



THE GREEN LIGHT

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**NO MEETING: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2020
AND FRIDAY, JANUARY 01, 2021**

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Julie Eliathamby, Founder of Peoria Grown

Access to Affordable, Healthy Food

The women behind “Peoria Grown” spoke to Peoria Rotarians on December 18th about the problems of how their organization is offering access to healthy foods and education for the proper preparation of foods. Peoria Grown founder Julie Eliathamby and co-worker Abby Green say their organization has been successful in delivering over 2,000 pounds of fruit and 550 pounds of vegetables to low-income homes in Peoria (just think - all of this since March of 2020). That’s incredible work! The food was available at produce stands that Peoria Grown has established in the city’s low-income neighborhoods.



Not only is food available, but so are cooking classes led by dieticians to help promote healthy eating. This year, Peoria Grown gave out about 50 Christmas bags filled with sliced ham and turkey, plus the ingredients with step-by-step recipes to make three tasty holiday dishes. Next year, they plan to start selling fresh produce.



Peoria Grown was awarded one of Rotary’s Hunger Grants this year, and Julie Eliathamby says that money will be used to help open Market 309 and the wellness center at the Logan Recreation Center in early 2021. This also allows the organization to further their mission of educating on and providing access to healthy foods in areas of food insecurity in Peoria. **To learn more about Peoria Grown click here: www.peoriagrown.com**

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



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Week	Location	Speaker	Topic
01/08	ZOOM	Banu Hatfield Co-Owner, Zion Coffee Bar	Private / Public Collaboration to Serve Peoria’s Homeless
01/15	ZOOM	Brad Stegall	Club Assembly
01/22	ZOOM	Jim Mormann, CEO, Integrated Solutions OSF HealthCare	Update on the OSF Headquarters Renovation
01/29	ZOOM	Chris Setti, CEO, Greater Peoria Economic Development Council	Impact of COVID on the Business Community in the Region



JANUARY PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS

Week	Location	Speaker	Greeter	Door Prize	Invocation
01/08	ZOOM	Banu Hatfield	N/A	Zion Coffee Gift Card	Scott Fisher
01/15	ZOOM	Club Assembly	N/A	TBA	TBA
01/22	ZOOM	Jim Mormann	N/A	TBA	TBA
01/29	ZOOM	Chris Setti	N/A	TBA	TBA

Dues Credit - Reminder

Please remember the board 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 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. If you have any questions at all, feel free to give me a call 309-208-8669. **Thank you!** - Brad Stegall



Rotary Readers Update

From: Kari Gabbert

Hello fellow Rotarians!

I have an exciting option for recording books for our Rotary Reader program. The Peoria Public Library has a program called TumbleBooks that is free with a Peoria Public Library membership. This program allows you to select from a wide variety of books to read online to your student. It is simple to access and use. Visit peoriapubliclibrary.org and on the right-hand side, select "downloads and streaming" and then TumbleBooks on the next page. As I mentioned before, you will need to be logged in with your Peoria Public Library membership in order to access the books. Once there, you simply pick your book, and it will show up on your screen digitally! They are already set with a narrator, so I muted the book so I could be the one to read to my student. A great feature is the words light up as they are being read which allows your student to follow along with you as you read! I was able to record myself reading to them by running my own ZOOM meeting, which we all can do since we have ZOOM accounts. It gets a little more complicated, but still doable from here! Once I was in a meeting (with myself) I shared my screen so my student would be able to see the book as well and recorded myself reading it! Once I was done reading, I closed the meeting, ZOOM automatically saved and converted my file to an MP4 and I was able to send it onward to Mr. Doty.

Thank you!!!

If you have any questions, please email **Kari Gabbert** at karigabbert@gmail.com

ATTENTION - Rotary Readers Team Captains: In order to get a handle on who all our Readers are this year and moving forward, we are asking if you could submit a list with the **names of all your team members** - if the **team member is not a Rotarian, please include their email address.** Thank you!!!

Children's Home Toy Drive - Update



Thank you to all Rotarians who generously donated gifts and monies to The Children's Home Toy Drive this year! Your making Christmas Special for many girls and boys!! In addition to the gifts dropped off at CT Gabbert's for distribution to the Children's Home, generous donations of **\$750** in cash were matched and added to by Chuck Gabbert for a total of **\$1,525** that was used to purchase an additional **141 Gifts**. Along with the additional gifts, we were able to purchase **23 Coats**, a handful of **hats, gloves** and **scarves** that were desperately needed.



**SOUTH
SIDE
MISSION**

Christmas Day Meal Prep and Delivery

Thank you for putting Service Above Self for Christmas!

Please note we still don't have anyone for **8:30am Meal Delivery on Christmas Day**, so we're working to try and fill at least a couple of those slots.

12/23/2020 - Sign-Up Details

Meal Plating - [Click Here](#)

Meal Packet Assembly - [Click Here](#)

PLEASE NOTE: They would like some volunteers after finishing plating to help deliver meals to New Hope Apartments. If you are able to help out afterwards please let Carmen know, or let Patricia know onsite tomorrow.



12/25/2020 - Sign-Up Details

Meal Delivery (same info for both time slots) - [Click Here](#)
Click here to view the Drive Thru Layout [2020 Drive Thru](#)

Please email Carmen cmccarthy77@yahoo.com or Melissa at infodowntown@peoriarotary.org if there are any questions.

A Very Merry Christmas to you all!



Central Illinois Agency on Aging - New Year's Day Meal Delivery



They are desperately needing volunteers to help deliver these meals on New Year's Day. They have more folks than ever needing meals and due to the pandemic, there are many elderly folks from the various churches that prepare the meals that are very hesitant to deliver during the pandemic. They are working with each location to determine how to make the meal pick up as safe as can be.



Friday, 01/01/2021 - Usual start time is around 9:30 am and the meals are generally ready about 10:00 am to pick up. Once they get the volunteers names and contact information, they will be assigned a church location for picking up the meals. When you have delivered the meals on the list that will be given to you that morning, you are free to enjoy the rest of your holiday.

Please consider giving a few hours of your time to make a homebound senior's New Year begin with a smile and a meal.

We hope many Rotarians can volunteer to make this first day of 2021 a little more special.

If you would like to sign up, please send an email to infodowntown@peoriarotary.org or call (309) 676-5432 and Melissa will add you to the volunteer list.



HOLIDAY PROGRAM ~ UGLY SWEATER CONTEST!

Congratulations to the Ugly Sweater Contest Winners!



Martha Herm



Tracy Geisz



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!

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