



# THE GREEN LIGHT

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PEORIA — Club 3238

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**NO MEETING: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2020**

## Jenn Gordon, ArtsPartners of Central Illinois

Building Awareness and Strengthen the Arts for Economic and Cultural Enrichment of Central IL



Jenn Gordon, the head of ArtsPartners of Central Illinois, told Peoria Rotarians what her group has been doing in these days of COVID-19 and reduced attendance at gatherings. Gordon, who has been with ArtsPartners since 2016, helped coordinate the effort by arts organizations to get funds though the government's "CARES" Act".



That meant finding out how and how much might be available to the many arts organizations in this area. In fact, Jenn Gordon says the arts and arts organizations employ some 850 people locally and have a budget of over twenty million dollars. But, Gordon says, COVID-19 has hit the arts and artists hard. A survey shows some 13-percent of the arts organizations are not confident they will survive the pandemic.



What can you do? Jenn Gordon suggests that you experience the arts as you can – virtually – and share that experience with your friends. She also suggests continued financial support for the arts so that they survive the COVID-19 pandemic as well as their audience.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

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### DECEMBER PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS



Week	Location	Speaker	Greeter	Door Prize	Invocation
12/04	Zoom	Jennifer Walls	TBD	Jana Stevens	John Kelly
12/11	Zoom	Steve Zika	TBD	Kim Eten	Kelly Donnelly
12/18	Zoom	Julie Eliathamby	TBD	Nick Vespa	Randall Yelverton

### Board of Directors 2021 - 2022

Please mark your calendars to attend the Virtual Zoom Meeting next week 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](#)

## **Important Information**

Dear Rotarians,

First of all, I want to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving. I am thankful for many things. This Rotary Club and each and everyone of you are at the top of the list.

The Board spoke last week on what we should do since we are not having our weekly Friday lunches through the end of the year. There are 4 meetings that were scheduled to happen that got canceled. We decided to give club members the option to receive a credit back to them on their next statement if they chose. The amount would be the value of the 4 meals in the amount of \$48. If you would like to take advantage of the credit, please email Melissa at [infodowntown@peoriarotary.org](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org). If you don't opt for the credit, your money will go towards the club's budget. It will allow us to continue to do good throughout our community.

For example, we are able to award \$16,400 to local organizations through our Hunger Grants and we only had budgeted \$12K. We were also able to help the kids at Trewyn out with \$1K worth of school supplies. I say this to reinforce that if you don't take a credit, we will do great things with your dues.

I very much appreciate everyone's patience and understanding during this time. As your Board, we are trying to make the best decisions for our club. We are continuously remembering that Rotary's focus is Service Above Self and are using this to guide us.

If you have any questions at all, feel free to give me a call.

Thank you!

Brad Stegall

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As many of you are aware, Tier 3 mitigations begin for all of Illinois this past Friday. In following the guidelines, we will no longer be able to meet in-person. The board of directors met as well, to discuss our plan moving forward. Starting last 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!!

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

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## Happy Thanksgiving

Sending warm wishes for a holiday celebration filled with everything that brings you happiness.



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**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)



## 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](mailto: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**



This year is the **16th Annual - 12 Hours of Giving** and it will be held on **Thursday, December 17th** at [Four Points by Sheraton in Peoria](#). This event is the biggest single day blood drive in downstate Illinois.

This year, the **Red Cross' goal** is to collect **at least 350 pints of blood** to meet hospital needs over the Holiday Season. This drive **helps** the **Red Cross** ensure the units needed to make it through the critical dates over the holidays. **The Rotary Club of Peoria has again agreed to be an hourly sponsor for this year's event, so we need to recruit at least 12 of our members to donate at the drive.**



**Sign up and register online to donate blood at the drive.**



### When to Donate

We are collecting donations for the Children's Home this holiday season from **Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>** and continue through **Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**.

We encourage all participants to drop off their donations as early as possible.

Donations will be delivered to The Children's Home on **Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**.

### What to Donate

New and unwrapped toys or gift cards. If you would rather that we will do the shopping on your behalf, you can make a monetary donation with cash or check.

Please make checks payable to **Chuck Gabbert** and in the **memo** section please include: **Rotary Club Children's Home Toy Drive**. Monetary donations will be used to purchase toys or gift cards.

### Where to Donate

You can mail or drop off donations to Chuck Gabbert at the location below.

#### [C.T. Gabbert Remodeling & Construction](#)

1323 SW Adams St, Peoria, IL 61602

Phone: (309) 637-2110 | [chuck@ctgabbert.com](mailto:chuck@ctgabbert.com)

#### Business Hours

Monday: 8AM - 4PM

Tuesday: 8AM - 4PM

Wednesday: 8AM - 4PM

Thursday: 8AM - 4PM

Friday: 8AM - 4PM

Or email [infodowntown@peoriarotary.org](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org) or

call (309) 676-5432 to **schedule** a time / location to

drop off donations or Melissa can pick up donations from you.





# 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](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org) with the date / time you want to volunteer and we will add you to the list.



**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](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org))

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





# 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.



# POLIO PLUS FUNDRAISER

## DONATE NOW



All donations are matched 2:1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

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.”



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!!

### November Rotarian Anniversaries

Janet Bantz Glavin—11      Jerry Jackson—23  
Laraine Bryson—24      Nate Miller—18  
Mary Alice Erickson—22      Steve Van Winkle—35

**Congratulations and thanks for being part of Rotary!**

#### Club Officers

President—Brad Stegall  
President-Elect—Janet Bantz Glavin  
Secretary—Jamie Harwood  
Treasurer—Lisa Mullins  
Immediate Past President—Maggie Freidag

#### Board Members

William Albers  
Blake Barnard  
Kelly Donnelly  
Steve Driscoll  
Scott McCord  
Randy Neff

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