## LunchChat

Connect. Inform. Help.

Communicating and Marketing
Through Challenging Times

April 7, 2020

Hosted by Rockford Area Convention & Visitors Bureau



### Panelists



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Owner



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### Connect. Inform. Help.

# UnitedWayRRV.org/covid-19 OR Text TOGETHER to 40403



### Pam Maher





# Accept reality: People are hungry for information.

- Right now, you CANNOT over-communicate.
- Internal comes first.
  - FAQ/Fact Sheets/Email,
     Zoom Video Q&A
- Then external.
- Proactive, not reactive.

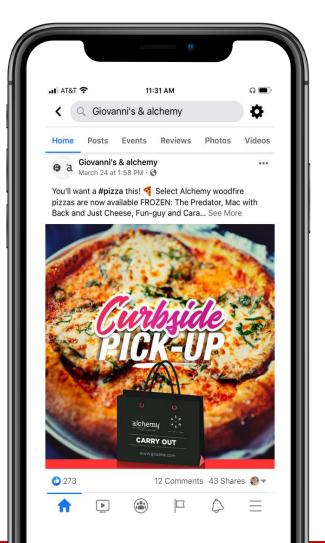


# What messaging is already out there?

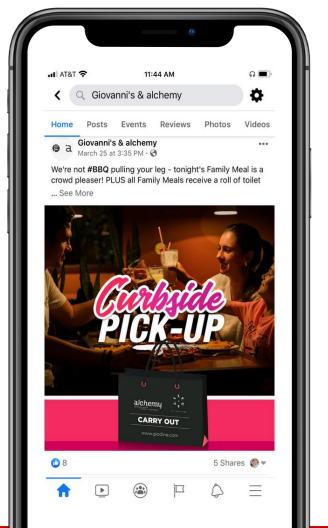
- Do a fast audit.
- Who needs messaging?
- Then, define your communication channels.
- Digital is where it's at.



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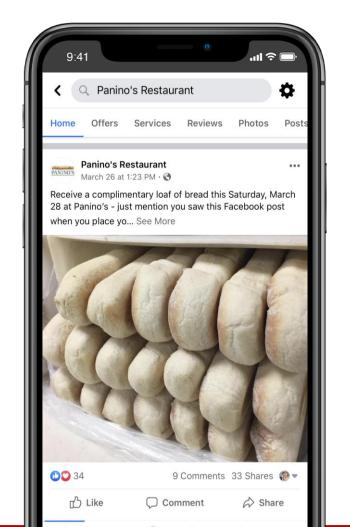


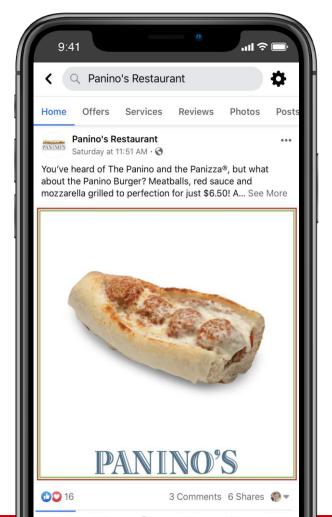


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### ITALIAN and so much more!







### What's the message?

- What do your key
   audiences need or want
   to know?
- Be transparent, truthful and timely.
- Don't be tone deaf.

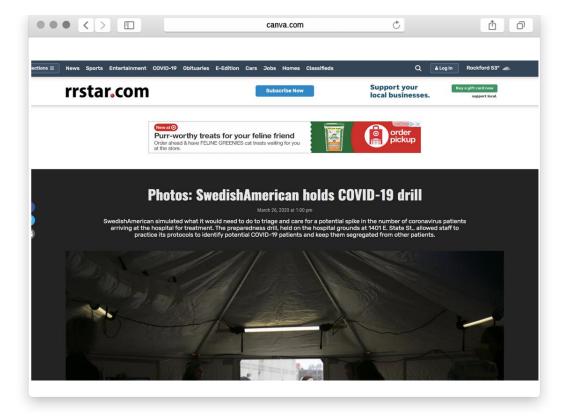












# Leaders need to communicate personally.

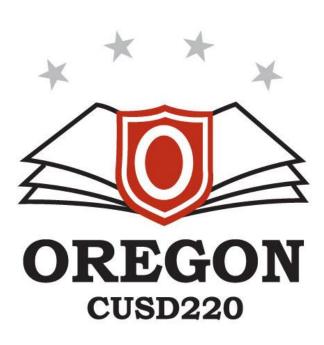
- We don't emotionally trust facts; we trust people.
- Leaders need to reach out individually.
- Email/note/call/videos



## Public Relations during COVID-19

- After you've addressed internal and external needs, think about media partners.
- This is not a time to "sell;" this is a time to inspire.





### Some Oregon teachers miss their students and host a parade







Words are the most important thing in the era of COVID-19.

- Words have the power to comfort, strengthen and give hope.
- Keeping employees and customers healthy is a universal message right now.

