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THE GREEN LIGHT

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 CLUB NO. 76

Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church
Friday, January 7, 2022 at 12:00 PM

Speaker: Maestro George Stelluto
Topic: Peoria Symphony Orchestra

Can't make it to the In-Person Meeting? [CLICK HERE TO JOIN VIA ZOOM](#)
 Meeting ID: 897 6608 1791 Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799

Upcoming Meetings

January 14th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Speaker: Dan Silverthorn & Bob Sinkler

Topic: Port of Peoria Progress

Invocation: Maggie Freidag | **Greeter(s):** Maggie Freidag

Attendance Prize: Roberta English


January 21st - Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Speaker: Lindsey Kerr

Topic: Lifeline Pilots of Illinois'

Invocation: Todd Davis | **Greeter(s):** Scott Fisher

Attendance Prize: Todd Davis

January 28th - Meeting at Barrack's Cater Inn 

Speaker: Greg and Dan of WMBD AM

Topic: Morning Show Oddness's

Invocation: Scott Fisher | **Greeter(s):** Maggie Freidag

Attendance Prize: Dave Radley

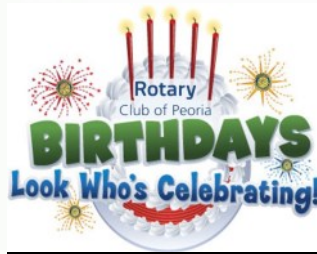
Meeting Location Reminder

Please remember the club is holding weekly meetings at the [First United Methodist Church](#). **Unless noted otherwise.** For security reasons the Church doors will only be unlocked from 11:00am - 12:15pm.

For any members arriving after 12:15pm, please use the church intercom system and the receptionist will buzz you in.

THANK YOU
 FOR YOUR
 PATIENCE AND
 UNDERSTANDING

Member Celebrations



Member	Date
Darlene Violet	1/1
Laura Clark	1/4
Walt Ruppman	1/5
Dave Radley	1/7
Scott Fisher	1/8
Todd Davis	1/12
Bill Koenig	1/12
Rebekah Bourland	1/13
Rex Linder	1/15
Janet Bantz Glavin	1/18
Tom Hunt	1/22
Roberta English	1/24
Maggie Freidag	1/24
Cathy Butler	1/27
Austin Locke	1/28



Member	Years
Betsy Bladel	2
Gina Driscoll	2
Phil Jordan	2
Mike Gudat	3
Caitlin Behrends	4
Roberta English	5
Emily Jacob-Rudesill	6
Lisa Mullins	10
Gene Olson	12
Chris Crawford	14
Bill Koenig	20
Richard Zuckerman	21
Andy Fograscher	26
Bill Winkler	28
Steve Thompson	33
Ray Lees	34
Mike Kelley	38
John Hart	41
John Wahlfeld	46

Trewyn Food Pantry

Donations Needed for Trewyn Food 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](tel:676-5432) or email infodowntown@peoriarotary.org to arrange a time. If you would like to donate money, we will buy non-perishables on your behalf!



Writers Needed

"Writers Sought for So You Thought You Knew"
"Sought" by Edie Barnard

Rotarians, You are cordially invited to take over writing my Green Light column, "So You Thought You Knew!" As you know, I have been on hiatus since last June. Melissa has kindly been delving into my Archives and choosing articles to place in the Green Light. I love seeing which column she has chosen when the Green Light arrives. I plan to write an occasional column and look forward to reading the ones that our new columnist will write. What a joyous eight years I've had "Getting to know you" this way!!! Look forward to hearing from you. Please contact me at (309) 922-9058 or Edith@BarnardCommunications.com

Service Project Updates

Midwest Food Bank

The Rotary Club of Peoria joined forces with the Midwest Food Bank and the Peoria Journal Star to help build and pack food boxes. These boxes were distributed to families and folks in need in our community. This was a great way to spread Christmas Cheer at a time when people need to feel loved, and experience Hope the most!

(CIAA) Central Illinois Agency on Aging

The Rotary Club of Peoria joined forces with Central Illinois Agency on Aging for the Annual New Year's Day Meals Program. Rotarians helped deliver hot meals to home bound seniors on New Year's Day.

Volunteers In Action



Youth Exchange Program



Be a Youth Exchange Host Family!

We are currently looking for 2-3 families that would be interested in hosting an inbound youth exchange student between the months of **August 2022 & July 2023**.

