



THE GREEN LIGHT

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ZOOM MEETING FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2021 @ 12:00 P.M.

JIM MORMANN, CEO, INTEGRATED SOLUTIONS & CIO, OSF HEALTHCARE “UPDATE ON THE OSF HEADQUARTERS RENOVATION”

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During our Club Assembly, Treasurer- Lisa Mullins updated our club on the robust health of our investments and the funding of our various, active committees. -Board Member and Committee Chair- Blake Barnard discussed the Club Membership- (Noting our club is still the largest in Illinois, with 165 members strong), Go Giver Program and ideas on what we need to do to grow and maintain. He encouraged us all to “Keep active and put Service Above Self, stay engaged with your fellow Rotarians.

Start inviting people to join us for our Zoom meetings and keep sharing on social media”. -Rotary Readers Committee Co-Chair- Owen Ackerman and Board Liaison- Maggie Freidag gave our club a Back-to-School Update for the Rotary Readers program. As of right now, students will be going back to hybrid learning in-person starting Tuesday, January 19th! Ms. Doty is looking forward to welcoming her students back to in-person learning and discussing the next steps for Rotary Readers soon! -PR Committee Chair- Jana Stevens updated our club on the results of the Social media campaign. She encouraged us to “keep on-going interactions with the Facebook page; your interactions are helping increase awareness for our club, if you are at a Rotary event, take pictures and send them to infodowntown@peoriarotary.org. -Service Projects Committee Co-Chair- Chuck Gabbert discussed our various, service projects and ways the club was able to give back. He mentioned we will continue to roll out service projects and if there are ideas please email the office. -Program Committee Chair & President Elect - Janet Bantz Glavin discussed our past programs, upcoming programs, and future programs. The committee is taking suggestions on what types of programs you would like to see in future meetings, both Zoom and in-person. -International Service Project Committee Chair- Amanda Gordon-Sandberg updated the club on the “100 in 100 Project - Computers for Progress”. This project to provide computer literacy was selected from approximately 200 proposed projects in the 100 in 100 initiative, celebrating 100 years of Rotary in Mexico. If you’d like to join the International Service Project Committee, please email Amanda: agordonsandberg@gmail.com. -The Foundation / Endowment Committee Chair- Martha Herm discussed ways to donate to RI (Rotary International) and the Endowment Fund.

JANUARY ZOOM MEETINGS

Week	Location	Speaker	Topic	Door Prize	Invocation
01/22	ZOOM	Jim Mormann, CEO, Integrated Solutions & CIO, OSF HealthCare	Update on the OSF Headquarters Renovation	Todd Davis	Maggie Freidag
01/29	ZOOM	Chris Setti, CEO, Greater Peoria Economic Development Council	Impact of COVID on the Business Community in the Region	Austin Locke	Scott Fisher

So You Thought You Knew what Mick Hall thinks about Building a Successful Local Retail Economy (In 200 Words or Less!)

By Edith Barnard

Multi-Talented Rotarian Mick Hall is an avid diver and snorkeler. He thinks that whether you have ever been snorkeling, scuba diving or simply watching Planet Earth reruns, you know that coral reefs are the center of a complex ecosystem for countless marine species. When a coral reef is healthy, it offers opportunities for the survival of a wide range of fish and other creatures that rely on each other. Therefore, the coral reef grows and prospers. He feels that a strong local retail economy is akin to a healthy coral reef. He is extremely concerned about the impact online purchasing has on our local retail economy. A successful businessman who is very active in our community, Mick continues to share below.



"I believe that online shopping is as quietly dangerous to our local retail economy as environmental issues are to coral reefs. Each time a shopper avoids going to a local retailer and instead purchases online, no dollars are invested into our community through sales tax. The fewer sales a local retailer can make, the fewer employees the business will need. Eventually the company may be forced to close as we have seen far too often recently in Peoria. Look at Bergner's, JC Penny, Sears, Pier One or many others. The less we shop locally, the more unstable our retail economy becomes.

Online retailers don't support local charities or sponsor little league teams. Their executives don't serve on local charitable or civic boards. Amazon has no employees who participate on local Chamber committees. They add nothing to the fabric of our community. The convenience of online purchasing is a given. However, the impact on our community, especially now while our local businesses try to navigate the impact of COVID-19, is severe."



This devoted family man and Dunlap football announcer cautions, "If we all buy locally, our combined purchasing power grows exponentially, and our retail economy will continue to thrive. We will be able to attract new retailers and skilled labor to the area, and our tax base will balloon. So put the mouse down and make that trip to a local retailer. You'll be glad you did!"



Upcoming Events

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Rotary Opens Opportunities

Rotary District 6460 District Conference
GROWING ROTARY THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS
Friday, January 22, 2021 6:00 PM -7:30pm
Saturday, January 23, 2021 9:00am - 12:00pm

DON'T MISS OUT REGISTER NOW

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If the above link is not working, please see go to our District Website rotarydistrict6460.org for registration

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THE FOUR-WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do

- 1 Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2 Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build **GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4 Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Volunteer Opportunities



Donations Needed for Trewyn Pantry - We are collecting food items such as: Peanut or almond butter, dried goods such as Oatmeal, Cereal, Rice, Pasta, Ramen Noodles, Granola Bars and Hormel Completes. Melissa can come and pick up items from you, please call **676-5432** or email to arrange a time infodowntown@peoriarotary.org

If you would like to donate money, we will buy non-perishables on your behalf!



Look at how much fun we had at last week's virtual meeting



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