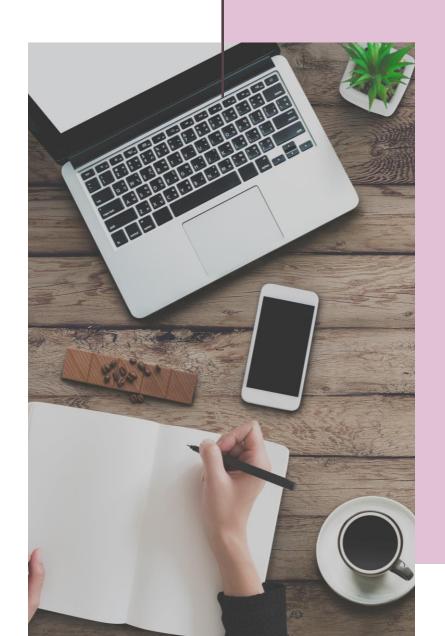




### Katryna Kirby



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# Social Media & COVID-19

Katryna Kirby, Founder of Social Kat Co.



"Facebook and Instagram have seen a 40% increase in usage due to COVID-19, with views for Instagram Live and Facebook Live doubling in one week."

- LATER.COM



# THIS IS NOT A SEASON TO BE QUIET, THIS IS THE SEASON TO COMMUNICATE!



- UNDERSTAND YOUR AUDIENCE
- CATER YOUR CONTENT
- GO LIVE
- GET CREATIVE
- WORK SMARTER, NOT HARDER



### Understand your audience

STUDY YOUR ANALYTICS
(BOTH WEBSITE + SOCIAL MEDIA)

REVIEW YOUR COMPETITION



### Cater your content

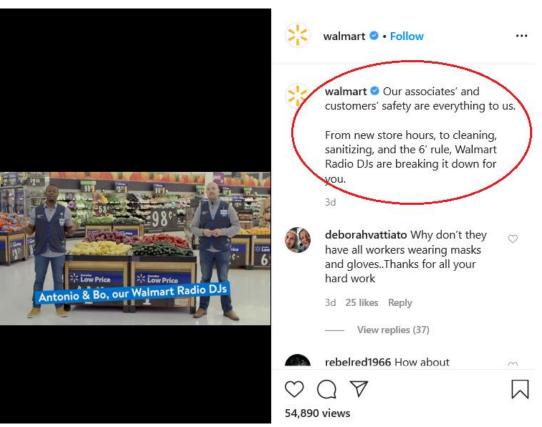
HOW ARE YOUR CONSUMERS IMPACTED BY COVID-19?

HOW IS CORONAVIRUS INFLUENCING THEIR BUYING HABITS?



#### ACKNOWLEDGE OUR NEW NORMAL







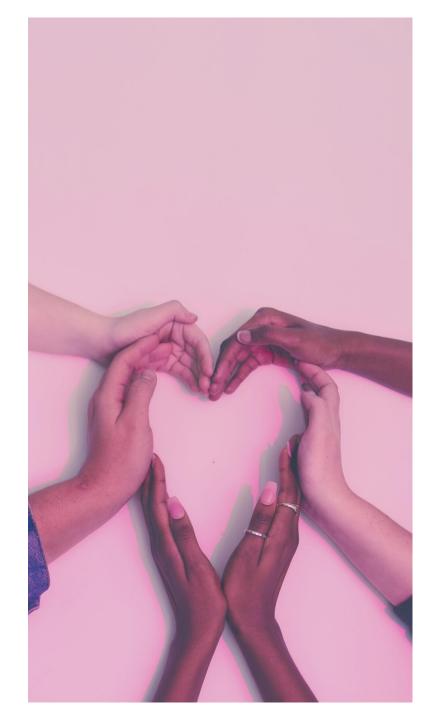
#### SCENARIO 1: OPEN FOR BUSINESS

- Post daily or every other day on social media
- Encourage followers to SHARE your posts
- Don't stop selling (sell indirectly and directly)
- Take advantage of video



#### SCENARIO 2: CLOSED (FOR NOW)

- Share content with the goal of RETENTION
- Push out educational videos
- People want to support you share how they can help
- Do not go silent



### COVID-19 Content Tips

- KEEP YOUR TONE EMPATHETIC + UPBEAT
- NEVER MAKE LIGHT OF THE VIRUS
- DELIVER SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE MESSAGES (DON'T GET POLITICAL)
- SHARE USER-GENERATED CONTENT + THANK YOUR FOLLOWERS
- DON'T STOP TRYING TO SELL (BUT KEEP COMPASSION IN THE FOREFRONT)



#### BAD





GOOD









### Go Live

VIDEO IS A GREAT WAY A LOT OF VALUABLE INFORMATION IN A QUICK DIGESTIBLE WAY.

PLUS, IT RECEIVES 30% MORE ENGAGEMENT THAN A STATIC POST.



# Things to think about before going live.

MAKE SURE YOU'RE REPRESENTING YOUR BRAND IN A POSITIVE WAY.

HAVE A PLAN.

KEEP IT SIMPLE. AND SHORT.
USE CAPTIONS

DON'T COPY...BE AUTHENTIC.

GET CREATIVE + STAND OUT!

DO A TEST RUN.





While the Cincinnati Zoo is closed and kids are home from school, let us help make your children's hiatus from school fun and educational. Join us for a Home Safari Facebook Live each day at 3pm EDT where we will highlight one of our amazing animals and include an activity you can do from home. Join us starting Monday, March 16 at 3pm EDT for our first Home Safari- featuring Fional



#### Burpee Museum of Natural History was live.

March 18 at 9:54 AM - 3

Learn about fossils, and fossil prep with Jurassic Josh! Get your questions answered by a REAL paleontologist.



