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THE GREEN LIGHT

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 CLUB NO. 76

Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church
Friday, October 08, 2021 at 12:00 PM
Speaker: Roberta English, Exe. Director & CEO, Wildlife Prairie Park
Topic: Wildlife Prairie Park Updates

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

Police Chief Eric Echevarria ~ Peoria's New Chief of Police




Peoria's new Police Chief Eric Echevarria told Peoria Rotarians that, after being appointed in August, he planned to observe Peoria for five weeks before he made any changes. That didn't take place because things have happened very quickly. With a recent spate of shootings, the Chief says a number one priority is to reduce violent crime gunfire.

About the current gun violence, Chief Echevarria says "gangs" in Peoria are not to blame...because "gangs" in an organized sense don't exist in Peoria. In larger cities, there might be an organized gang rank and file. In Peoria, that doesn't exist. There is, he said, no structure or organization. And, he said bluntly, "some people need to be locked up and kept there."



The Chief said he wanted to add to the "resident officer" program, and he revealed his office is working with the US Attorney's Office to establish a multi-jurisdictional federal Task Force unit locally. He said the FBI will be part of that task force, along with Federal Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents, the Illinois State Police and several Peoria Police officers who would work out of the Peoria Police Department.

Member Celebrations

Rotary 
Happy Anniversary
 Cheers to you on another year of
 Service through Rotary!

Member	Years
Bernie Drake	16
Don Johnson	23
Roberta Koscielski	3
Jodi Lindsay	2
Glen Miller	2
Tim Miller	40
Jeff Redmon	2
Robbie Robertson	17
Walt Ruppman	40
Susie Stockman	26

Rotary 
 Club of Peoria
BIRTHDAYS
 Look Who's Celebrating!

Member	Date
Blake Barnard	10/7
Katherine Coyle	10/15
John Day	10/18
MaryAlice Erickson	10/6
Jamie Harwood	10/7
Susan Hoffman	10/31
Tom McIntyre	10/16
Michael Salmon	10/25
Susie Stockman	10/26



Membership Satisfaction Survey

The Rotary Club of Peoria - Board of Directors is conducting a Membership Satisfaction Survey in order to help us plan & continue building a strong organization that promotes "Service Above Self" and is a meaningful part of member's lives. The survey should only take about five minutes of your time to complete. If you complete the survey by Oct, 10th, you will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift card! Results of the survey will be presented to the club later in October.

[Please click here to take the Membership Satisfaction Survey.](#)

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey!!

Upcoming Meetings

October 8th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Speaker: Roberta English, Executive Director & CEO of Wildlife Prairie Park

Topic: Park Updates

Invocation: TBD | **Greeter(s):** Susan Hoffman

Attendance Prize: Tom McIntyre

October 15th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Speaker: Stephen Standifird, President - Bradley University

Topic: Bradley University Update

Invocation: TBD | **Greeter(s):** TBD

Attendance Prize: TBD

October 22nd - Meeting at Barracks Cater Inn

Speaker: Kindall Reuschel Nelson, Owner & Founder, Peoria Music Live | **Topic:** Live Music in Peoria

Invocation: TBD | **Greeter(s):** Susie Stockman

Attendance Prize: TBD

October 29th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Speaker: Pam Johnson & Jeff Giebelhausen, The Madison Preservation Association

Topic: Madison Theater Revival

Invocation: TBD | **Greeter(s):** Susie Stockman

Attendance Prize: Katherine Coyle

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

Membership Dues

Reminder: Membership Dues Change - Effective Oct. 1, 2021

Due to the increase in the cost of our catered lunch and in the meeting room rent, the Board of Directors in August, 2021 voted on an increase in meals cost. Dues will remain the same at \$50.00. Announcements were made at the club meeting and published in the Green Light.

In order to keep up with current costs for members and club projects and activities, dues will increase from \$206 per quarter to \$245 per quarter. This increase will be effective October 1, 21.

For Senior, Spouse or Guest fees, costs will increase from \$12 per person to \$15 per person.

Make your payments easy with AutoPay. To set up AutoPay for your Rotary Dues, please contact Susie Stockman at susie1026@comcast.net and she will help you create an AutoPay account.

If you have any questions, please contact Susie at the address above or Janet Bantz Glavin, Club President 2021-2022 at janet.glavin@gmail.com.

Thank you for being a Rotarian and for your service above self!

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. Amanda Gordon-Sandberg, discussed the Youth Exchange Program at last week's meeting! If you are interested in becoming a host family for our inbound student, please email Amanda Gordon-Sandberg, (agordonsandberg@gmail.com) with any questions/concerns!

