etc)

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

Purchased items:

Pipe cleaners Reads Hot Glue Guns & Glue sticks

Plastic containers (yoghurt, cottage

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 Tim Newlin (in 200 words or less) by Edie Barnard

Tim generously shares this story of family solidarity, focus on faith, and working together. May we all learn from his inspiring story which Tim tells below.

"My wife, Lori, and I have four children, one of whom, Zachary, has Autism. (See outdoor pic left to right: Joel-studying Business at Northern Illinois University, Libby-studying Business at St. Louis University, Lori, Zachary, and Tim. Eldest son Tim is a 2009 graduate of West Point and presently

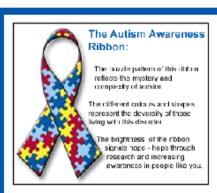


lives at Camp Casey, South Korea where he is a Black Hawk Helicopter pilot and commander of a Drone Outfit. He and his wife Sun Young have a 6 month old son, Henry.) More than 20 years ago, we got the diagnosis from the developmental pediatrician that our son had Autism. The doctor stated that there was a great possibility that he would not talk and that he would be borderline mentally in his development. The diagnosis was very difficult to take. However, my wife and I decided that we needed to fight for our son.

My wife was amazing. She immersed herself in studying applied behavioral analysis to help children with Autism. She put an advertisement on the bulletin boards at Bradley to recruit students to come into our home and work with our son.

The doctor's predictions regarding Zachary could not have been further from the truth. He has never stopped talking after we began helping him. He is incredibly smart. He has a gift for music where he can play any song by listening to it without reading music. Watching him is like watching Stevie Wonder when Zachary plays his keyboard, rocking back and forth. He has an amazing memory and can recite "The Night Before Christmas" from start to finish without mistake.

Zachary has definitely not been a burden. Rather, he has been a great blessing to our family bringing us great joy and happiness. Zachary is awesome!"





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