



# Kiwaniis®

## GREEN RIVER KIWANIS

Green River Kiwanis meets Wednesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. at American Red Cross, 29 S. Stockwell Rd., Evansville, IN (currently meeting via Zoom and in person at Epworth UMC, 4455 Epworth Rd., Newburgh, IN

[Greenriverkiwanis.org](http://Greenriverkiwanis.org)  
[www.twitter.com/grkiwanis](https://www.twitter.com/grkiwanis)  
[GRK Foundation/Amazon Smile](#)

*Link to join Green River Kiwanis meeting via ZOOM. This link is the same every week.*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8010354616?pwd=NUK2QUtyZzJDRVNaZjICZjFJM09jdz09>

September 22, 2021

Today's Zoom guest was Ruth Hahn.

Our speaker this morning was Meredith Dixon, Volunteer and Safety Workforce Manager for the local Habitat for Humanity. Habitat's vision is "a world where everyone has a decent place to live." The local affiliate also adds that it is "dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide by constructing, rehabilitating, and preserving homes. We are advocates for fair and just housing policies, and providing training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter conditions." It builds in partnership in Vanderburgh and Posey counties, and in Jordan and Haiti. For each local house built, the organization tithes a portion of that to send to Jordan and Haiti. They average 20 builds per year, with about 539 houses built so far; this year's goal is 25. Prospective house owners have to meet 3 standards: have a proven need for housing, have the ability to pay for the house, and be willing to invest 300 hours of sweat equity working on houses and taking classes. When the house (usually containing 3-4 bedrooms) is complete, the new owner gets an interest-free mortgage, with payments of approximately \$400/month. There are 12 paid staff members locally, so Habitat depends heavily on many volunteers. There are hammer volunteer opportunities (framing, siding, pre-insulation, painting, and yard work) for a core crew that works at least 80 hours/year, individual volunteers who help when they can, and vol-

unteer groups of various sizes. Roofing, foundation, electrical, and plumbing work is contracted out to professionals. Non-hammer opportunities include office work, committee members, homeowner advocates, budget partners, Re-Store volunteers, and cross-stitch volunteers. The local Habitat affiliate volunteers work Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays 7:30-2:30, weather permitting. If you can help, contact Meredith at 812-453-3810 or [mdixon@evansvillehabitat.org](mailto:mdixon@evansvillehabitat.org).



### GRK Officers /Staff

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October marks the beginning of a new Kiwanis year, so your dues are due by September 22. They are \$130, and should be given or sent to **Kim Higgins**. That's TODAY, folks! If you have not yet paid, please contact **Kim** at home at 812-319-7799, at work at 812-488-2651, or via email at [kh209@evansville.edu](mailto:kh209@evansville.edu). Mail your \$130 check to P.O. Box 15472, Evansville, IN 47716-0472.

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At next week's banquet (September 28) the top 5 teams will be given \$3000 between them to distribute to charities/causes of their choosing. Please work with your teams ahead of time to make some decision about this because these checks will be written the very next day, September 29.

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If you have any changes to your information in the directory and have not noted that at an in-person meeting, please let **Sharon Johnson** know as soon as possible. Her phone number is 812-453-5493, or email [dnsjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:dnsjohnson@gmail.com).

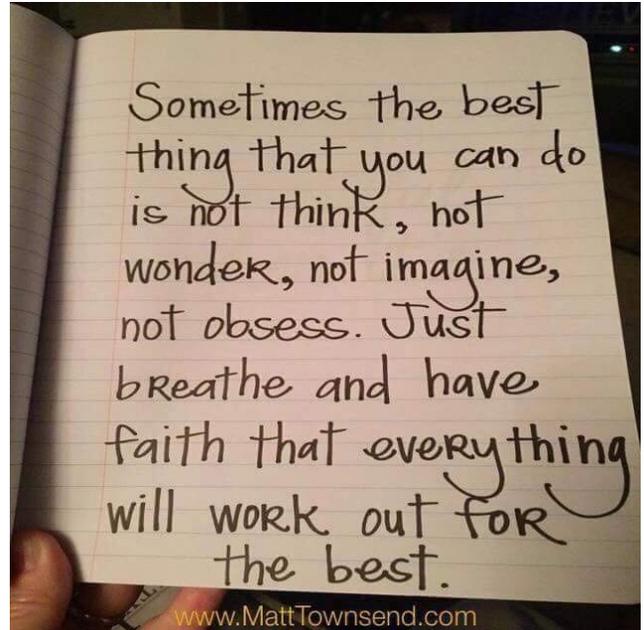
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Some 2500 flags will be set up for the Freedom Isn't Free program, and **Dan Oates** welcomes help to do this. If you can help, meet at Crossroads Christian Church at 1:00 on October 29. Help will also be appreciated after the event to take the flags down.

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Heartfelt GRK sympathies go to **Don Parke** and **Wayne Parke** in the loss of their (respectively) brother and cousin, Max.

Thought of the week, courtesy of **Jay Inman**:



**NEXT WEEK,  
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PRESIDENT  
CHARLEY  
BECK  
WILL  
PRESENT  
HIGHLIGHTS  
OF OUR  
2020 - 2021  
KIWANIS  
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