

# PCRW Insider

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## **AUGUST "BRING A GUEST" LUNCHEON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8 BARRACKS CATER INN 1124 W PIONEER PKWY 11:30 AM - 1 PM**

### MENU

Turkey Marco Polo, Butter Parsley Potatoes  
Tossed Mixed Green Salad w/ Assorted Dressings  
Spinach Strawberry Salad w/ Raspberry Vinaigrette &  
Poppy Seed, Diamond Rolls & Butter, Strawberry Torte Cake

PRICE FOR MEMBERS: \$14  
SPECIAL PRICE FOR GUESTS THIS MONTH ONLY: \$10

### Reservations

Please RSVP Via email to: [pcrw@comcast.net](mailto:pcrw@comcast.net)  
or phone or text to Mary at:  
309-678-6859 by Sunday, August 5

**Program: Evelyn Sanguinetti, Illinois Lt. Governor**



Evelyn is proud to serve the residents of the State of Illinois as their 47th Lieutenant Governor. She is a wife, working mother of three and an attorney by trade. She was formerly an adjunct professor of law and a Wheaton City Councilwoman.

Evelyn was born to teenage parents in a neighborhood outside of Miami, FL. Her mother was a Cuban refugee and her father, an Ecuadorian immigrant. Growing up, Evelyn developed a love for the arts. She learned how to play the piano at a local community center and was accepted into The New World School of the Arts in Miami, FL. Evelyn became an accomplished pianist, and this opportunity allowed her to pursue a college education at Florida International University. Following graduation, Evelyn moved to Chicago to attend The John Marshall Law School where she developed an understanding and passion for the law and for Illinois. Evelyn soon joined Illinois Attorney General Jim Ryan's office as an Assistant Attorney General where she fought to protect the people of the State of Illinois. In 2010, Evelyn was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. Evelyn vowed to never let her MS stop her. She proceeded to run for, and win, an election to the Wheaton City Council on a platform of delivering efficient, streamlined government. She is now running with Bruce Rauner for a second term as Governor and Lt Governor.

## MAY LUNCHEON RECAP



Jim Dodge, the Republican candidate for Illinois State Treasurer, spoke of the need for fiscal responsibility and transparency in our state. He spoke of streamlining the responsibilities of the office of Treasurer with those of the comptroller indicating that he and Darlene Senger (candidate for Comptroller) agree on this. He points out

that Illinois revenue is not working hard enough. And would benefit from better management. Illinois taxpayers only earn 1 % on revenue while unpaid bills cost us 12%. Illinois is just one notch above junk bond status and our taxpayers have the highest tax burden in the country. Jim urges each of us to speak the truth our voters need to hear. Our entire Republican ticket needs support to defeat Mike Madigan and Democrat mismanagement. Please reach out to family and friends to vote for those who will make needed changes—Jim Dodge and the entire Republican ticket!

The PCRW 2018 Sustainer members were also acknowledged at the May luncheon.



Sustainer members are members who give more than the basic dues amount of \$25 to help further the work that PCRW can do in the community. Members were honored with a yellow rose, the traditional symbol of women's suffrage. Thank you to these generous donors!

- Due to the IFRW raising our dues from \$5 to \$10 per person, PCRW is increasing the basic dues from \$25 to \$30 starting in 2019. Dues collected this fall will be for the 2019 calendar year. We will collect dues from October to December.
- PCRW is looking for members to serve on the 2017-18 Board. We need the following Committee Chairmen: Campaigns, Program, Bylaws, PCWF, Jewelry, Legislation, and Calling. If you would be interested in learning more, please call Bernadette at 339-3411.
- Anyone who knows of a PCRW member who is sick or has suffered a loss, please let Claudia Peil, Corresponding Secretary know. Claudia will mail out cards on behalf of PCRW. She can be reached at 309-645-8015 or by email at [claudiapeil@mac.com](mailto:claudiapeil@mac.com).
- Articles for the September newsletter are due Friday, August 20th. Please email photos, quotes, articles, suggestions to [mcsunder@aol.com](mailto:mcsunder@aol.com).

