



THE GREEN LIGHT

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PEORIA — Club 3238

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VIRTUAL MEETING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 04, 2020 @ 12:00 P.M.

**JENNIFER WALLS, CENTER FOR YOUTH AND FAMILY SOLUTIONS
“ADOPTION OPTIONS FOR HELPING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES”**

CLUB ASSEMBLY 2021-2022 BOARD ELECTION

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN ZOOM MEETING](#)

Meeting ID: 897 6608 1791

Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Jenn Gordon, ArtsPartners of Central Illinois

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



On Friday, November 20th, Peoria Rotarians learned about ArtsPartners of Central Illinois. Jenn Gordon, the head of the program told 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 through 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.](#)

Board of Directors 2021 - 2022

Please mark your calendars to attend the Virtual Zoom Meeting this Friday, 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**

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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

Important Information

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

DECEMBER 4th

VIRTUAL MEETING - VIA ZOOM

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

DECEMBER 11th

VIRTUAL MEETING - VIA ZOOM

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

DECEMBER 18th

VIRTUAL MEETING - VIA ZOOM

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

DECEMBER 25th - NO MEETING

**A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!**

Santa Claus Parade

The longest continuous running parade in the Nation

On November 27, the Rotary Clubs float was featured in the 133rd Annual Santa Claus Parade. Look who we spotted at the Parade... Susie Stockman as Mrs. Claus. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, this year's parade had to be modified. The safe alternative helped jump start holiday spirits throughout the community!



Southside Mission Thanksgiving Meals

Several club members took time away from their holiday plans to prepare and deliver Thanksgiving meals at South Side Mission on Wednesday, November 25th and Thursday, November 26th. Many thanks to all the Rotarians (families and friends), for your commitment to Service Above Self!!



MEMBER CELEBRATIONS

December Rotarian Anniversaries

Janet Bantz Glavin - 13 | Blake Barnard - 2 | Diane Blumenthal - 1 | Travis Bradburn - 11
Laraine Bryson - 26 | MaryAlice Erickson -24 | Tracy Geisz - 1 | Jerry D. Jackson - 25
Paris McConnell - 1 | Nathan Miller - 20 | Stephen Van Winkle - 37 | Peter Wong - 24

Congratulations and thanks for being part of Rotary!

So You Thought You Knew how The GREEN LIGHT received its Name (In 200 Words or Less!)

By Edie Barnard

No one knows why our Rotary newsletter is called "The Greenlight." Perhaps the "green light" at the end of the pier in "The Great Gatsby" inspired the name. Even the amazing Naomi Schaefer who was our club's executive secretary from 1944-1990 doesn't know! Below are thoughts from some of our members.

Bill Albers- Maybe it refers to traffic lights. Green is the OK to go forward - a good motto for Rotarians.

Rich Zuckerman provides two possible answers: The Green Light was named in honor of the Green Lantern who was a superhero created in 1940. As with all superheroes, he lived by the superhero 4-way test to protect regular folks from Villainy. As with Rotary-Service to others was the #1 directive of the Green Lantern. Or.....

The Green Light derives from the history of the Downtown Rotary as always moving forward and not stopping in providing service to the community. It is a positive affirmation that our newsletter will communicate information and stories on the membership and the Club that show that we are on the go and not to be stopped.

Kate Schureman-Perhaps the use of the green light started in the late 1800's with American railroads. A green light on a track meant that a train had, "permission to proceed." According to the History of District 6460, the Peoria Rotary, along with Peoria itself, has a railroading history. The first in District 6460 was our Peoria Club as Number 73 on July 1, 1913. The story often told about the formation of the club was that a group of Rotarians from Chicago came to Peoria on the train and set about the process of recruiting members for a Rotary Club. So maybe, the Green Light is how we receive our instructions to "proceed" via the newsletter.

Randy Neff-For some reason I always thought it was called the Green Light because back in the old days before internet, the newsletter was printed on green paper.

Do YOU have any thoughts on this mystery? If so, please email me!

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2020 Donation Challenge - Make Your Donation Go Further!!!

To make your donation go even further consider donating between 12/01 and 12/11. A generous Rotarian (Chuck Gabbert with C.T. Gabbert Remodeling) will match up to \$1,000 in donations to the Children's Home Toy Drive.



When to Donate

We are collecting donations for the Children's Home this holiday season from **Tuesday, November 24th** and continue through **Friday, December 11th**. 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 14th**.

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

Business Hours
Monday: 8AM - 4PM
Tuesday: 8AM - 4PM
Wednesday: 8AM - 4PM
Thursday: 8AM - 4PM
Friday: 8AM - 4PM

Or email 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.



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.





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.



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.



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!

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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