Watch together with friends or with a group

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Erin Buhl and 185 others

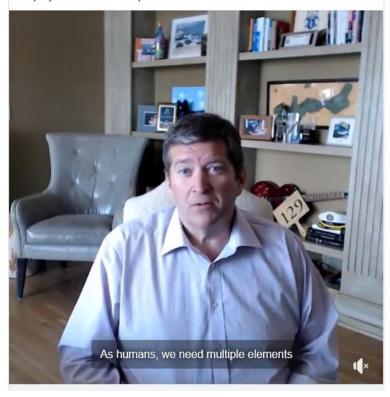
373 Comments 65 Shares 6.5K Views



#### Savant Capital Management

April 3 at 10:14 AM - 3

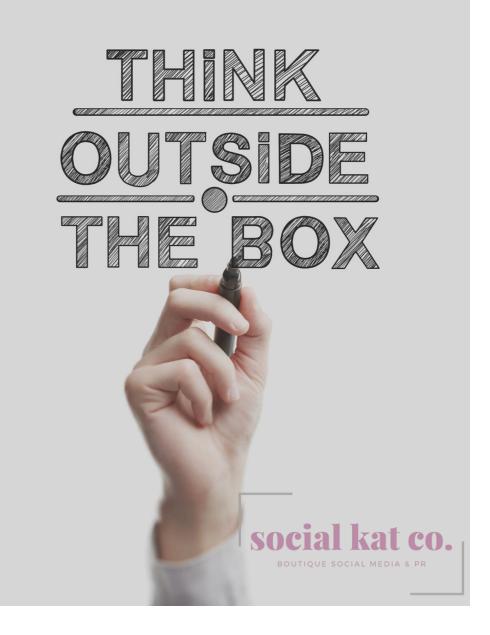
In this video, Brent Brodeski, CEO of Savant, shares his insights about how the current crisis affects our sense of well being in five different areas - career, social, financial, physical, and community - and specific steps you can take to improve each one.





#### **Get Creative**

- HOST A VIRTUAL TOUR GO BEHIND THE SCENES
- DO A LIVE COOKING CLASS
- #TBT & #FLASHBACKFRIDAY
- HOST A GIVEAWAY
- CATER TO PARENTS + KIDS





Rockford Art Deli @RockfordArtDeli

Home



Easter DIY cookie kits coming at ya! \$20 per kit. Included are 6 eggs, 6 bunnies, 3 containers of icing (white, pink, blue, yellow, green, orange or purple - please specify when ordering) and 2 kinds of sprinkles! Please message the O's Bakery Facebook page if you are interested! Curbside pickup will be Friday and Saturday this week





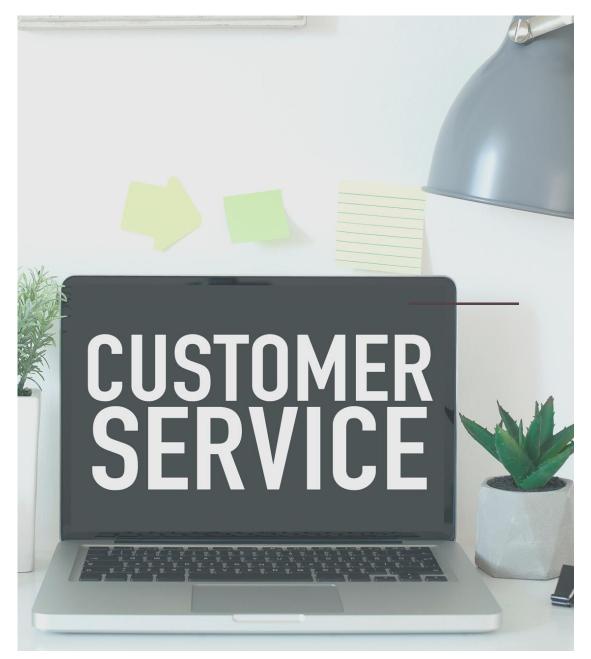
\*\*\* Pre-registration is required so that we can send you the link to the Zoom call, otherwise you won't have any way to join the class! Sign up at 815Yoga.com/open-classes. (Members, you sign up just like usual, no need to pay \$5!)





Treat your social media channels like an extension of your restaurant dining room or checkout counter.





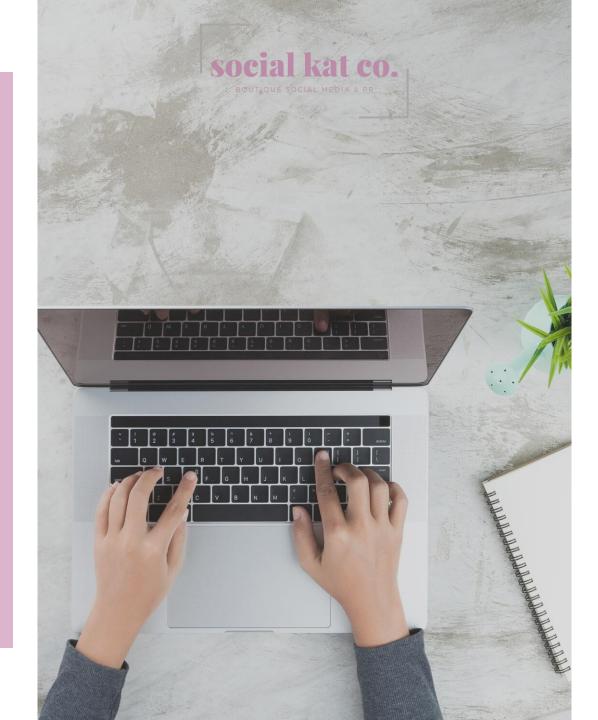
### Work smarter. Not harder.

