



THE GREEN LIGHT

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ZOOM MEETING: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2020 @ 12:00 P.M.

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Meeting ID: 897 6608 1791

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JENN GORDON, ARTSPARTNERS OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS “BUILDING AWARENESS AND STRENGTHEN THE ARTS FOR ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL ENRICHMENT OF CENTRAL IL”



Business Forward With Matt George

Peorian Matt George is CEO of the Children’s Home Association of Illinois, and as such, says his job is to “change lives and save lives”. Speaking to Peoria Rotarians in-person and on Zoom last week, Matt outlined how he sought a mentor in Kevin Harrington, the inventor of the Infomercial, Original Shark on Shark Tank and As Seen on TV Pioneer. Harrington told Matt to write a book- which he did; “The Nonprofit Game Plan”. Now, Matt has taken on the challenge of hosting a television program on WTVP, “Business Forward”, which can be seen on Thursdays at 5:30 PM as well as reruns later in the week. So far, there have been ten episodes in the half-hour, weekly series. The program features one-on-one interviews and panel discussions interviews with community and business leaders. WTVP says George’s show will consider “issues confronting every business in Central Illinois, from mentoring and minority-owned business strategies to local business success stories and creating a winning business plan”.



You can watch Business Forward by clicking here



NOVEMBER / DECEMBER PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS

Week	Location	Speaker	Greeter	Door Prize	Invocation
11/20	Zoom	Jenn Gordon	Brain Mooty	Amanda Gordon-Sandberg	Brain Mooty
11/27	No Meeting	Thanksgiving	X	X	X
12/04	Zoom	Jennifer Walls	TBD	Jana Stevens	John Kelly
12/11	Zoom	Steve Zika	TBD	Kim Eten	Kelly Donnelly

Board of Directors 2021 - 2022

Please mark your calendars to attend the Virtual Zoom Meeting on December 4th. We will be voting on the new Rotary Year 2021 - 2022 slate of officers and it is important that we have a quorum to do so.

Below is the slate of officers for the that has been approved by the board.

President-Elect: [Tom McIntyre](#)

Secretary: [Katherine Coyle](#)

Treasurer: [Scott Fisher](#)

Board Directors: [Emily Jacob Rudesill](#) & [Kathy Shishilla](#)

ROTARY CLUB OF PEORIA WILL BE HOLDING VIRTUAL MEETINGS VIA ZOOM FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR

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NOVEMBER

VIRTUAL MEETING - VIA ZOOM

Jenn Gordon, Artspartners Of Central Illinois - "Building Awareness and Strengthen the Arts for the Economic and Cultural Enrichment of Central Illinois"

04
DECEMBER

VIRTUAL MEETING - VIA ZOOM

Jennifer Walls, Center for Youth and Family Solutions "Adoption options for helping children and families "

UPCOMING MEETINGS

11
DECEMBER

VIRTUAL MEETING - VIA ZOOM

Steve Zika, COO - Natural Fiber Welding "Transforming the way companies approach fabric and sourcing"

18
DECEMBER

VIRTUAL MEETING - VIA ZOOM

Julie Eliathamby, Peoria Grown "Access to affordable, healthy food" (Rotary grant recipient)

Important Information

Dear Rotarians,

As many of you are aware, Tier 3 mitigations will begin for all of Illinois this Friday. In following the guidelines, we will no longer be able to meet in person. The board of directors met this morning to discuss our plan moving forward. Starting this Friday and continuing through the end of the year, we will be only doing Zoom Meetings. We look forward to seeing you all on Zoom starting this Friday. I wish you all health and wellness during this time. Thank you all for your Service Above Self!!

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So You Thought You Knew How Thanksgiving Began (in 200 words or less!) by Edie Barnard

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" is an English Harvest festival hymn written in 1844.

In the 1890s when the hymn crossed the Atlantic with many of our ancestors, it gained popularity. In the United States it began to be used as part of Thanksgiving celebrations as it continues today. Our Rotary Club is fortunate to have a member who is a direct descendant of the original Pilgrims. Nick Vespa shares about his family who were the first celebrants of what we now call "Thanksgiving."



