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GREEN RIVER KIWANIS

Green River Kiwanis meets Wednesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. It is currently meeting via Zoom and in person at Epworth UMC, 4455 Epworth Rd., Newburgh, IN

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

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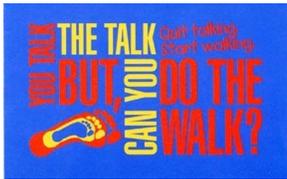
February 16, 2022

Today's speaker was Zachary Heronemus, executive director of Aurora. This organization, with a mission to prevent and end homelessness, began in 1988 and was initially called Echo. It provides case management for the homeless in housing, income planning, and restorative health services. In 2020 there were some 488 homeless folks in Evansville, with 92 on the street and the rest in shelters. Thirty-five of these were chronically homeless; unfortunately, Evansville has the highest per capital homeless rate in Indiana. Aurora works with many partner agencies and also advocates for their services. Last year it raised the income of those in its program 65%, and kept 350 households from eviction. Although this population is very vulnerable to COVID, thankfully, none have died from it. One problem the local homeless face is that Evansville has a low stock of low income housing available. This year there are 42 who are chronically homeless, and Aurora aims for that to be functionally zero by the end of the year. Not every homeless person wants or accepts help, but the important thing is to remain in contact and persevere. Another focus is on the shelter and street population. The main thing to remember is that our job is compassion. Some people don't even "recognize" or "see" the homeless—a lesson learned when Scott and others were "homeless" for a short period of time. The good thing is that the "real" homeless were always willing to help them, and often directed them to Aurora!



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The Riley Walk is coming up on February 26 (only 1 Saturday away!), at 9:00 in Eastland Mall. The Indiana district of Kiwanis' relationship with Riley Hos-

pital began in 1919 when the district began to raise money to build the hospital, which opened in 1924. In 1992 the Southwind district began to hold a walkathon and raised \$1100. Last year, when the walk was held virtually, \$38,000 was raised, with \$21,000 of this coming from GRK. Over the past 29 years \$550,000 has been raised. This year's walk, COVID permitting, will be held in person...and it's time to sign up, solicit sponsors, and do your part in supporting the great work of Riley Hospital.

Jo Ann Laugel also talked about a Riley kid named Drew Barnes and told us a bit of his story, with a reminder—this walk, etc. is NOT about the money, it's about the KIDS.

Final **poinsettia** sale report from **Bill Elgin**:

Plants Sold: 2017 – 3,605; 2018 – 3,348; 2019 – 3,254; 2020 – 2,101; 2021 -- 2596

Net Proceeds: 2017 - \$18,139; 2018 - \$16,287; 2019 - \$15,872; 2020 - \$9,921; 2021 - \$12,300

Member Participation: 2017 – 93; 2018 – 92; 2019 – 95; 2020 – 78; 2021 -- 80

Top 10 Sellers:

Terry Davis	249 plants
Terry White	200
Ed Ziemer	177
Jack Arney	137
Karen Mehling	126
Bill Rogers	109
Steve B Theising	94
Ken McWilliams	78
Steve Worthington	77
Penne Pirkle-Gambrall	77

Special Thanks to:

Co-Chairs – **Steve Worthington, Bill Rogers** and **Terry Davis**

Treasurer – **Kim Higgins**

Location – Christ Church UCC – **Bill Rogers, Ron Cavins, Bob Bock, and Terry White**

Deliverers (minimum 4 hours) – **Scott Alpers, Don Apple, Don Johnson, Bill Rogers, Steve Worthington, Jay Inman, Terry Davis, Bob Bock**

Webmaster – **Amy Fehn**

Transportation – Papa John's Pizza – **Scott Alpers**

Point Czar – **Joe Miller**

Grower – Schlegel Greenhouse -- Indianapolis, IN

March is looking like a busy month!

- 4 board meeting
- 15 team meetings
- 16 BBQ sales begin
- 23 Firefighter of the Year award

Thoughts of the week, courtesy of **Don Apple**:



