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# THE GREEN LIGHT

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Weekly Meeting at **First United Methodist Church**  
 Friday, November 12, 2021 at 12:00 PM

**Veterans Day Special Program**

Speaker: Col Dan McDonough, 182 Airlift Wing

Topic: Air Guard Update

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

## Win Stoller, Illinois State Senator Update from Springfield



Freshman Illinois State Senator Win Stoller spoke to his fellow Peoria Rotarians on Friday, telling them of the challenges he's faced and overcame in Springfield. Stoller said that when he got to Springfield, he asked himself two questions: "What type of Senator Do you want to be?" and "what kind of legislation can I sponsor that's consistent with my beliefs and principles, but also can get enough votes to actually pass?" The answer was a bill Stoller sponsored making a simple change in Illinois tax law allowing small businesses to opt into a federal tax cut. The legislation passed both houses and signed into law in August by Governor Pritzker. It proves tax relief for some 400,000 Illinois businesses.

Senator Stoller said he wanted to 'lean in' to the opposition party, calling the notion that Republicans and Democrats supposed to hate each other "ridiculous" and "poisonous thinking." But he decried the rush of bills at the end of a legislative session without the proper thought, scrutiny, and robust dialogue to make sure things are done in a responsible manner.



### 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!

### New Membership Proposals

The following membership proposals have been approved by the Club Board of Directors and is published here for general membership consideration.

Protests may be sent, in writing, to the President or Secretary within 7 days. If none are received, the proposals will be considered satisfactory:

**Travis Weaver** - Strategy Manager, Caterpillar

Sponsored by: **Brad Stegall**

## Veterans Day Parade

### 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

#### 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

The Rotary Club of Peoria and Peoria North have entered our float in the Veterans Day Parade on Nov 11th 2021.

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, & blue or Rotary colors. Rotary vests will be available on the float.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE PARADE!**

### Member Congratulations

The November 2021 issue of Peoria Magazine highlights the latest group of [40 Leaders Under Forty](#).

Congratulations to Rotary Club Members

**Kala Bertrand Pierce & Christell Yosunni Frausto.**

Both were named to the 40 Leaders Under Forty Class of 2021!

Two prospective Peoria Rotary Club members have also been named to the Class of 2021!

Congratulations (**Travis R. Weaver**) & (**Marcellus D. Sommerville**)

### Volunteer Opportunities



### Rotary International News

#### 2021 Rotary All-Member Survey

As part of our commitment to provide you with the best membership experience possible, we invite you to participate in the 2021 Rotary All-Member Survey.

Your responses will help us learn what you like about being a Rotary member and how we can make your membership experience even better.

To begin the survey, click the link in the email sent to you. It will take 15 to 20 minutes to complete and will be open until December 10, 2021.

**Note:** Only one survey can be submitted using the link provided in the email you received, so please do not forward or share the email you received.

If you any have questions, contact the Rotary International Survey Team at [surveys@rotary.org](mailto:surveys@rotary.org).



#### South Side Mission ~ Christmas 2021

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

##### Meal Prep/Side Dishes

**Date:** 12/21/21 (Tue.)  
**Time:** 9:00am - 11:00am  
**Details:** Preparing side dishes (Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans) for Christmas meal delivery.

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

Face masks are required. Face masks provided.



##### Meal Plating

**Date:** 12/22/21 (Wed.)  
**Time:** 9:00am - 11:00am  
**Details:** Assembly line set up. Filling to-go containers (Ham, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Beans) for Christmas meal delivery.

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

Face masks are required. Face masks provided.



##### Meal Packet Assembly

**Date:** 12/22/21 (Wed.)  
**Time:** 9:00am - 11:00am  
**Details:** Assembly line set up. Creating meal packets for Christmas delivery. (Packets: Packaged Meal, Roll, Cranberries, Slice of Pumpkin Pie, Utensils)

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

Face masks are required. Face masks provided.



##### Meal Delivery Drivers

**Date:** 12/24/21 (Fri.)  
**Times:** 8:00am | 8:30am | 9:00am | 9:30am  
**Details:** Delivering packaged meals. 1 Signup = 1 Delivery Route - 5 or 6 stops per route. Each Route Consists of Approximately 25 Meals.

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

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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.

## "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 John Day (in 200 words or less) by Edie Barnard

John Day's love for music and for serving our community is a great power of example for all of us!

John Day started piano lessons at the age of five in Philadelphia. Even then, he experienced unusual events such as playing the huge organ at "Wannamaker's" although his feet didn't touch the pedals. His first paid piano gig was in a roller rink! His repertoire includes classical, folk, show tunes and more!! He serves on the board of the Peoria Symphony, WTVP, Salvation Army advisory board and others in Peoria bringing his creative, unique expertise to all. Recently, he returned from a trip to Italy, is a renowned

world traveler and important part of our club and community. Below is a picture of John at the organ at Radio City Music Hall and his sharing of a unique experience with his signature delightful sense of humor!

"I have been asked to relate something about myself that few people know. Well, I have to confess that I played Carnegie Hall in New York! I also was promptly "booted out." It seems that while in New York for a national meeting a friend and I went hunting for the Hard Rock Café so that he could buy T-shirts for his sons. Walking up Broadway we saw the stage door to Carnegie Hall open. The doorman told us to go in and look around. We entered and stood on one

of the most famous stages in the world. In the center was a Steinway concert grand piano. You can imagine what I then did—sat down and began playing. Within seconds there were several sets of running feet. We were then nicely but firmly escorted out the same door we entered. At least I can honestly say that I played Carnegie Hall!



### Club Officers

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