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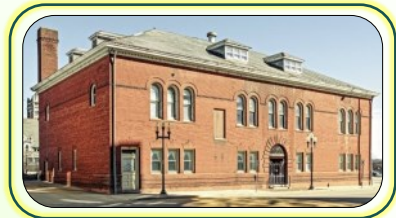
Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church
Friday, September 17, 2021 at 12:00 PM
Speaker: District Governor Ryan Byers
Topic: Address to the Club

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

The Peoria Women's Club - 135 Years Old - Kim Mitchell, Club President & Vicki Hordesky, Building Director / Chair of Restoration Fund



Kim Mitchell, President of the Peoria Women's Club addressed the Rotary Club of Peoria on Friday. Ms. Mitchell and Vicki Hordesky, who is leading the effort to modernize the PWC's century-plus-old building, told of their plans for renovating the two-story hall on Madison St. Those efforts were aided immeasurably when



Kim Blickenstaff agreed to donate 1.5 million dollars to the fund. But it's expected that the total cost could run as high as four-million dollars. Vicki Hordesky says the first part of the plan is to make sure the building is dried out, and then start adding things like air-conditioning, renewed woodwork, windows, and walls. The Peoria Women's Clubhouse is the second oldest such venue in the country but remains remarkably unchanged since it was erected. The 2nd floor of the building houses a



140-seat auditorium/theater. Eventually, PWC members hope to add an elevator to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. It's anticipated that renewal of the PWC building could take several more years.



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Club Announcements

Meeting Location Reminder - Please remember the club is holding weekly meetings at the [First United Methodist Church](#). For security reasons the Church doors will only be unlocked from 11:00am -12:15pm. For any members arriving after 12:15pm, please use the church intercom system and the receptionist can buzz you in.

THANK YOU
 FOR YOUR
 PATIENCE AND
 UNDERSTANDING

September Club Social

Hosted by: Steve & Gina Driscoll
 Date: Thurs, 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.

Rotary District 6460 - News & Upcoming Events

* **The Rotary Leadership Institute** - (RLI) is returning to Dist. 6460! RLI is a program geared towards training individuals to serve as leaders within their clubs, whether as an officer, board member, or even president. The program is offered in three parts over three separate weekends. We will be offering RLI Parts I, II, & III on Sat, Oct 30th from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Scheels in Springfield, IL. To read more about the RLI program as a whole, visit <http://hoa-rli.org/> and to register for our Oct 30th RLI program in Springfield, navigate to <http://hoa-rli.org/rli/upcoming-rli> & use the registration links.

* **District Conference** - While you are saving dates, also be sure to save the dates of Nov 12th & 13th for our District Conference, which this year will be hosted at the Gateway Center in Collinsville, IL. You will be hearing plenty more about the Dist. Conference in coming weeks. The Conference will be an opportunity for clubs from throughout our District to unite and exchange ideas.

* **District Leadership** - We could use a bit of help within our Dist. leadership. Specifically, we are in need of a new **Dist. Newsletter Editor & Dist. Webmaster**. Currently, the newsletter & website are maintained through DACdb & WordPress, respectively, but are open to using alternative platforms as well. The Newsletter Editor and Webmaster roles are open immediately. We are also in need of an individual to begin serving as **Dist. Treasurer** in the **2022-2023 Rotary year**. Per our current Treasurer, the role takes about three hours of work per month. QuickBooks familiarity is preferred. To express interest in any position, [click here to send an email](#).

In Memoriam



Bonnie W Noble
August 11, 1941 – SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

Bonnie (West) Noble, 80, of Peoria, loving wife, mother, and grandmother passed away peacefully on Thursday, September 9, 2021, surrounded by her family and loved ones.

Bonnie was a member of Rotary for 28 years and a Paul Harris Fellow. She will be greatly missed by all those who knew her, and the Rotary Community as a whole.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Peoria Park District at <https://donations.peoriaparks.org/donations/> For further information and to view the full Obituary of Bonnie W. Noble - [please click here.](#)

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. 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.

Midwest Food Bank - Service Project Update

On Thurs, Sept. 9th Peoria Rotarians Janet Bantz Glavin, Todd Davis, John Kelly and Don Hartshorn helped assemble / fill Family Food Boxes that will be distributed for Hurricane Ida Disaster Relief.

Volunteers In Action



Midwest Food Bank (MFB) has sent ten loads of Disaster Relief to areas hard-hit by Hurricane Ida. Another eight loads will leave this week, and loads are already planned for next week. A majority of loads are family food boxes, but loads of water and cleaning supplies have been sent, as well. Semi loads of relief have been sent to Bourg, New Orleans, and Schriever, LA, and Beaumont, TX.

Upon receiving a call, MFB can have Disaster Relief on the road within 24 hours. The Salvation Army receives and distributes the relief items in partnership with MFB. Family food boxes have enough shelf-stable food to feed a family of four for four to five days. They are assembled, filled, and driven to disaster locations by MFB volunteers

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Upcoming Meetings

September 17th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Speaker: District Governor Ryan Byers

Topic: Address to the Club

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

Attendance Prize: Bill Albers

September 24th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Speaker: Ann Lading-Ferguson, CEO, FamilyCore

Topic: FamilyCore Updates

Invocation: Edie Barnard | **Greeter(s):** Debbie Sipple

Attendance Prize: Edie Barnard

October 1st - Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Speaker: Police Chief Eric Echevarria

Topic: Peoria's New Chief of Police

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

Attendance Prize: TBD

October 8th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Speaker: Roberta English, Executive Director & CEO of Wildlife Prairie Park

Topic: Park Updates

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

Attendance Prize: TBD



Stand Down

for Homeless Veterans

Downtown Peoria Rotary has been involved with the Goodwill Stand Down for Homeless Veterans for 13 years!!

This year's event will be held at [Goodwill Commons](#) - 2319 E War Memorial Dr, Peoria, IL 61614 on

Fri, Oct 15th & Sat, Oct 16th from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM 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 infodowntown@peoriarotary.org to be added to list.



So You Thought You Knew Jerry Jackson (In 200 Words or Less!)

By Edie Barnard



Born on Christmas Day in Bloomington, Illinois, Rotarian Jerry Jackson attended ISU graduating in 1960.



This enthusiastic Rotarian retired in 1986 from the U.S. Army with thirty years of service. His military involvement continues to this date. He served as President of Heart of IL Chapter, Military Officers Assn.; President of Central IL Chapter, Reserve Officers Assn., and continues to serve on the Board of the Joint Chapters. He says, "I truly believe the military gave me many valuable lessons in my life. Even though I found the need to give up the career aspect to return to reserve status to be a father to my children, I am grateful that I

was able to do both." (See pic)

In 1979, he married the love of his life, Suzanne. (See pic) He brought a daughter and son into the family, and she brought her five daughters, making seven, which later included fourteen grandchildren, (See pics) and finally two great grandsons. As Jerry says, "Lots of sources of love and pride!"



His Community involvement includes having served as President of both the Uplands Residential Association and the West Bluff Council, as well as several City of Peoria committees, and currently on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Continuing a nearly fifty-year career in the Insurance Business, specializing in Life, Health, Retirement, and Employee Benefits, Jerry owns Jackson Financial Services. Below he shares more:

"I learned many years ago that it was necessary to 'pay your civic rent,' which was a perfect fit for my twenty-four years of Rotary service. I have had many wonderful experiences, and gained numerous friends through Rotary, as well as my other involvements. The real base of my life is my family! The blessings of the grandchildren as well as their parents, and mostly my wife adds up to 'It's a Wonderful Life!'"



Club Officers

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