Volunteer Opportunities



Downtown Peoria Rotary has been involved with the Goodwill Stand Down for Homeless Veterans for 13 years!! This year's event will be held at [Goodwill Commons](#) - 2319 E War Memorial Dr, Peoria, IL 61614 on **Fri, Oct 15th & Sat, Oct 16th from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM** and they need volunteers to help out.

If you would like to volunteer, a sign-up sheet will be available at **Friday's meeting**. You can also email the office infodowntown@peoriarotary.org to be added to list.

Pints for Polio

Rotary Club of Peoria Invites you to join

pints for POLIO

Donations will be taken at the event to reach our goal of \$2,000. Donations can be made by Check, Cash or Debit/Credit Cards. Every dollar you donate to PolioPlus will go towards your next Paul Harris.

Location: [Oliver's in the Heights](#)
1231 E Samuel Ave, Peoria Heights

Date: Thursday, October 21, 2021

Time: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Price: \$8 per person

Cost includes an appetizer buffet.
A cash bar will be available.

EVERY DOLLAR DONATED WILL BE MATCHED 2-1 BY THE HILL AND MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION.

ERADICATING POLIO ONE PINT AT A TIME

Pints for polio is part of a district wide and international effort. Spread the news and bring guests, this event is open to the public and is a good recruitment tool for potential new members.

Learn more at endpolio.org

Hunger Grant Applications

The Rotary Club of Peoria is now accepting applications for its 2021 Hunger Grants.

Grants from the Rotary Club of Peoria Hunger Fund are given for Direct Services to Programs that: Provide Basic Needs of Food & Food related items such as Refrigerators, Coolers, & Supplies for Food Distribution.

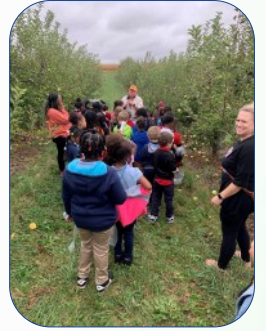
Grant amounts generally range from \$200 to \$2,000.

Grant applications can be downloaded by clicking here: [2021 Hunger Grant Application](#)

Applications can also be obtained online at www.peoriarotary.org or requested by email infodowntown@peoriarotary.org.

Completed applications must be received in the Rotary email cue on or before **Oct 15, 21**.

Rotary Readers - Trip to Tanners Orchard



**A GREAT
BIG
THANK
YOU!**

Thank you **Bill Winkler** for your generosity in transporting the Trewyn students to Tanner's Orchard. The students enjoyed riding in your newest, most luxurious coach. We really appreciate all of the services which you provide for your Rotary Club.



Rotary Readers Updates

- * Rotary Readers Orientation at the [Trewyn Library](#) on **Wed. Oct, 27th at 3:15pm**
- * Reading Teams Start: **Mon. Nov, 1st from 12:35pm - 1:35pm**

MORE HELP NEEDED: We are still in need of additional Readers to complete 12 teams. You do not need to be a Rotary member to participate in this program. [Click Here](#) if you would like to join or know someone who wants to have a positive impact on needy 2nd graders, please talk to them about this opportunity.

Let's make this another great year with Miss Doty's 2nd grade students.

Thanks to all for your commitment!!

Maggie & Owen - Rotary Readers Co-chairs

So You Thought You Knew Byron DeHaan (in 200 words or less!) By Edie Barnard

Byron DeHaan is first generation American from Dutch ancestry. In 1944, at age 17, he joined the U. S. Navy (partly, he admits, to avoid being drafted at age 18). He served two years and was recalled to sea duty (see image) in 1950 during the Korean War, retiring a LTJG. He graduated from the University of Kansas with a BS in Industrial Management and joined Caterpillar (see image) retiring in 1991 as Director of Public Affairs.



He started singing at age 10 (see image) and sang with the Orpheus Club in the 1950s and Bradley Community Chorus 1991-2008. He self-accompanied on his guitar, singing German carols at Pettengill-Morrison Christmas Candlelight events for 20 years.

At retirement, he decided to “take a few college courses”, ending up with over 200 credit hours at Bradley and ICC. He was active in local civil rights matters in the 1960s. In 1967, Governor Otto Kerner named him chairman of Illinois Commission on Human Relations, then the state’s principal civil rights agency. In 1969, Gov. Richard Ogilvie appointed him to a second two-year term. In 2000, he became co-chair of the Museum Collaboration Group, playing a leadership role in concepting/locating the Peoria Riverfront Museum. In 2005, the Converse Company published “Breviary” a collection of 32 of his poems. He joined Rotary in 1982. He has four children and six grandchildren (see image).



What an example to all of us of a life well lived!



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