- HAVE AN EFFICIENT WORKFLOW (SAVES TIME + MONEY)
- PLAN OUT YOUR POSTS (ONLY 1 WEEK IN ADVANCE)
- SCHEDULING TOOLS FACEBOOK CREATOR STUDIO LATER.COM, BUFFER, HOOTSUITE



"NOW, MORE THAN EVER, YOUR FANS WILL BE WATCHING HOW YOU RESPOND AND ENGAGE ON SOCIAL MEDIA (ESPECIALLY BECAUSE WE ARE ALL GLUED TO OUR DEVICES).

MAINTAIN A STRONG BRAND CONNECTION BY
KEEPING THE CONVERSATION GOING ONLINE.
GO ALL-IN AND USE THIS TIME WHILE WE'RE
ALL HUNKERED DOWN TO DEEPEN YOUR
RELATIONSHIPS."



## Thank you!

Have questions? Need input? Contact us!

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## Jay Graham





# QuaranThinking

with GrahamSpencer



## - THINK, PLAN, EXECUTE: Now Is Not The Time To Hit Pause

- TRUST IS CURRENCY:
  - Stay On Key
- MEDIA IS IN FLUX: Keep Track Of The Trends
- COMMUNITY IS KING & QUEEN:
  Be Positive & Action Oriented

Now Is Not The Time To Hit Pause.



Planning for short term necessities such as describing actions your business is taking to protect employees and customers are critical. So is planning and commitment to a more prosperous future. Right here, right now.





Having said that, now may be a better time to focus on messages that build brand equity as opposed to conversion and sales strategies (unless you're in the hand sanitizer business).





In the wake of 9/11 GM acted forcefully with a marketing campaign called "Keep America Rolling" and financial incentives at a time when many marketers were tentative and uncertain. The campaign launched just 10

KEEP AMERICA ROLLING

days after the tragedy.



Ron Zarrella, then president of GM's North American operations: "We know this is a difficult time to talk about an incentive program, but GM has a responsibility to help stimulate the economy by encouraging Americans to support our dealers and suppliers and to keep our plants operating and our employees working."



In the wake of 9/11, the Association of National Advertisers advised: "Get really close to customers.

Marketers must understand their new priorities, goals, fears and heroes. They must stay close because consumer emotions are likely to change constantly."



Unfortunately for KFC, now is not the time to be finger lickin' good. The international chicken chain recently removed a new ad that had just started running after viewers felt it was insensitive to hygiene concerns amid the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.







A New Zealand bar was slammed for cashing in on the coronavirus, advertising a "tasteless" Corona beer promotion. People have been left outraged over the ads on social media: "Worst advertisement ever," wrote one person.









Advertising drives commerce and America will need commerce to get back on its feet as quickly as possible post-virus. In our post-COVID world, how should your brand be different? Now is the time to think, to plan ... so you can act confidently in the future.



## TRUST IS CURRENCY





If your brand identity is built around quality, deliver quality. Do not relax your standards. Stay positive, true to your brand and relentless in your consistency.



#### **SOCIAL DISTANCING:**

IT CAN MAKE HEARTS GROW STRONGER.





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#### Here's a little advice ...

- Build a little extra discipline into your routine; make mini goals and insist on accomplishing them before taking a break to play with the kids, take the pooch for a walk or make that extra cup of coffee.
- Keep it social and make sure your teammates feel the love; give email a break and pick up the phone. Letting your co-workers and clients hear your voice every once in awhile is good for them and it's good for you, too.
- And, don't forget to say "thanks" (and mean it) for a job well done. The great American writer and playwright Thornton Wilder said,
- "We can only be said to be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasures."

Stay tuned for more in coming weeks, everyone. And, stay healthy and happy. We're Thinking About You All.

Stronger Together,

Jay Graham





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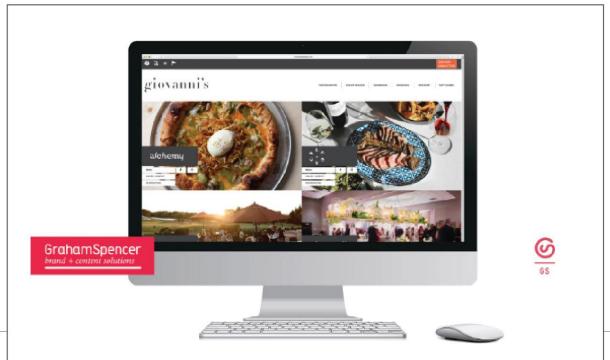




