



# Kiwaniis®

## 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

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Please use the weekly Zoom link you receive via e-mail to access our meetings remotely. If you are not receiving this, contact Martha Seal.

January 18, 2023

Today's guests were Jerry Blake and Chris Kron.

Today's speaker was Merna Peden with Grandin Evolution. Grandin Pointe is a trailer court off St. Joseph Ave. and Wimberg Rd., on the west side of Evansville. The address is 5725 Forest Park Dr. Residents of the 700 trailers are on the low end of the income scale. Grandin Evolution is a non-profit founded in 2008 with the mission of "together we can learn." Because there is no city bus transportation to this location, it is hard for residents to get their kids to extra learning opportunities. In a onsite classroom, academic support is offered to kids behind on their reading levels, and kids grades K-5 also get homework help. The owners of the park, Grandin Pointe Corporation, have been extremely supportive financially, covering trailer rent for the classroom, renovation of spaces, and providing a fully functioning kitchen, full laundry, and a 70 in. smart TV in with the classrooms. Merna found out that one of the owners purchased some of these materials personally. They now plan to expand services by adding an emergency food pantry and clothing bank. EVSC transports kids from school back to the trailer park, where Grandin Evolution provides help in meeting science and math benchmarks, and has expanded into lessons on character development, developing good food habits, and making good choices. If kids are being helped, this also helps the families. There are several partners who participate....the YMCA outreach program, AmeriQual, several churches

who adopted families and donated funds, the public library which sends out books regularly, and a member of corporate ownership who plans to offer cooking classes. There are now 28 kids in the program, Tuesday through Thursday, after school until 5:00. They would like to start pre-school to kindergarten programming, also.

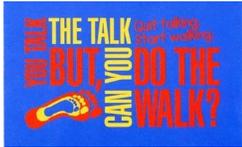


### GRK Officers /Staff

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**Mark your calendars: the Firefighter of the Year presentation has been rescheduled for March 29.**

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The 31st annual Riley Walk will be held February 25 at Eastland Mall—that's only 5 weeks from this coming Saturday. You can sign up on paper

or online, and you can also be a sponsor. The cost to walk is \$25. Some \$558,000 has been raised over the years to support Riley through this Walk. You can donate to Riley anytime at GRK by using the Riley Jar that's always there, and if you win the half-pot, you might think about donating that to Riley. The website is rileywalkathon.com. We'd like to really grow this support by adding more corporate sponsors. If you have any questions, see **JoAnn Laugel**.

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Upcoming BUG programs:

Friday, Jan 20

Fairlawn – 9 and 9:30 a.m.

Holy Spirit – 2 p.m.

Tuesday, January 24

Thompkins at 9 a.m.

Also UE Circle K meets Tuesday, January 24 at 6 p.m. in Hyde Hall 112. Circle K will once again put on a special education prom on April 14. This year's theme will be Out of this World; toilet paper and paper towel rolls (the roll part only) are need for decorations.

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**Terry Davis** reminds us that Evansville Christian's School's Key Club meets every Tuesday at 7:20. If you plan to attend, let **Terry** know by the Thursday before so a list of participants and badges can be ready for GRKiwanians to enter the school.

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Harrison's Key Club meets Thursday at 7 a.m. Visitors should be in the visitors parking lot by

6:50 a.m. so they can get in the building.

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There were 44 non-GRKiwanians at the recent UE game/special visitors event. That's a lot of prospects for new members...if you had a guest, be sure and ask him/her back to a regular meeting.

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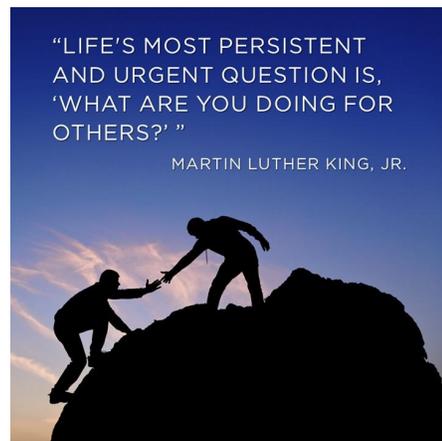
We welcome **Jerry Rairdon** as our newest GRKiwanian!

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The Kiwanis governor's official visit will be February 24, beginning at 5:30 with dinner at 6:00. This will be at DiLegge's on N. Main. Cost TBA. Since **Martha Seal** will still be gone, we need an enthusiastic member to attend and impress the governor with our commitment to club growth and involvement with youth. We'd like to have a good GRK representation.

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



Next's week's speaker

will be

Sean Kuykendall,  
talking about the  
Caldwell Center



