



THE GREEN LIGHT

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VIRTUAL MEETING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2020 @ 12:00 P.M.

STEVE ZIKA, COO - NATURAL FIBER WELDING
“TRANSFORMING THE WAY COMPANIES APPROACH
FABRIC AND SOURCING”

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN ZOOM MEETING](#)

Meeting ID: 897 6608 1791
Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Jennifer Walls, Adoption Supervisor for The Center of Youth

Adoption Options for Helping Children and Families

Jennifer Walls, Adoption Supervisor for The Center for Youth and Family Solutions told Peoria Rotarians on Friday that her agency has many roles to play in Central Illinois. Among those roles are adoption, foster care and assisting with In Vitro Fertilization (IVF).



The Center for Youth and Family Solutions spun off from Catholic Charities in 2012 as a stand-alone agency. It now assists in some four-hundred children who are entered into foster care in 2019. In addition, they assist in eight to twelve infant adoptions yearly and assisted with several hundred adoptions of older children as well.

The Center for Youth and Family Solutions is also responsible for Guardian Angel Residential Home, which houses up to sixteen boys and young men who have had substantial trauma in their past lives.

While much of the activity of the Center for Youth and Family Solutions does center on the younger set, the agency also has a “friendly visitor” program which reaches out to isolated seniors in the community.

Want to know more? Click Here:



Look what fun we had last Friday!!!



UPCOMING MEETINGS

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!

reminder



DECEMBER PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS

Week	Location	Speaker	Greeter	Door Prize	Invocation
12/11	Zoom	Steve Zika	TBD	Kim Eten	Kelly Donnelly
12/18	Zoom	Julie Eliathamby	TBD	Nick Vespa	Randall Yelverton
12/25		NO MEETING			

So You Thought You Knew About Dining Room Tables!! (in 200 words or less!)

by Edie Barnard



Dining Room Tables are a key component of any holiday meal. Just recall your family’s Thanksgiving table loaded with turkey or ham, stuffing, cranberries and other creative culinary concoctions. Perhaps you are looking forward to your family’s Christmas table with customary cuisine fashioned in artistic style. Below our own **John Kelly** shares the traditions of his family’s dining room table. Thinking about their traditions, every meal was a holiday!!



“When I was growing up, dinnertime was an event. There were nine of us kids, and my mother just loved preparing wonderful dinners for her brood. She took great pride in artistically arranging the evening’s fare on a big platter. It often looked like the dinner came right out of a magazine, so pretty it was. When Mom would bring the dinner in, Dad (**Joe Kelly**, of our club) would often sit back and say, “Look what your mother has made for us!”



Dad would serve everyone, but no one could begin eating until we said prayers. When you were six, you got to use a small-sized table knife. Cloth napkins were on everyone’s laps, no elbows on the table, and sibling shenanigans were kept secret-or so we thought.




When dessert was served, no one could take a bite until Mom took hers.



Many times, during dessert, or after we were finished, Dad or Mom would take out books of poetry, great quotations or even short essays and read to us. As we got older, some of us would take the book and recite “The Cremation of Sam McGee,” or “Casey at the Bat,” or “Jest ‘Fore Christmas,” or “Gunga Din.” We would also discuss morality or philosophy, or the news of the day. And I mean discuss. The floor was open, and we kids participated. But no sloppy thinking was allowed. Dad would often take the other side of an argument-against the “party line”- just to keep us on our toes.



Our dinnertime was truly a wonderful way to grow up.”



2020 - 2021 Hunger Grants Awarded

A total of \$16,400 in Hunger Grants were awarded to the twelve agencies below. Checks were mailed out on December 1st. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Rotary Club of Peoria will hold its awards ceremony at a future date TBD based on meeting restrictions.


Center for Prevention of Abuse | Central Illinois Agency on Aging

Crittenton Centers | FamilyCore Downtown | HOI Harvest

Neighborhood House | Peoria Grown | Phoenix CDS

Peoria Public Schools - Trewyn | Pilgrim's Progress

Salvation Army | Sophia's Kitchen



To All Rotarians, especially Rotary Readers:

Last week, Miss Doty assigned her students to 19 reading teams, which include approximately 60 participants. This is the 21st year for our reading program, which began due to the initiative of our longtime Rotarian, John Wahlfeld.

Considering the disruptions which are impacting many, we are thankful for the significant number of people who continue to recognize the critical importance of this program.

To the teams: There are no set rules on how to engage with your student “virtually”. Our Monday Mohican team will be doing the first video at Northwoods Mall with the Christmas tree in the background. Please forward your video to Miss Doty by Dec. 14, but if you cannot make that date, send the video as soon as possible. jenna.doty@psd150.org

We will offer further guidance in January after school resumes, which will initially continue to be remote learning. Current thoughts are that videos could be done by one team member who reads an appropriate book for the student. A new video every 2 or 3 weeks for each student may be the suggested plan. It’s unlikely we will have interaction with our student.

Although students may again return to the classroom, it is highly unlikely that “outsiders” will be permitted inside the building during this school year. Creative thoughts which anyone may want to share with the Rotary Reader teams are welcome and encouraged.

Again, thank you for your commitment to this program. Miss Doty greatly appreciates our involvement, as a relationship with “someone who cares”, is critical to these 2nd graders.

Interested in joining? Rotarians who are not currently Rotary Readers: We have room for you on a team - both now and especially after we return to the classroom.

~ Owen



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!



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 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)



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.



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.



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