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Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church
Friday, October 29, 2021 at 12:00 PM
Speakers: Pam Johnson & Jeff Giebelhausen
with The Madison Preservation Association
Topic: Madison Theater Revival

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

Kindall Reuschel Nelson, Owner & Founder of Peoria Music Live



Nine years ago, Peorian Kindall Reuschel was a homeless single mom living at Spindler Park in East Peoria with her four children. Now she is a successful entrepreneur with two businesses. This week her residential cleaning company, Hire a Housewife, was named the winner of the Best of the Best by the Journal Star.



As it turns out, Hire a Housewife is supporting Kindall's other passion: live music in Peoria. Her Peoria Music Live Facebook page and website showcase local musicians and venues within a short drive from Peoria.

Kendall was joined by singer/composer/guitarist Kirk Wessler, who sang an original song for the club.



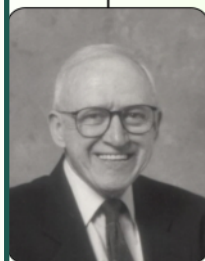
Kendall told Peoria Rotarians that money spent at musical events is filtered repeatedly through the community. Her website listed two dozen bands and performers having shows last weekend locally.



[Click here](#) to visit Kendall's Peoria Music Live website.

In Memoriam

John J. Gibson (March 29, 1932 - October 18, 2021)



John J. Gibson, 89, of Peoria, passed away at 7:45am Monday, October 18, 2021.

John was a member of Rotary for 39 years. He will be greatly missed by all those who knew him, and the Rotary Community as a whole.

Thank you, John, for giving so generously of your resources and time, and for being a true example of "Service Above Self."

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

Upcoming Meetings

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):** Tom McIntyre

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):** Perry Johnson

Attendance Prize: TBD

November 12th - Meeting at [First United Methodist Church](#)

Speaker: Col Dan McDonough, 182 Airlift Wing

Topic: Air Guard Update

Invocation: Patrick Kirchofer | **Greeter(s):** Bernie Drake

Attendance Prize: Bernie Drake

November 19th - Meeting at [First United Methodist Church](#)

Speaker: Christell Frausto Aboytes

Topic: Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

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

Attendance Prize: Patrick Kirchofer

Veterans Day Parade

The Rotary Club of Peoria and Peoria North have entered our float in the Veterans Day Parade on Nov 11th.

Rotarians are asked to walk with the float. People should be in the area of Monroe and Wayne Streets (near the Central Fire Station) at 9:30 AM.

There will be limited space on the float/in the truck for people to ride, and they must be able to climb up.

We would encourage wheelchairs if people who want to participate but can't climb or walk. The majority of us will be walking the route and there will be plenty of helpers to push wheelchairs. Look for the big Rotary wheel!

The parade route is from Monroe to Main Street ending at the Peoria County Courthouse where there will be a short ceremony. We encourage people to wear red, white, and blue or Rotary colors. Rotary vests will be available on the float.

Following the parade, Barracks is catering box lunches from 11:30am to 12:30pm at Dozer Park concourse area or indoors as weather permits. There will be no program. Just Lunch and Socializing.

Reservations need to be made in advance for a box lunch at \$12.00 each. (Turkey & Cheese on Hearty Wheat Bread (lettuce & tomato) condiments, sides, dessert, Bottle Water).

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

Club Announcements

Per our Rotary Club of Peoria By-Laws, the Nominations Committee is presenting this Rotary 2022-2023 Proposed Slate of Officers.

President-Elect - Randy Neff

Secretary - Katherine Coyle

Treasurer - Scott Fisher

Director - Jana Stevens

Director - Melissa Entzminger

This slate will be presented to the Club Membership for vote on December 3, 2021.

Rotary Readers Dates to Remember

Thanks to all who are continuing to participate in this valuable program. We have had a fantastic response. Team assignments will be distributed this week. We have consolidated into 12 teams with 4 readers on each team.

Information forms required by PPS will be available during orientation. Forms will also be available at the Oct 29th Rotary meeting.

We are looking forward to seeing as many as possible at the Rotary Readers Orientation at [Trewyn Library](#) on Wed. Oct, 27th - 3:15pm

Reading Teams Start

Mon. Nov, 1st - 12:35pm - 1:35pm

Thanks to all for your commitment!!
Maggie & Owen - Rotary Readers Co-chairs

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!

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](#)
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Please park in the back parking lot and enter through the gym doors.

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Must be at least 12 years old.

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 what Mick Hall thinks about Building a Successful Local Retail Economy (In 200 Words or Less!)

By Edith Barnard

Multi-Talented Rotarian Mick Hall is an avid diver and snorkeler. He thinks that whether you have ever been snorkeling, scuba diving or simply watching Planet Earth reruns, you know that coral reefs are the center of a complex ecosystem for countless marine species. When a coral reef is healthy, it offers opportunities for the survival of a wide range of fish and other creatures that rely on each other. Therefore, the coral reef grows and prospers. He feels that a strong local retail economy is akin to a healthy coral reef. He is extremely concerned about the impact online purchasing has on our local retail economy. A successful businessman who is very active in our community, Mick continues to share below.



"I believe that online shopping is as quietly dangerous to our local retail economy as environmental issues are to coral reefs. Each time a shopper avoids going to a local retailer and instead purchases online, no dollars are invested into our community through sales tax. The fewer sales a local retailer can make, the fewer employees the business will need. Eventually the company may be forced to close as we have seen far too often recently in Peoria. Look at Bergner's, JC Penny, Sears, Pier One or many others. The less we shop locally, the more unstable our retail economy becomes.

Online retailers don't support local charities or sponsor little league teams. Their executives don't serve on local charitable or civic boards. Amazon has no employees who participate on local Chamber committees. They add nothing to the fabric of our community. The convenience of online purchasing is a given. However, the impact on our community, especially now while our local businesses try to navigate the impact of COVID-19, is severe."



This devoted family man and Dunlap football announcer cautions, "If we all buy locally, our combined purchasing power grows exponentially, and our retail economy will continue to thrive. We will be able to attract new retailers and skilled labor to the area, and our tax base will balloon. So put the mouse down and make that trip to a local retailer. You'll be glad you did!"

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