



# 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)  
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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>

November 3, 2021

Today's guests were Ruth Hahn and Dennis Dugan.

Today's speaker was Larry May, state director of Indiana Kids Belong, an affiliate of America's Kids Belong that he began 2 years ago. His interest in foster care



and adoption began with the adoption of a 6 year old girl from El Salvador. Through her, and experiences as CASA volunteers, he and his wife learned a lot about the trauma of kids from hard places. When placed in foster care, the aim is for the child to return to his/her parents, assuming that those parents deal with the problems that precipitated the loss of their child. But, this does not always happen, and there are too many foster kids and not nearly enough foster families. There are 400,000 kids in foster care nationally, with 100,000 of these up for adoption since they cannot return to their families. Some 26,000 age out of the foster care system without ever having any foster family. In Indiana, there are 11,119 in foster care, with 1500 up for adoption. In our region, there are 649 in foster care. Since there aren't enough foster homes, 50% of the children are placed outside of their home counties. Foster care is hard—50% of foster families quit within a year. Indiana Kids Belong works with the Department of Child Services, the business community, and churches . They make videos of kids available

for adoption and make these as widely available as possible. They work to help foster families, too, and



ask businesses to offer discounts to them. "Not everyone can be a foster parent, but everyone can do something."

The next Dinner Night Out will be on November 18, at 6:00. at DiLegge's at 607 N. Main St.



### GRK Officers /Staff

President	Dick LeDuc
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The billboard honoring our GRKiwanian of the Year is now up on Morgan Ave., near Bassemier's.

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**Sharon Johnson** reminded us/educated new members about interclubs, when at least 4 members of a GRK team visit another Kiwanis club. There are 10 Kiwanis clubs, including Circle K and Key clubs, and teams are asked to visit all of them. Our focus on interclubs has somewhat fallen off due to COVID, but **Sharon** urges is to start visiting again. Please tell both her and **Bob Bock** when your team has an interclub so this can be reported.

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The soccer Mental Attitude awards will be presented in person again on November 17.

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**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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There will be a team captains meeting at the Turoni's on Weinbach on November 16, 6:00 pm.

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Thought of the week, courtesy of **Terry White**:



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speaker  
will be  
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Johnson  
Deem,  
speaking  
about  
Wessel-  
man  
Woods**