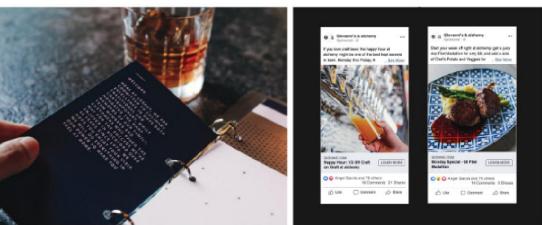










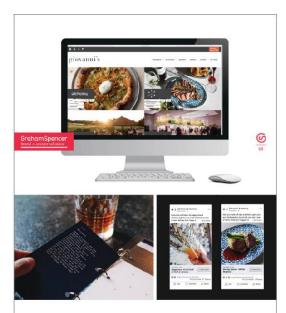


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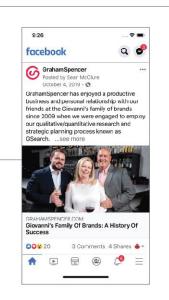
Cur challenge was to help understand the decline in *Glovanni's*Restaurant and *Big Al's Bar* business, as well as explore possible new
threats to their critical banquet sector operations - and to recommend
corrective strategies.

Closure of Giovanni's restaurant and the creation of an exciting new "front porch" restaurant concept that would become the wildly popular alchemy with its virtual open-air concept were among our recommendations.

Much more has changed in the ensuing years based on that initial research and planning process as well as other, more recent levels of strategic work and many layers of design, web and advertising effort that has helped build and sustain the brands. Visit our website to explore the <a href="case study">case study</a>, Visit alchemy, Graystone or Legacy this wockend and soe the work in person:)!









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## CELEBRATING A MODERN CHRISTMAS CLASSIC:

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Hometown Holiday has meant so much to Rockford - and to our team at GrahamSponcer as we've relished the task of creating a fresh campaign every year. In 2019, the show's final year, we wanted to end our run with a special tribute to the incredible creative energy and joy J.R. Sulliwan and his talented cast have brought to Rockford.

Join us on our website for a little trip down Hometown Hollday Memory Lane - and in our own Christmas wish that one day J.R. Sullivan's Hometown Hollday might rise again in Christmas future.











#### 2 likes

grahamspenceragency What the Dickens!?!? J.R. Sullivan's Hometown Holiday 2019 performances are SOLD OUT. Thank you, friends for your support in our 25th Anniversary and Final Curtains season. @j.r.sullivan and the cast cannot wait to see you at @thenordlofcenter this weekend. Happy Holidays, Rockford!









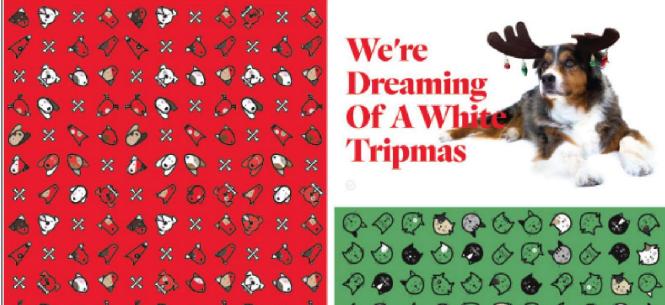
























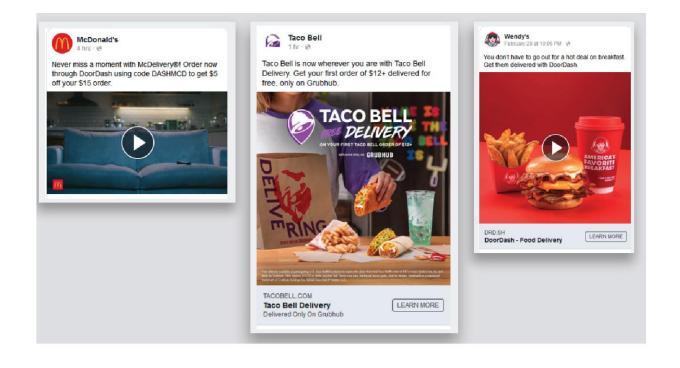




More people are using the web to find information, to get the products, ideas or resources they want or need, and to find out how they can help or how their favorite brands are helping others.



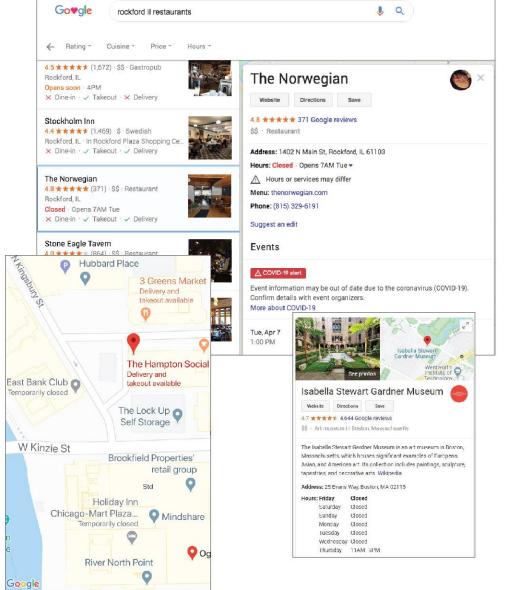
Fast-food establishments like McDonalds, Taco Bell, and Wendy's have changed their digital investments to market their new business models.