The student would live with the family for 3-5 months during that time period. A variety of family structures are perfect for being host families- small, big, with many children, or no children. Working families - retired families - We aim to reflect real-world families to students, and we know that real families come in all shapes and sizes.

If you are interested in becoming a host family for our inbound student, please email Amanda Gordon-Sandberg (agordonsandberg@gmail.com) with questions/concerns!



Rotary International Update



Dear Rotarians,

We see the decision to vaccinate as a civic and humanitarian imperative. Rotary is not a political or religious organization, it is a service organization and this is the lens through which we are advising you of our position.

1. Global vaccination is the path to ending the pandemic and the emergence of new variants. Rotary endorses and strongly encourages vaccination for all individuals including our members who are currently able to be vaccinated against COVID-19. In areas where COVID-19 is surging, communities are facing extreme challenges, health systems are overwhelmed, and contentious rhetoric is dividing us. It is critical that the virus be contained so that the world may begin to heal. To that end, the purpose of this statement is to reinforce Rotary's position.
2. Misinformation has become an "infodemic" that hinders the fight against COVID-19. In line with our Four-Way Test, Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation are committed to providing our members with science-based information.
3. Rotary International staff at One Rotary Center were required to be vaccinated by 10 October 2021, as a criterion for employment after that date. RI's employee vaccination rate stands at over 99 percent.
4. Globally, Rotary is actively engaged in assuring equity in vaccine access to all people. Our efforts have included advocacy with the G-20, and a proof-of-concept program with GAVI/COVAX to leverage our frontline experience with polio eradication to facilitate vaccine delivery in several low- and middle-income countries where Rotarians are active. While we know many clubs are already deeply involved in COVID-19 prevention, we are working on additional strategies to multiply our collective efforts. GAVI/COVAX is a partnership including WHO and UNICEF focused on global access and delivery of COVID-19 vaccines.
5. Those children for whom vaccines are not currently available are at significant risk. Until vaccines are available for all children, the vaccination of adults is the best way to protect children who cannot be vaccinated. Pediatric admissions for COVID-19 are rising precipitously in areas of low vaccination.
6. Rotary salutes health care workers everywhere as they continue to provide lifesaving services. Local recognition of these heroes by each of our clubs can help to encourage them to continue their important work. Rotary abhors any harassment and attacks on healthcare workers.
7. Rotary and Rotaract clubs are encouraged to
 - set good examples by being exemplary role models;
 - redouble their efforts to support COVID-19 treatment, prevention, and vaccination efforts.
8. Vaccines have proven to be one of the greatest advances of modern medicine. The World Health Organization estimates that vaccines save between 2 to 3 million children's lives each year, and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative estimates the polio vaccine has saved more than 19 million children from paralysis. Vaccines are safe, effective and are responsible for eliminating or controlling many other vaccine-preventable diseases such as smallpox, measles, rubella, and Ebola. And now, there is the opportunity to end the COVID-19 pandemic through vaccines.
9. The eradication of polio remains a goal of the highest order for Rotary. We can apply the lessons we have learned in fighting polio to the efforts in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Regards,

Shekhar Mehta
President, Rotary International

John Germ
Chair, The Rotary Foundation

So You Thought You Knew about Austin Locke (in 200 words or less!)

By: Edith Barnard

Our Fellow Rotarian Austin Locke had the privilege to visit Tanzania recently and go on Safari in the Serengeti. In April 2021 Austin took a group tour with 10 other people, which included his mom, Linda. And despite the COVID restrictions and the wildlife, they all made it back safe and sound. Austin was actually able to get a good deal because of COVID cancellations, and this tour group was the first one in over 16 months since the COVID shutdown basically stopped all tourism to Tanzania.



Tanzania is a former British colony on the East coast of Africa and lies directly south of Kenya. It's home to Mt. Kilimanjaro, the highest free-standing mountain in the world, and Serengeti National Park, one of the most famous parks in the world. It's annual migrations have 1.5 million wildebeest and 250 thousand zebras.

Austin spent 9 days there, meeting the local people, and seeing all the wildlife Africa has to offer, including Elephants, Lions, Giraffes, Monkeys, Zebra, Wildebeest, Gazelles and even Camels! The safari vehicles were large SUV vehicles that had a roof that would "Pop", allowing tourists to stand and get better photos while remaining somewhat safely protected. He also a hot air balloon ride over the Serengeti, the area that the Maasai people describe as "the place where the land runs on forever".



It was a once in a lifetime trip and Austin highly recommends that anyone who loves nature should have IT on their bucket list!



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