## READING PARTIES AT LINCOLN SCHOOL



PCRW held a party for the students at Lincoln

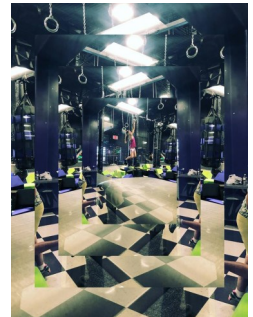
School who achieve their Advanced Reading goals. A carnival type party was held on Friday, May 11 for about 100 1st through 4th graders. Children enjoyed making slime, face-painting, snow-cones and a

bouncy house as well as many games.

The middle school kids were treated to a field trip to the trampoline park, Elevate. Allyson Oswald negotiated a rate low enough to make this happen! About 50 students earned this reward. Principal Tom Blummer shared that this was the best field trip ever! He also reported that they have had a very difficult time motivating the students to participate in the supplemental Accelerated Reading Program.

After PCRW became involved and held parties for the students completing their points, membership took off! Thanks to the volunteers who made this all happen, especially Ally Oswald.

Please contact Ally at 309-583-1186 for more information and to participate.



## IN MEMORIAM: BETTY GUSTIN



Betty Jeanette Loser Gustin, 95 of Peoria passed away at the Proctor Endowment Home in Peoria on Saturday, April 28, 2018. Betty was a long-time PCRW member and board member.

Betty was born on March 15,

1923 to Henry W. and Beatrice (Keil) Loser. She married Richard Cullen Gustin, a disabled veteran of World War II, on March 7, 1947. He preceded her in death in February 1948.

Betty attended Lincoln College in Lincoln, IL; the University of Minnesota, and Bradley University. She earned a BS degree in Business Administration, a MS degree in Secondary Education and a MA degree in Guidance and Counseling.

Betty was a PhM3/c in the US Navy WAVES. She was an airline hostess for TWA. Betty taught Business Education classes at Dunlap High School and the Peo-

ria Public School.

She served on the Board of Directors for Share food Inc., the Peoria Women's Civic Federation, Inc., the Peoria County Old Settler's Association, the Peoria County Republic Women's Group and the Peoria Area Evening Group of Stonecroft Ministries.

Betty was a 50-year member of the First United Methodist Church of Peoria. She was a Stephens Minister, a Master Gardner, a Vagabond Tour Escort, a life member of the Electa Chapter of Eastern Star and a 50-year member of the AAUW. Betty's body has been donated to the Anatomical Gift Association of Illinois.



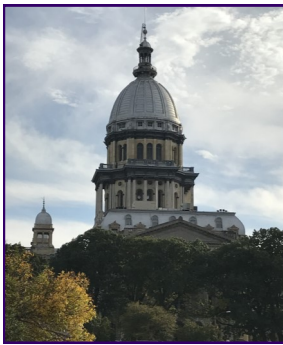
## America's Gold Star Families: Home Town Heroes Banners



Gold Star Families is sponsoring the Hometown Heroes Banner Project. PCRW has purchased a banner in honor of First Lt. William K Barrett, Jr. He was the husband of our member, Roberta Sellen. Roberta's husband was killed in action in Viet Nam in 1965.

Bernadette Shekleton attended a ceremony and luncheon organized by Patti Smith to honor these veterans and to unveil the banners on May 28. The banners will hang until November on Orange Prairie Rd. Please drive by to see this banner and to acknowledge the sacrifices made for our freedom. To learn more about this, visit [www.americasgoldstarfamilies.org](http://www.americasgoldstarfamilies.org). or call Patti Smith at 231-5090.

## Illinois Legislative Update - *taken from Ryan Spain's Legislative update*



### **AGRICULTURE**

\$16 million in grants will help foster future of Illinois agriculture. Gov. Bruce Rauner joined the Director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture Raymond Poe, local officials at Stremsterfer Farms in Pleasant Plains to announce the release of \$16 million in agriculture grants. The funds being released from the fiscal

year 2018 budget will fund soil & water districts, county fairs and agriculture societies, and the University of Illinois Extension services.