"Genealogy has always been a hobby/passion in my family. My mother is responsible for proving that the lineage of scores of our ancestors includes three who came to America on the Mayflower. Most notably was William Bradford, Governor of the Plymouth Colony of whom we are direct descendants. Here is a brief account of what the first Thanksgiving was like.

The pilgrims who sailed from Plymouth, England to the New World landed on "Plymouth Rock" in Massachusetts in 1620. They held their first Thanksgiving feast in 1621 to give thanks for their successful fall harvest. Celebrating a fall harvest was an English tradition and at that time the pilgrims had much for which to give thanks. The 53 pilgrims at the first Thanksgiving were the only colonists to survive the long journey on the Mayflower and the first winter in the New World. Disease and starvation struck down half of the original 102 colonists.

These pilgrims made it through that first winter and with the help of the local Wampanoag tribe, they had a hearty supply of food to sustain them through the next winter. The participants celebrated for several days, dining on venison, goose, duck, turkey, fish, and of course, cornbread, the result of a bountiful corn harvest. Guests at the feast included 90 Wampanoag Indians from a nearby village, including their leader Massasoit.

This tradition was repeated at harvest time in the following years. It was President Lincoln who declared Thanksgiving a national celebration in 1863. The Plymouth Pilgrims simply celebrated survival, as well as the hopes of good fortune in the years that lay ahead."

**G I V E
T H A N K S**





Rotary Reader Update!

Attention: Rotary Reader Captains during the prior school year.

A message from Miss Doty:

“I’m excited to hear you have **15** teams! Currently, I have **21** students on my roster so if you don’t mind having some teams double up it should work perfectly. We can chat sometime next week on the best way to implement the program. My vision for how this will look would be for each team to be assigned a student or two and create a quick introduction video saying hi to their student and reading a short story. I will probably play the video on my Smart Board so all of the students will see the video but each student will have their own team. This would require 100% participation from all teams which I know may be difficult. I think a reasonable **deadline** would be **just before Christmas break** to ensure that all students have a team and they have been “**read**” to! Let’s try to touch base next week to go over details.”

Please contact Owen Ackerman (oack@comcast.net) or (309) 635-7799 if you are willing to help.

Thanks for all that you have done, and hopefully, will continue doing!!

- Owen Ackerman



Southside Mission Thanksgiving Meal Prep and Delivery

South Side Mission needs help with they're Thanksgiving Meal Prep and Delivery. They're looking for volunteers to help for the following tasks and time frames:

Thursday, 11/26 - Meal Delivery Drivers

9:30am – 15 slots open (recommend reserving 5 for Rotary)

10:30am – 21 slots open (recommend reserving 5 for Rotary)



There will be a sign up sheet at the meeting this week. If you would like to sign up, please send an email to infodowntown@peoriarotary.org with the date / time you want to volunteer and we will add you to the list. Thanks for you're support!!



This year is the **16th Annual - 12 Hours of Giving** and it will be held on **Thursday, December 17th** at the [Par-A-Dice Hotel in East Peoria](#). We are very excited for this event as it is the biggest single day blood drive in downstate Illinois. This year our goal is to collect **at least 350 pints of blood** to meet hospital needs over the Holiday Season. This drive helps us to ensure we have the units needed to make it through the critical dates over the holidays. Your partnership with this drive will directly impact our efforts toward this goal.

I'm reaching out to you to see if you would be interested in being an Hourly Sponsor again this year.

As an hourly sponsor, we are asking that you help us recruit at least 12 donors to donate at the drive. As part of being an hourly sponsor, you will be recognized on our Sponsorship Slide Show which will play throughout the drive along with other signage thanking you for your sponsorship. You are also welcome to have materials set out to promote your organization.

Once we have your commitment as an Hourly Sponsor, I will send you more details on how you can help promote and sign donors up for this event.