Many affected businesses are updating their hours and description for Google Search & Maps. Effective descriptions include information regarding any additional precautions a business is taking or changes in their services.

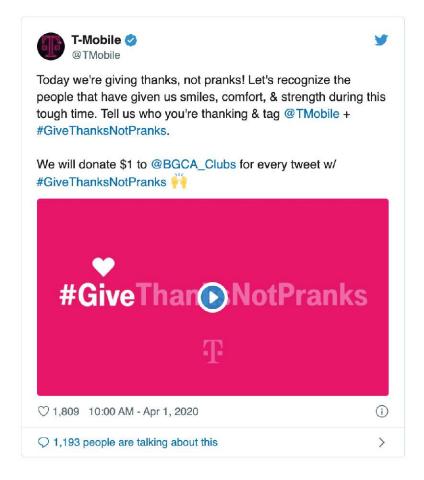




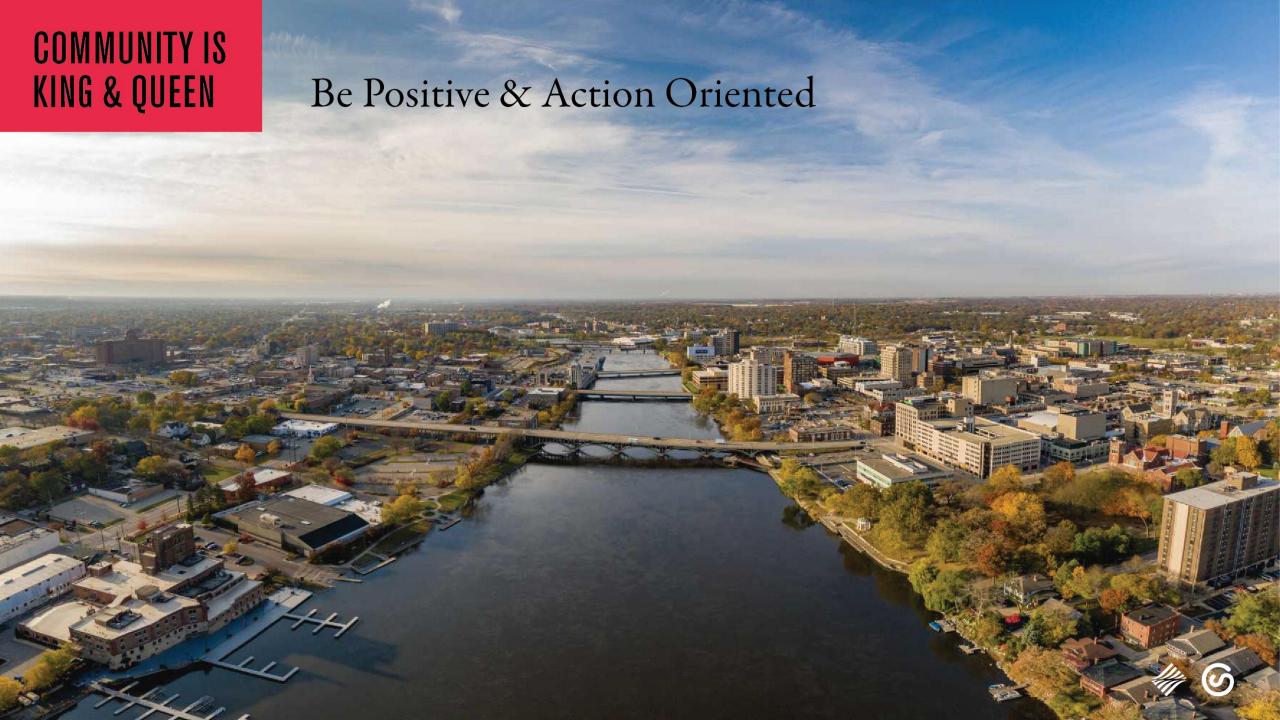
In-person interaction needs are partially replaced by social media, leading to significant increases in usage: Facebook, Instagram & WhatsApp are up 40% in

Instagram & WhatsApp are up 40% is the U.S., (higher in countries like Spain (76%) where more cases exist), and *Facebook Live* views have grown exponentially.

Businesses should advertise responsibly now. Google is blocking all ads capitalizing on the coronavirus. Similarly, Facebook is blocking ads that attempt to exploit the public health crisis.







From restaurants to musicians to cultural institutions large and small, people can put passion into action for the (safe) benefit of their stakeholders. Be positive.

## Utah Movie Theater

### **Drive-In Conversion**



### Utah movie theater converts to drive-in during coronavirus outbreak

by McKenzie Stauffer | Friday, March 27th 2020





A Utah mavie theater has come up with a clever way to stay in business while they are currently shutdown due to coronavirus. (FILE AP Photo/Chris Pizzello)







## Rockford Art Museum

### Cocktails With The Curator



Well. Facebook is still holding Carrie's video but we've got it uploaded to YouTube! So, check her out with your coffee or hold off until a slightly more appropriate cocktail hour And if you'd like to ask a question for the next one don't forget to email it to her at cjohnson@rockfordartmuseum.org! https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=yR48Jzj-bYs&feature=youtu.be



YOUTUBE.COM

Cocktails with the Curator: April 2, 2020

Rockford Art Museum Executive Director/Curator Carrie Johnson shares...