### **GUNS**

Gun owners urged to send in FOID card renewal applications. The Illinois State Police, which issues Firearm Owners Identification (FOID) cards to gun owners, is warning the Illinois firearms community that 50,000 cards will expire during the 60-day period that began on June 1 and will end on August 1. They are urging individuals to send in their FOID card renewal applications as soon as possible to reduce office congestion and increase

response throughput. Renewal applications require computerized background checks of State and federal databases before the new card can be mailed out.

### **HEALTH CARE**

Governor announces federal approval of plan to protect safety net and rural hospitals. Gov. Bruce Rauner announced that the federal government has approved the state's plan to protect safety net and rural hospitals while ensuring continued federal support for quality healthcare to more than three million Illinoisans.

## Summer Parades: Chillicothe, Princeville and West Peoria



## On the Ballot:

17TH CONG. DIST  
**William Fawell**

18TH CONG. DIST  
**Darin LaHood**

GOVERNOR  
**BRUCE RAUNER**

LT GOVERNOR  
**EVELYN SANGUINETTI**

TREASURER  
**JIM DODGE**

COMPTROLLER  
**DARLENE SENER**

SEC OF STATE  
**JASON HELLAND**

Attorney General  
**Erika Harold**

IL House 73rd Dist  
**Ryan Spain**

IL House 91st Dist  
**Michael Unes**

Peoria County Sherriff  
**Brian Asbell**

Peoria County Treasurer  
**Nicole Demetreas**

Peoria County Auditor  
**Alan Parades**

Peoria County Board, Dist 6  
**Brett Beachler**

Peoria County Board, Dist 9  
**Dave LaHood**

Peoria County Board, Dist 10  
**Matt Shane**

Peoria County Board, Dist 12  
**Rachel Reiliford**

Peoria County Board, Dist 14  
**Brian Elsasser**

Peoria County Board, Dist 16  
**Matt Windish**

Peoria County Board, Dist 18  
**Paul Rosenbohm**

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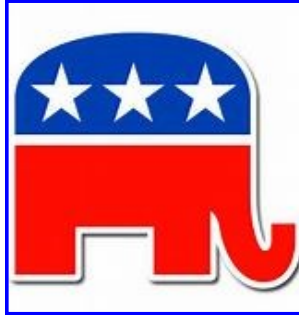
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## 2018 Calendar

### August

5 Ryan Spain Day at the Chiefs  
5 PCRW Lunch reservations due  
8 PCRW Luncheon  
15 Governor's Day at the Fair  
16 Erika Harold's Women's Event  
16 Republican Family Day at the Farm  
24 Articles due for the September newsletter  
28 Alan Paredes Meet & Greet at HQ  
29 Folding/mailling newsletter at 9:30 at HQ  
29 PCRW Board meeting 10:00 at HQ

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12 PCRW Luncheon  
20 Articles due for the October newsletter  
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Governor's Day at the State Fair  
Wednesday, August 15  
\$25

Ride the bus from Peoria  
Day at the Fair  
BBQ Lunch & Drinks  
Republican Speakers  
Call Carol for reservations  
309-453-0966

Republican Family Day on the Farm  
Thursday, August 16  
5 pm - 7 pm  
\$25

At Weaver Farms  
6000 War Memorial Dr  
BBQ Dinner, Drinks, Music,  
Horseback rides for the kids  
Meet the candidates  
Special guest: Erika Harold

### PCRW 2017-2018 Executive Board

President: Bernadette Shekleton, 339-9411  
Vice President: Janis Straesser, 691-1701  
Recording Secretary: Melanie Picl, 682-4520  
Treasurer: Mary Sundermeyer, 678-6859  
Corresponding Secretary: Claudia Peil, 645-8015  
Past President: Laura Machetti, 691-5673