For more information or to sign-up to help, please contact **Lisa Mullins** at **309-361-8361** or email (Lisa.Mullins@CommerceBank.com)



Donations Needed for Trewyn Pantry – We are collecting food items such as: Peanut or almond butter, dried goods such as oatmeal, cereal, rice and pasta, Ramen Noodles, granola bars and Hormel Completes. Amanda or Melissa can come and pick up items from you, please email to arrange a time (infodowntown@peoriarotary.org)

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



Volunteer this Christmas



South Side Mission

Volunteers Needed for Christmas Day Meal Prep and Delivery

Wednesday, 12/23 - (12) Volunteer Slots Total

- 9:00am - 11:00am, (6) Slots - Meal Plating

Assembly line set up. Filling to-go containers for Christmas meal delivery. (Ham, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Beans)

- 9:00am - 11:00am, (6) Slots - Meal Packet Assembly

Creating meal packets for Christmas delivery. (Packets contain Packaged Meal, Roll, Cranberries, Slice of Pumpkin Pie, Utensils)

Notes:

- Face masks are required. Face masks will be provided if needed.
- Must be at least 12 years old to volunteer

Friday 12/25 - (10) Volunteer Slots Total

Contact Free Drive Thru Meal Delivery Pickup - one signup equals one delivery route of (4 or 5) stops per route. Will take approximately 30 minutes. Routes may not be selected this year to alleviate traffic congestion.

- 8:30am, (5) Delivery Drivers - One signup equals (4 or 5) stops per route.
- 9:00am, (5) Delivery Drivers - One signup equals (4 or 5) stops per route.



Drive Thru Guidelines

- Please remain in your vehicle
- Food will only be placed in the trunk of your vehicle
- Food cannot be placed in the front or back seat area
- Please ensure trunk space is clean and clear out other items
- If trunk is not clean, you will be asked to pull off to the side and can only return to the line once the trunk is empty

Delivery Guidelines

- Face masks are required.
- Knock on door.
- Announce "South Side Mission meal delivery."
- Wait for resident to answer. Offer prayer if you feel inclined, and the resident desires same.
- If no answer at the door, please leave meal(s) at the door.

If you would like to sign up, please send an email to infodowntown@peoriarotary.org with the date / time you want to volunteer and we will add you to the list.



We are collecting toys for the **Children's Home** this holiday season. Monetary donations are also welcome and another Rotarian will do the shopping for you. Please contact Melissa Brewer or Chuck Gabbert if you have any questions. Donations can be **picked up** and **dropped off**.



Please email infodowntown@peoriarotary.org or call 676-5432 to **SCHEDULE** a time / location to drop off donations or Melissa can pick up donations from you.





UPCOMING

Mark Your Calendars
EVENTS



Santa Claus Parade

The longest continuous running parade in the Nation

Peoria Area Community Events (PACE) is pleased to announce that **"Christmas Wishes Filled with Hope"** is the theme of the **133rd Annual Santa Claus Parade**. The parade will take place on **November 27, 2020 from 9:00 AM until 10:00 AM**.

Our **Rotary Float** will once again be featured in the parade. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, our parade will be a **reverse/drive-thru event**. Floats will be lined up along Main and Monroe Streets. Vehicles will enter the float viewing area from **9:00 AM until 10:00 AM** starting at Main and Jefferson Streets and proceed on Main and turn right on Monroe. **No candy, flyers or merchandise will be passed out at this year's parade.**

The general public is encouraged to watch the live virtual telecast of the parade from the comfort and safety of your home beginning at 10:30 AM on **WMBD-TV Channel 31 at 10:30 AM on WMBD-TV Channel 31**. The telecast has been sponsored by **Busey Bank /South Side Bank** since 1957.





END POLIO NOW



President Brad Stegall was celebrating World Polio Day in Zion National Park with his new End Polio Now mask. There is still time to get your mask too! So far we have sold **(15)** masks and raised over **\$3,175.00** for this cause. Thank You!!

POLIO PLUS FUNDRAISER

Your contribution of any amount will:

- * Be matched by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in a 2:1 match
- * Contribute towards your Paul Harris Fellow
- * Contributes towards your Go Givers status

Those who contribute \$250 or more towards Polio Plus will also receive a limited edition "End Polio Now" mask! **(Sold Out last week! - Ordering More)**

Contributions can be mailed to the Rotary office or dropped off at the check-in desk at the meeting! * Checks need to be made out to "The Rotary Foundation."

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