April 2 at 7:16 PM · ③

While we wait rather impatiently

Rockford Art Museum

While we wait rather impatiently for Carrie's "Cocktails with the Curator" video to appear, why don't we visit another great piece in our Permanent Collection? RAM Executive Director/Curator Carrie Johnson shows us one of her favorite pieces, "James" by Robert Longo.







purchasing this super-awesome tee printed loc... See More





## New Orleans Saints

## Doing Stairs With Resistance







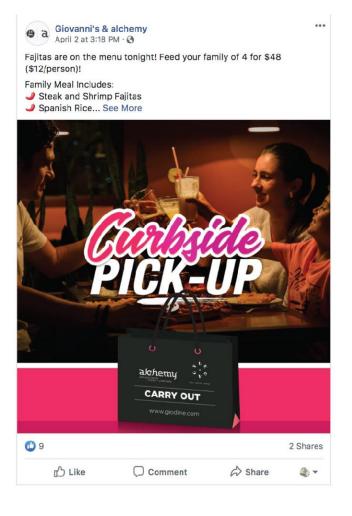
## Local Restaurants

## Curbside Offerings

#### Prairie Street Brewing Co.



#### Giovanni's



#### Abreo

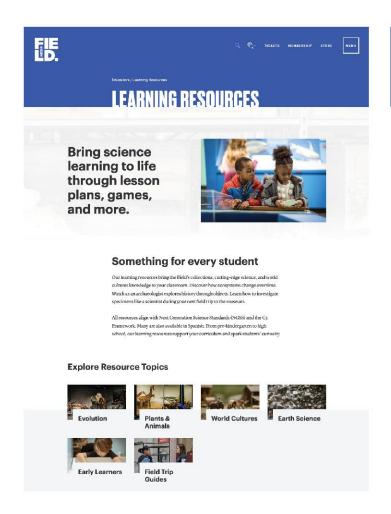




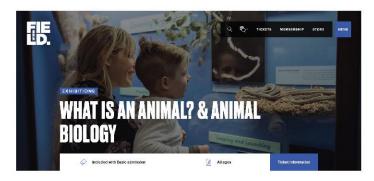


#### Field Museum

### Learning Resource Center







#### Wander through the beautiful and bizarre world of animals.

Pass under the shadows of giant seas creatures and explore the colors, shapes, and sounds that make up the animal lingdom. Weet mollucks hidding two sheletons and a frog that looks more foliage. From the fumny to the fantastical, discover the animal world and learn what makes each creature—including you!—an animal.



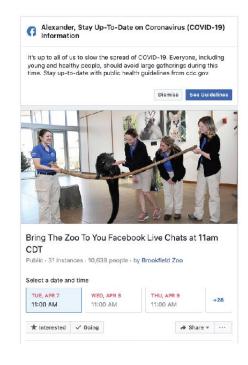




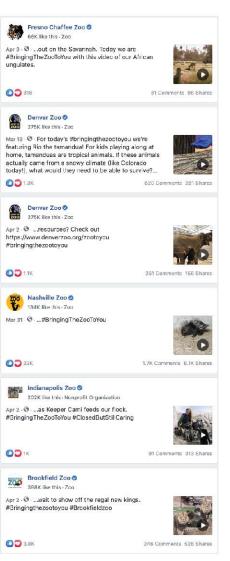


#### **Brookfield Zoo**

## Bring The Zoo To You





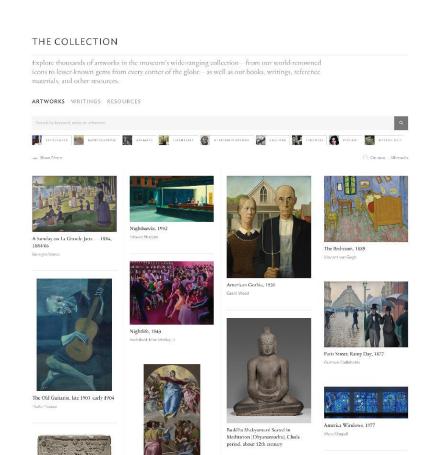






## Art Institute of Chicago

#### Visit Us Virtually





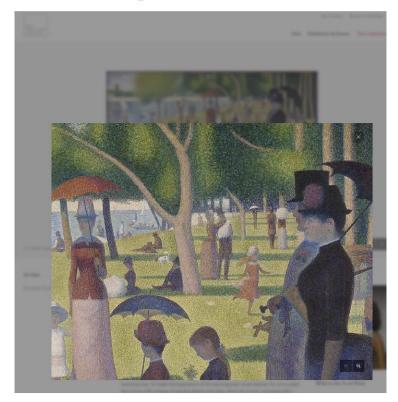
#### A Sunday on La Grande Jatte - 1884

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"Bedlam," "scandal," and "hilarity" were among the epithets used to describe what is now considered Georges Seurat's greatest work, and one of the most remarkable paintings of the nineteenth century, when it was first exhibited in Paris. Seurat labored extensively ove A Sunday on La Grande Jatte—1884, reworking the original as well as completing numerous preliminary drawings and oil sketches (the Art Institute has one such sketch and two drawings). With what resembles scientific precision, the artist tackled the issues of color, light, and form. Inspired by research in optical and color theory, he juxtaposed tiny dabs of colors that, through optical blending, form a single and, he believed, more brilliantly luminous hue. To make the experience of the painting even more intense, he surrounded the canvas with a frame of painted dashes and dots, which he, in turn, enclosed with a pure white wood frame, similar to the one with which the painting is exhibited today. The very immobility of the figures and the shadows they cast makes them forever silent and  $enigmatic. \ Like all \textit{great master-pieces}, \textit{La Grande Jatte continues to fascinate and elude}.$ 

