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# THE GREEN LIGHT

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**Weekly Meeting at The Warehouse on State**

**Friday, August 06, 2021 at 12:00 PM**

**Speaker: JD Dalfonso, President & CEO of Enjoy Peoria**

**Topic: Peoria Area Convention & Visitors Bureau**

**A limited number of more convenient parking spaces will be reserved by the front door for Rotarians who would appreciate closer access.**

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

## East Peoria Mayor John Kahl



East Peoria Mayor John Kahl told Peoria Rotarians and their guests that his city council had to make a lot of difficult decisions due to Covid's effect on the economy and lifestyle of Central IL. In 2020, East Peoria's Council cut budget items by 15 % in anticipation of reduced sales tax and gambling revenues. The most recent budget restores some items, getting the city closer to pre-Covid days.



Meanwhile, Mayor Kahl says a delayed 45 million dollar mixed-use development is still on the horizon. The project has been reported to include over 200 market-rate apartments and condos, as well as 10,000 square feet of retail space. It would be located on vacant property near the Holiday Inn in the Levee District. Kahl says a groundbreaking is now planned for spring of 2022.



Mayor Kahl also said he and a few other folks were aware ahead of time that East Peoria's Festival of Lights had won ABC-TV's Great Christmas Light Fight in 2020. Now Kahl says he's working with local officials to exploit an expected increase in tourism to the area this year to see the lights.



Several members of the East Peoria Community Development Foundation were on hand for Mayor Kahl's talk to Rotarians. The Foundation is in the process of raising 1.6 million dollars for the proposed "Levee Park" to be located near City Hall in the Levee District. As proposed, Levee Park would feature a water feature and space for markets and festivals in an open multipurpose lawn, as well as space for sporting and music events. If you would like more information about Levee Park:

[Click Here to Learn More](#)



Rotary Happy Anniversary	
Cheers to you on another year of Service through Rotary!	
Ray LaHood	38
Owen Ackerman	36
Timothy Newlin	15
Randall Yelverton	9
Mark Hansen	6
Melissa Entzminger	2
Christell Frausto Aboytes	2
Colleen Johnson	2

Rotary Club of Peoria BIRTHDAYS Look Who's Celebrating!			
Jerry Trecek	8/1	Laraine Bryson	8/19
Martha Herm	8/2	Jim Cote	8/21
Chris Crawford	8/4	Dave Leitch	8/22
John Bearce	8/6	Mick Hall	8/24
Thomas Schlink	8/9	Bill Winkler	8/24
Jeremy Caldera	8/16	Charlie Greer	8/25
Tracy Geisz	8/16	Jodi Lindsay	8/27
Todd Kollar	8/16	Jennifer Davis	8/30

## Club Announcements

- \* **Meeting Location Change** - Beginning of September, the club will resume holding weekly meetings at the [First United Methodist Church](#). We are excited to get back to our original Rotary home and excited that Cracked Pepper will still be serving us there.
- \* **Service Committee** - Will be meeting immediately following this Friday's meeting August 6.

## Endowment / Foundation Committee

The Rotary Club of Peoria - Endowment & Foundation Committee announced they are requesting proposals for a Capital Project.

To learn more click here ---> [Endowment Foundation Capital Project](#).  
If you would like to fill out a project proposal form click here ---> [Project Proposal](#).

Please email your completed proposal back to Emily Jacob Rudesill ([emilyj@fosterjacob.com](mailto:emilyj@fosterjacob.com)) by August 16, 2021.

Thank you all for your Service Above Self!

## Volunteer Opportunities



Corn Stock Theater is in need of volunteers to help with the Summer Showcase. They are looking for volunteers to help with the positions below:

**Box Office** (computer skills not required for Will Call windows & you are in a/c). For more info or to sign-up, click the Program Title.  
[Shakespeare](#)      [Musical of Musicals](#)

**Concessions** (we will only be providing bottled water this summer & you are in a/c). For more info or to sign-up, click the Program Title.  
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**Ramps** (a great way to watch the show and volunteer at the same time!) For more info or to sign-up, click the Program Title below.  
[Shakespeare](#)      [Musical of Musicals](#)

*A sign-up sheet will also be available at Friday's meeting.*

## Upcoming Meetings

**August 6<sup>th</sup> - Meeting at the Warehouse**

**Speaker:** JD Dalfonso, President & CEO of Enjoy Peoria  
**Topic:** Peoria Area Convention & Visitors Bureau  
**Invocation:** Mick Hall | **Greeter(s):** Martha Herm  
**Door Prize:** Chris Crawford

