



THE KERNEL
Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club
2020-2021 Officers
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Tuesday's- 12:00 Noon

MAY 4, 2021 ATTENDANCE: 14 members and guest, Adam Donze
LOTTO WINNERS: Kent Casson and Rebecca Sommer
MARCH PERFECT ATTENDANCE DRAWING: Jim Paternoster
NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: 5-11: Our District 6490 Governor Michael Step will update us on Rotary. Please make this a "to do" on your schedule next Tuesday.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM—ADAM DONZE - CEO of Greater Livingston County Economic Development Council



Adam came as guest, but filled in when our scheduled program presenter had a conflict. He reported the GLCEDC is dedicated to supporting the retention and expansion of existing enterprises and to attracting new businesses for Livingston County. They work with both the public and private sectors, which includes manufacturing, distribution, business, towns, and schools. There is no sales or property tax used to fund the grants. Most of the funds come from the taxes relating to wind turbines located in the county. There has been more than \$250,000 granted to Fairbury businesses in the last 5 years. The grants are used by new or expanding businesses facilities, for internal and external building improvements, for some school programs, and more. GLCEDC has a goal of helping to train workers via school programs and to offer many

opportunities for these individuals and others to have a good and productive life in Livingston County. He shared the attractive site near Dwight for an industrial or distribution center. It has 365 acres with nearby access to I-55, Rt 47 and Rt 17. It has both the Norfolk and Southern Railroad and the Union Pacific Rail Road adjacent to the property which gives rail access to both the eastern and the western US seaports. The site has access to a very good water supply and to an excellent electrical power and natural gas supply. Donze visited with the members about the difficulty of addressing long term benefits relating to taxes and services from the State of Illinois. He did complement the Livingston County Board for its continuing support of our County and of the GLCEDC. The GLCEDC does have a large Board of Directors from the county's public sector, the schools, the financial institutions, and from industry.

"The more grateful I am, the more beauty I see." Mary Davis