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Weekly Meeting at **First United Methodist Church**

Friday, October 15, 2021 at 12:00 PM

Speaker: **Stephen Standifird, President of Bradley University**

Topic: **Bradley University 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

Roberta English ~ Executive Director / CEO, Wildlife Prairie Park



Thanks to Roberta English, Peoria Rotarians now know that Wildlife Prairie Park is a good deal larger than they might have thought and there is more going on. First, there is about two-thousand acres at Wildlife Prairie Park and fifty full-time employees. Some of the property is used to raise corn, soybeans, and hay. They are also raising animals. English, the Park CEO since 2019, says there are currently thirty-five bison and twenty-five elk. With such a small herd,



there is danger of inbreeding, so some of the animals are sold off. The officials at the park have considered adding elk or moose to the menagerie, as these animals were once native to this area.

Roberta brought two guests with her, Lead Animal Keeper - Calli Dicks and a Barn Owl named Jesse. Calli give a highly informative talk while strolling around the room to give members an up-close view of a bird that is more talked about than seen.



Wildlife Prairie Park is 43 years old, and one of founder Bill Rutherford's dreams was to have a lodge there. That dream is yet to be achieved, but the 3.8-million-dollar capital campaign has now started. A lodge could still be in the park's future. Lodging, as it turns out, is a money-raiser. Money from overnight guests has risen from 11% to 23% of operating revenue recently. Wildlife Prairie Park is very well known in some circles. As an example, the hiking trail was recently named one of Central Illinois best. There is also camping, fishing, kayaking, disc golf, and biking activities.

[Click Here For More Info](#)

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!!

Rotary Readers Updates

Rotary Readers Orientation at [Trewyn Library](#) on **Wed. Oct, 27th - 3:15pm**

Reading Teams Start: **Mon. Nov, 1st from 12:35pm - 1:35pm**

MORE HELP NEEDED: We still need 6 more Readers to complete 12 teams with 4 Readers on each team. 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

Upcoming Meetings

October 15th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Speaker: Stephen Standifird, President - Bradley University

Topic: Bradley University Update

Invocation: Katherine Coyle

Greeter(s): Tom McIntyre & Jamie Harwood

Attendance Prize: Susan Hoffman

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: Jamie Harwood

October 29th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Speaker: Pam Johnson & Jeff Giebelhausen,

The Madison Preservation Association

Topic: Madison Theater Revival

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

Attendance Prize: Katherine Coyle

November 5th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Speaker: Win Stoller, IL State Senator

Topic: Update from Springfield

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

Attendance Prize: TBD

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!

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 the link below.

[2021 Hunger Grant Application](#)

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

infodowntown@peoriarotary.org.

Completed applications must be received in the Rotary email cue on or before **October 15, 2021**.



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

Pints for Polio

Rotary Club of Peoria invites you to join us for:



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.
Please make checks payable to the Rotary Foundation. Every dollar you donate to PolioPlus will go towards your next Paul Harris.

Location: Oliver's Pizza In the Heights
1231 E Samuel Ave, Peoria Hts
Date: Thurs. Oct 21, 21
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 BILL 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.

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Learn more at endpolio.org

If you would like to RSVP for this event, please [click here](#). A sign-up sheet will also be available at the weekly meeting.

Volunteer Opportunities

South Side Mission ~ Thanksgiving 2021

Join forces with South Side Mission to prep and deliver Thanksgiving meals to those in need.

As part of our 50th Anniversary presentation, we will be back indoors in the gym at South Side Mission. (Dependent on COVID situation).

Meal Prep/Side Dishes

Date: 11/23/21 (Tue.)

Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm CDT

Details: Preparing side dishes for our Thanksgiving meal delivery.

*Mashed Potatoes *Gravy
*Stuffing *Green Beans

Location: [South Side Mission](#)
1127 S Laramie St, Peoria, IL 61605

Please park in the back parking lot & enter through gym doors.

Face masks are required.
Face masks provided.
Must be at least 15 years old.

If you would like to volunteer please [click here to sign up](#).

Meal Plating

Date: 11/24/21 (Wed.)

Time: 9:00am - 12:30pm CDT

Details: Assembly Line - Filling to-go containers. (Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Beans) for Thanksgiving meal delivery.

Location: [South Side Mission](#)
1127 S Laramie St, Peoria, IL 61605

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If you would like to volunteer please [click here to sign up](#).

Meal Delivery Drivers

Date: 11/25/21 (Thur.)

Times: 8:00am - 9:30am

Details: Delivering packaged meals. 1 Signup = 1 Delivery Route. EACH ROUTE CONSISTS OF BETWEEN 10 & 15 MEALS.

Location: [South Side Mission](#)
1127 S Laramie St, Peoria, IL 61605

Face masks are required.
Face masks provided.

If you would like to volunteer or want further info / instructions about parking, meal pickup, and meal delivery driver guidelines, please click [here](#).

There are several other volunteer assignments available, to see the full list [click here](#). If you can't get online to sign up, we will have sign-up sheets available at the weekly meeting.

So You Thought You Knew Sue Portscheller (In 200 Words or Less!)

By Edie Barnard

Sue Portscheller (See pic) is a bright light in Peoria. Serving on several prominent Central Illinois boards and chairing projects that help our community become the best it can be, she generously shares her passion of Service Above Self! Sue enjoys researching her family history as a gift for her family and herself! Her curiosity to learn about her ancestor's intriguing history and to share her excitement about this fascinating story, is described below by SUE herself!



"My American history passion was born from my love for genealogy. History means something different to us, if we connect it to our real blood relatives who lived through it.

My 8th great grandfather Thomas Greene traveled from England to America aboard the historic Ark and The Dove in 1633, becoming the 2nd Governor of Maryland. (See Greene Plantation pic) My 6th great grandfather Enochs was an early Colonial Soldier in 1759. Then, during the American Revolution, he served in the South Carolina militia and experienced the fall of Charleston in 1780. What's also fun, is that his cousin (by marriage) was Daniel Boone! (See pic) A 4th and a 5th great grandfather fought in the Revolution as well.

I had ancestors living during the French and Indian War, the Boston Tea Party, and when the Declaration of Independence was adopted on July 4, 1776. My 4th great grandfather Spalding served as a Sergeant fighting the British in the War of 1812. (See pic) Five great grandfathers fought in the Civil War: as Confederates, as Union soldiers, and as a Union sympathizer.

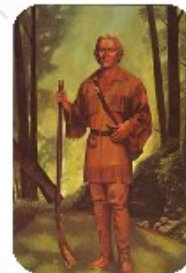
My 2nd great grandfather Alberti came to America in the great German Immigration Wave of the 1800s that brought 1.4 million Germans to our country. Great grandfather Bibb Higdon moved from Tennessee to Oklahoma in 1904 to follow the Oklahoma Land Rush. My grandfather Grob was one of the early Americans to photograph Hiroshima, Japan just after the bomb dropped in WWII. (See pic) He took startling pictures of the destruction as well as pictures of hundreds of Japanese 2- and 5-man submarines and many destroyers at the port in Kure. An American land invasion would have been devastating. Thanks for this walk through my history. Now, you can create your own!"



Greene's Manor, Maryland



Japanese Destroyers after Hiroshima



Daniel Boone

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