



# 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

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

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

October 20, 2021

Diane Masterson was our guest.

Our speakers today were Julie Hoon and Jana Pritchett with Youth First. “Youth First’s mission is to strengthen youth and families through evidence-



based programs that prevent substance abuse, promote healthy behaviors, and maximize student success.” Founded by Dr. Bill Wooten 23 years ago, the organization coaches kids to succeed by embedding social workers in the school system. There are now 78 social workers in 105 schools in 12 counties, offering 353 prevention programs and serving 45,200 students, parents, and teachers at no cost. Their mission aligns with that of Kiwanis: “improving the world one child and one community at a time.” There is an increasing need for mental health services—teacher/staff consultations jumped 60% last year. Eighty four students lost someone to

COVID-19. Services are offered in three categories: universal (for everyone), selective (for small groups), and indicated (for individuals). YouthFirst, like all organizations, was forced to pivot due to the pandemic. It began distributing meals, provided confidential phone lines, offered telehealth sessions, etc. Funding for Youth First’s budget of \$7.5 million comes from its school partners, government support, and private donations.

**Bill Elgin** has taken to mentioning that “P” word again....it’s time to think about **poinsettia** sales. His helpers will be **Bill Rogers** and **Terry Davis**, with special spokesperson **Steve Worthington**. Now is the time to focus on church sales, and everything you need to know is on the GRK website ( that address is in the masthead of this newsletter every week). Plants will once again be \$12, with the pick-up location again Christ Church UCC at 3601 Washington Ave. The first “office” day for sales will be November 17.



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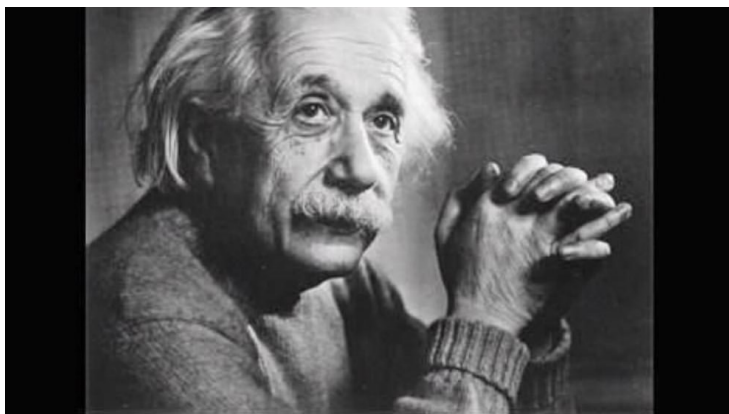
**Sylvia DeVault** reminded us that we need to reenergize and expand our BUG programs. For GRK newbies, BUG stands for Bringing Up Grades. We recognize students in partner schools who have raised a grade by at least one letter without dropping

in others, and a BUG ceremony is held at the school each grading period for this purpose. If you're interested, plan to meet with **Sylvia** after next week's meeting.

It's almost time for Special Olympics bowling....it's coming up on November 6. **Jack Arney** reports that helpers are needed in two shifts—from 8-11:30 and from 12:00-3:30. You must wear a mask and provide your ID. Actually, helpers is a bit of a misnomer—you really just need to be a cheerleader!



Thought of the week, courtesy of **Dan Robinson**:



**"The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch them without doing anything." - Albert Einstein**

Next week's speaker will be **Kris Holzmeyer** with **Thin Blue 1st**, a support group for police officers.