Artist	Georges Seuras	
Title	A Sunday on La Grande Jasse — 1884	
Origin	France	
Date	1884-1886	

#### Extreme Close-Ups







# Art Institute of Chicago

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#### Interactive Features



#### A Headdress for Dance

Take a close look at this West African dance headdress, which represents the universal mother as an ideal of the female rate in society, and consider how its appearance encompasses choreography, music, and song.



#### From Ancient Greece to Chicago

Learn more about this vase—created in Greece more than 2,000 years ago and transported to Chicago in the late 19th century—and see how it became one of the first pieces to join the Art Institute's collection.



#### Conserving a Carousel Horse

Carouse's harken back to a bygone era. Only about 200 of the nearly 2,000 wooden carouse's that once operated across the country are in use today. The conservation of this jumping horse offers a glimpse into its colorful history.



#### Forged in Stee

Trace the many steps taken to make this elaborate armor, from the import of steel ingots to the shaping of celicare patterns and details—and a whole lot of fire and pounding in between



#### Anti-Slavery Medallion

On this medallion, an African man, kneeling and shackled, poses a powerful question. The medallion was used to advocate for the abolition (or end) of the African slave trade.



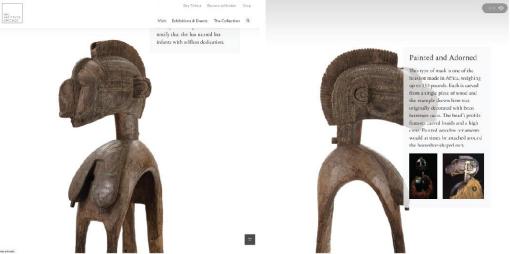
#### The Assumption of the Virgin

One of the most important paintings of El Grecc's career, "The Assumption of the Virgin' has become an iconic work in the Art Institute collection. Learn about the painting's origins, its journey to the museum, and a recent endeavor to clean and preserve the work for future visitors.











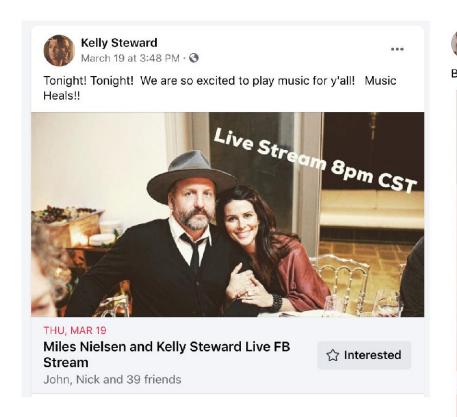


# Miles Nielsen & Kelly Steward

## Quarantunes From Our Living Room

Anita McDonough ▶ Kelly Steward

March 27 at 10:44 PM · 💸







☼ Bill Lamb, Laura Gomel and 192 others



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#### After All of This is Over











## **Jon Langford**

## Fitzgerald's Stay At Home Concerts









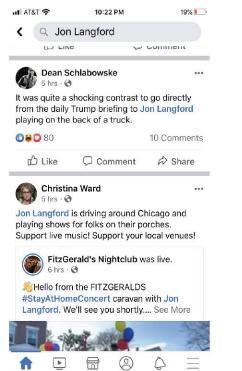


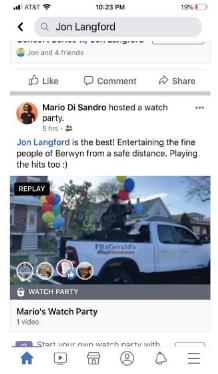


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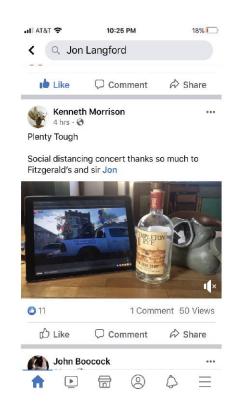
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Visit our website at grahamspencer.com or send us an email at info@grahamspencer.com to register for updates.





# Q&A



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# LunchChat

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Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 12 noon www.gorockford.com/lunchchat

## **Upcoming Webinar**

Thursday, April 9 @ 12 p.m.

#### **815 Community Response Team**

Guest panelists:

- Pam Clark Reidenbach (NICNE)
- Linda Sandquist (United Way of Rock River Valley)
- Jennifer Smith (Community Foundation of N. Illinois)





# Stay Connected!

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#### **Rockford Area Resources**

### **GoRockford.com/ResourceCenter**

Information about local sites/attractions/restaurants, and resources for families and small businesses

**GoRockford.com/LunchChat** 

Weekly webinars every Tuesday/Thursday





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