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# THE GREEN LIGHT

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**Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church**  
**Friday, November 5, 2021 at 12:00 PM**  
**Speaker: Win Stoller, IL State Senator**  
**Topic: Update from Springfield**

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

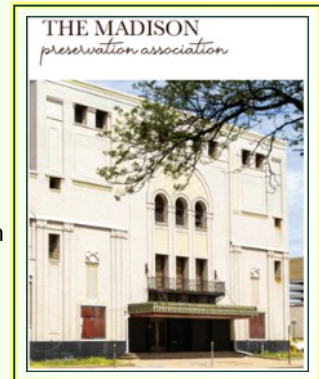
**Pam Johnson, Cody Giebelhausen & Jeff Giebelhausen**  
**The Madison Preservation Association**  
**Madison Theater Revival**



"There's two reasons why this project can work and will work". That's what Jeff Giebelhausen told Peoria Rotarians on Friday. The project he was talking about was the restoration of the Madison Theater in downtown Peoria. The Giebelhausen Group is heading up in the attempt at resuscitating the old theater. Pam Johnson and Cody Giebelhausen joined Jeff Giebelhausen for the presentation.

The senior Giebelhausen said he has a contract with the Comfort family who own the building. The deal being

proposed pays the Comforts 1.3 million dollars for the property on Main Street, and in return the Comfort family donates the 1600 seat theater to the Madison Preservation Association. Using Historic Tax Credits and other government dollars would pay for part of the funding of the theater overhaul -- a total estimated to be 30 to 35 million dollars. Eight to ten million dollars of that would come from a capital campaign in the community. Giebelhausen said his proposed timetable would have the building reopening in the Spring of 2024. Want to read more? Visit: <https://www.themadisontheaterpeoria.org>



## 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](mailto:agordonsandberg@gmail.com)) with questions/concerns!

### 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

### 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.

### 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 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](#).

##### Meal Prep/Side Dishes

Date: 11/23/21

Time: 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Details: Assembly Line - side

##### Meal Plating

Date: 11/24/21 (Wed.)

Time: 9:00am - 12:30pm

Details: Assembly Line - Filling to-go containers.

**NO SLOTS AVAILABLE.  
SIGN UP IS FULL.**

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.

### Upcoming Meetings

#### November 5<sup>th</sup> - Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Speaker: Win Stoller, IL State Senator

Topic: Update from Springfield

Invocation: Brian Mooty | Greeter(s): Perry Johnson

Attendance Prize: Don Johnson

#### November 12<sup>th</sup> - 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 19<sup>th</sup> - Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Speaker: Christell Frausto Aboytes

Topic: Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Invocation: Don Johnson | Greeter(s): Patrick Kirchofer

Attendance Prize: Patrick Kirchofer

November 26<sup>th</sup> - NO MEETING

#### December 3<sup>rd</sup> - Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Club Assembly - Election of Officers

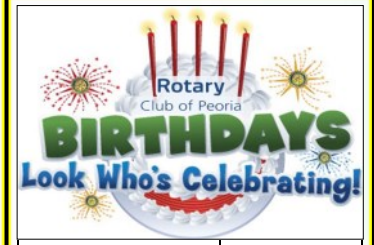
Invocation: TBD | Greeter(s): TBD

Attendance Prize: TBD

### Member Celebrations



Member	Years in Rotary
Mark Wutt	2
Amanda Gordon-Sandberg	3
Christine Heine	4
Darin LaHood	5
Jodi Tarter	7
Perry Johnson	12
Tom Hunt	17
Debbie Sippel	20
Cathy Butler	25
Les Cohen	29
Richard Eagleton	30
Tim Swain	45
David Leitch	46



Member	Birthday
Gregory Hurd	11/1
Don Johnson	11/1
Perry Johnson	11/3
Amanda Gordon-Sandberg	11/4
Bernard Drake	11/7
Lisa Mullins	11/8
Patrick Kirchofer	11/10
Melissa Entzminger	11/11
Peter Russell	11/12
Airen Kuster	11/16
Scott McCord	11/16
John Crawford	11/17
Christine Heine	11/20
Brian Mooty	11/28





## "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](mailto:Edith@BarnardCommunications.com)

## So You Thought You Knew Perry Johnson (in 200 words or less) by Edie Barnard

Perry Johnson is enthusiasm personified. When he decides to place his phenomenal expertise and energy behind a project, it succeeds. Below he shares his zest for living in Peoria and passion for being an active part of our community.



"I am a native Peorian, graduated from Limestone High School and the University of Illinois, and started my career in relocation with our family business that my grandfather founded in 1946 on the south side of Peoria. He left the business to my father and uncle in the 1970's and I started working for them when I was 15 years old. I joined Federal in 2002 after they went out of business, today I am the Director of Corporate Sales, developing cost effective relocation programs for all sizes of companies throughout the country. I have won two national awards from Allied Van Lines for my work and have consistently been in their top 15 salespeople nationally for the last nine years.

I have been married to fellow Rotarian Pam (see pic) for almost 21 years and we have two children, Ben and Rosemary. Pam and I are very involved in our community and actively support our wonderful arts organizations that make Peoria a very unique and interesting place to live.

We love living in downtown Peoria at 401 Water and actively support downtown redevelopment efforts that will make our neighborhood vibrant and attractive again and lift up our entire community. We hope that someone will build a wine bar near us soon so that we and our fellow wine drinkers can have a place to gather and celebrate!

I also take my ethnic heritage seriously and am frequently seen around town in my German Lederhosen (see pic) and Irish kilt (see pic). Hope to see you at Oktoberfest or Erin Feis! Prost!"



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