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CHARTERED 1913
 CLUB NO. 76

Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church
Friday, December 17, 2021 at 12:00 PM

Club Holiday Party
Performance By: The Morton
High School Madrigals



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



Peoria Public Radio
A Joint Service of Bradley University
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Last Friday, Peoria Rotarians heard from RC McBride (General Manager), Anna Chumbley (Corporate Support Director), Melissa Libert (Development Director), and Daniel Musisi (Assistant Audio Director) with WCBU 89.9, Peoria Public Radio.

Public radio's [WCBU-FM](#) in Peoria went on the air in 1970 from the Bradley Campus. WGLT-FM began as a student-run station at (ISU) Illinois State University a few years earlier. Now, the two stations are under one manager.

The pairing of the two stations came after Bradley President Gary Roberts reportedly told faculty in 2018, the cost to move the station to another location was not feasible.

WCBU had been located in Jobst Hall, slated for demolition. Instead, ISU's WGLT-FM took over management of WCBU, and has been operating as such since September of 2020. WCBU is still on Bradley Campus, operating from Morgan Hall in rooms leased from Bradley.

McBride told Peoria Rotarians that the intent is to increase local content. WCBU has added two new shows "Out and About" and "All Things Peoria" both hosted by Daniel Musisi to the program lineup. Podcasts and TikTok programming have also been added. If you have any ideas for stories, please contact WCBU's News Director Tim Shelley - tsshel1@ilstu.edu



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!

Upcoming Meetings

December 17th - Meeting at [First United Methodist Church](#)

HOLIDAY PARTY

Special Performance By: The Morton Madrigals

Invocation: John Kelly | Greeter(s): Janā Stevens

Attendance Prize: Janā Stevens

NO MEETING ON DECEMBER 24th & DECEMBER 31st

January 7th - Meeting at [First United Methodist Church](#)

Speaker: Maestro George Stelluto

Topic: Peoria Symphony Orchestra

Invocation: TBD | Greeter(s): TBD

Attendance Prize: TBD

January 14th - Meeting at [First United Methodist Church](#)

Speaker: Dan Silverthorn & Bob Sinkler

Topic: Port of Peoria Progress

Invocation: TBD | Greeter(s): TBD

Attendance Prize: TBD

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
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Volunteer Opportunities

Midwest Food Bank Christmas Boxes Project

Date: Thurs - December 16th

Time: 5:00PM - 8:00PM

Location: 9005 N Industrial Rd - Peoria

Details: Volunteers needed to help build and pack food boxes.

These boxes will be distributed to families and folks in need in our community. The purpose is to spread Christmas Cheer at a time when people need to feel loved, and experience Hope the most!

If you would like to volunteer, please [click here](#) to be added to list.

2021 Hunger Grant Awards



Last Friday, the Rotary Club of Peoria held the Hunger Grant awards presentation. A total of \$9,000 was awarded to eight outstanding organizations this year. Members from those organizations were in attendance to accept the awards and give a short presentation on how the organization will utilize the funds.



Carol Merna - CEO - Center of Prevention of Abuse
Michelle Spanbauer - Crisis Nursery Coord. - Crittenton Centers
Caitlin Scott - Clinical Director & Dan Bender - CFO - FamilyCore
Bill Lervaag - Board of Directors - Heart of Illinois Harvest
Trish O'Shaughnessy - Director, Community Engagement &
Sarah Oakford - Adopt-A-School Coordinator - PPS Foundation
Christine Kahl - CEO - Phoenix CDS
Major Heath Sells - Tri-County Coordinator - Salvation Army
Claire Crone - Program Director - Sophia's Kitchen

Central Illinois Agency on Aging (CIAA) Annual New Year's Day Meals Program

Date: 01/01/2022 (Sat.) New Year's Day

Time: 9:30AM | **Location:** TBD

Details: The Rotary Club of Peoria is joining forces with (CIA) to help deliver meals for the Annual New Year's Day Meals Program.

Several churches are volunteering to cook and prepare the meals, but assistance is needed in delivering the meals.

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

Trewyn Food Pantry

Donations Needed for Trewyn Food Pantry

We are collecting food items such as: Peanut or almond butter, dried goods such as: Oatmeal, Cereal, Rice, Pasta, Ramen Noodles, Granola Bars and Hormel Completes. Melissa can come and pick up items from you, please call **676-5432** or send an email to infodowntown@peoriarotary.org to arrange a time. If you would like to donate money, we will buy non-perishables on your behalf!





So You Thought You Knew Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer! (In 200 Words or Less!)

By Edie Barnard

The Rudolph saga began thanks to Chicago-based retailer, Montgomery Ward. Wards had been buying and giving away coloring books for Christmas every year. It was decided that creating their own book would save money. Robert L. May, the store's ad copywriter, created Rudolph in 1939. In its first year of publication, the store distributed 2.4 million copies of Rudolph's story.

May's brother-in-law, Johnny Marks, adapted the story of Rudolph into a song. The song was suggested as a "B" side for a record for the cowboy crooner Gene Autry. Autry rejected the song. His wife convinced him to use it. Autry's recording of the song hit No. 1 on the Billboard pop singles chart the week of Christmas 1949. Autry's recording sold 2.5 million copies the first year, eventually selling a total of 25 million, and it remained the second best-selling record of all time until the 1980s.

The song was also performed on the December 6, 1949, Peoria's own Fibber McGee and Molly radio broadcast. Others who have recorded it are Bing Crosby, Dean Martin, Perry Como, Alvin and the Chipmunks, Ella Fitzgerald, The Supremes, The Temptations, The Jackson 5, John Denver, Dolly Parton, Mann-Heim Steamroller, Randy Travis, Tony Bennett and many more!



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