**August 13<sup>th</sup> - Meeting at the Warehouse**

**Speaker:** Amanda Atchey  
**Topic:** Camp Big Sky  
**Invocation:** Martha Herm  
**Greeter(s):** Chris Crawford & Tracy Geisz  
**Door Prize:** Mick Hall

**August 20<sup>th</sup> - Meeting at the Warehouse**

**Speaker:** Kari Rauh  
**Topic:** Greater Peoria Economic Development Council  
**Invocation:** Bill Winkler | **Greeter(s):** Mick Hall  
**Door Prize:** Tom Schlink

**August 27<sup>th</sup> - Meeting at the Warehouse**

**Speaker(s):** Cindy Martin, Cheryl Murin, & Brittany Ryva  
**Topic:** OSF "Almost Home" Update  
**Invocation:** Bill Winkler | **Greeter(s):** Charlie Greer  
**Door Prize:** Tracy Geisz

## Social Event

**Downtown Peoria & Peoria North  
Rotary Night at the Ballpark**



vs South Bend Cubs

**Post Game  
Fireworks**

**Date:** Sat, Aug, 28 | **Time:** 7:35 PM (Gates open at 6:35 PM)

**Location:** [Dozer Park](#) - Right Field Picnic Area

**Details:** \$26.00 per person - Includes Game Ticket, Buffet w/ Burgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Potato Chips, Soda & Water.

\* Cash Bar will be available to purchase beer, wine, etc..

*If you would like to attend you can RSVP to [infodowntown@peoriarotary.org](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org) there will also be a sign-up sheet available at Friday's meeting.*

## The Great S'more Mud Run



Sign-up online at [www.Getyourgirlpower.org](http://www.Getyourgirlpower.org)  
there are several volunteer options available.  
*A sign-up sheet will also be available at Friday's meeting.*

## Donation Wish List



### Recyclables:

Wood scraps, especially softer woods  
Decorative papers  
Cardboard of all types - cereal or cracker boxes, egg cartons, toilet paper tubes, etc  
String and ribbon scraps  
Plastic containers (yoghurt, cottage cheese, etc)  
Any interesting paper, cardboard, or plastic recyclables / discarded craft materials are always welcomed!

### Purchased items:

Pipe cleaners  
Beads  
Hot Glue Guns & Glue sticks

Note: If you have items to donate, please bring them to the weekly club meeting. Collected donations will be dropped off at the Peoria PlayHouse. Donations can also be dropped off at Peoria PlayHouse during regular business hours. Make sure to let them know your from the Rotary Club of Peoria and let Melissa know so that we can track our club's support!



**Tee It Up For The Troops Annual Golf Outing** | Date: Mon, Aug 16th | Location: [Mt Hawley Country Club, 7724 N. Knoxville Ave, Peoria](#)

Volunteers are needed to help out with the following: Pin Holders on each of the 18 holes, and in other jobs, like registration, etc..

Two Volunteer Groups: Breakfast 6:00am & move to job location 6:45am | Lunch 11:00am, Opening Ceremony 11:45am, & move to job location by 12:30pm Interested Rotarians can contact [Jerry Jackson](#) to sign-up or with any questions. *Sign-up sheets will also be available at the weekly meeting.*



**So You Thought You Knew Jerry Trecek (in 200 words or less)**  
**by Edie Barnard**

Jerry's an excellent car mechanic! (see pic) He learned this skill early in life and continues to enjoy serving people by exercising this unique skill. Born in southwestern Wisconsin, Jerry farmed with his father for over 20 years. He married his wife Barbara in 1963 (see pic) and is proud to say that their son and daughter (see pic) have gifted them with four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



Working in ministry for 48 years at the Peoria Rescue Ministries, this enthusiastic Rotarian's hobbies include hunting, fishing (see pic from recent fishing trip!) as well as working on cars!! He says that his life's purpose is to introduce people to a relationship with Jesus Christ. He shares more below.

"Life growing up on a dairy farm was not for the weary. Long hours of work each day bailing hay, tending to animals, etc. was normal for us. You could never take a 'day off' from the farm! That same work ethic has come in handy during my 48 years working in ministry. We can never take a 'day off' from helping those in need. This November, I will be stepping down from the role of Executive Director of Peoria Rescue Ministries. But that does not mean that the work stops! Our five divisions – Peoria Rescue Mission, Victory Acres, Barnabas Center, Women's Pregnancy Center, and Esther House – serve the homeless and those in need in our community. We also have international partner ministries that serve the people of the Ukraine (see pic) and Latvia (see pic). No matter if I'm serving in an official ministry role or working on a car for someone, my goal is to introduce people to the saving grace found in Jesus Christ."



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