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**Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church**

**Friday, July 22, 2022 at 12:00PM**

**Speaker: Jason Mott, Chiefs General Manager**

**Topic: Peoria Chiefs**

Can't make it to the In-Person Meeting? [CLICK HERE TO JOIN VIA ZOOM](#)

Meeting ID: 897 6608 1791 Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799



## **Jonathon & Nikki Romain Artists ReEnvisioing Tomorrow Inc (ART Inc)**

Johnathon and Nikki Romain brought their story and their passion for art to Rotary on Friday. The couple operate ART Inc. out of the old Greeley School in the 900 block of NE Jefferson St. ART Inc. was born five years ago as a way to help Peoria's children manage their way into adulthood, using art as a vehicle for that trip.



Johnathon is honest about his own journey to artistic success from a childhood on the west side of Chicago. About to graduate from high school, Romain was discouraged from attempting college. But he did go to junior college, doing so well he was accepted to Bradley. His future career in psychology ended when he was convicted of selling cocaine his junior year. That earned him a prison term in 1990.



Working on painting during his incarceration, Johnathon became proficient, and shortly after being released from prison in 1997 he was able to open his own gallery in Peoria. His artistic success since then has included gallery showings around the country, and a commission by the Black Prosecutors Association for a painting of former President Bill Clinton.



Nikki Romain's background is in the performing arts and her work at ART Inc. is showcased in her work with students in theater projects and the [ART Inc. Summer Camp](#) programs.



Learn more about The Romain's and [ART Inc](#) by reading this article on the [Central Illinois Proud Website](#).



## Upcoming Meetings

**July 22<sup>nd</sup> - Meeting at First United Methodist Church**  
**Speaker:** Jason Mott | **Topic:** Peoria Chiefs  
**Invocation:** TBD  
**Attendance Prize:** Gina Driscoll  
**Greeter:** John Kelly

**July 29<sup>th</sup> - Meeting at First United Methodist Church**  
**Speaker:** District Governor William Durall  
**Topic:** District Governor Official Visit  
**Invocation:** Glen Miller  
**Attendance Prize:** Pam Johnson | **Greeter:** Ray Lees

**August 5<sup>th</sup> - Meeting at First United Methodist Church**  
**Speaker(s):** Osei David Andrews-Hutchinson & Teh'Ray Hale "aka" Phenom  
**Topic:** EmceeSkool Peace Ambassadors Program  
**Invocation:** Gina Driscoll  
**Attendance Prize:** Anthony Beiermann  
**Greeter:** Anthony Beiermann

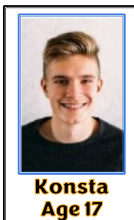
**Meeting Location Reminder** Please remember the club is holding weekly meetings at the **First United Methodist Church**. Unless noted otherwise. For security reasons the Church doors are only unlocked from 11:30am - 12:05pm. For any members arriving after 12:05pm, please use the church intercom system and the receptionist will buzz you in.

THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR  
PATIENCE AND  
UNDERSTANDING

## Youth Exchange Program - Updates



**Finnish-Estonian Multidistrict  
Rotary District 1430  
2022-23 Exchange Student**



**Kuopio, Finland**

**Currently  
Konsta is  
scheduled  
to arrive  
on Aug 7<sup>th</sup>  
- 4 weeks  
from now!**

### Rotary Club of Peoria International Youth Exchange Program

- **New Host Family** - Charlie & Holly Greer & family have graciously agreed to be hosts for Konsta at their home for the third/final leg of his stay from **April - July!**
- That means that we just need one more host family for the **December - March** term.
  - **Angela & Shawn Weck** are hosting from **August - November.**
- We have had a referral of a potentially interested host family via member John Iverson and Scott is awaiting follow-up with them.
- **Youth Exchange Counselor** - Brad Stegall has completed his online training / paperwork to become the Youth Exchange Counselor for Konsta.

If you would like information about the program or want to refer someone who is interested in being a host family contact Scott Seynemeier, Rotary Club of Peoria Youth Exchange Officer. Email: [sseynemeier@gmail.com](mailto:sseynemeier@gmail.com) | Phone: 309-231-8520

## Upcoming Social Events

**Rotary**  **JULY SOCIAL**  
 Club of Peoria

### Herm / McIntyre Rotary Picnic

**Date:** Sat, July 23rd | **Time:** 3pm- 8pm

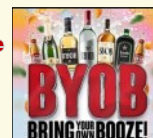
**Location:** Martha Herm & Tom McIntyre's Farm  
 23215 Farmdale Rd, Washington, IL 61571

This is just outside East Peoria- best use a GPS.  
 A map to our place will be provided pre-party.

**Details:** Boating, fishing & family fun will be available.  
 We have 2 canoes, 4 kayaks and a rowboat on an eight acre lake. An artist will do cartoons of participants for a donation to the Rotary Polio Campaign.  
 Arrive when you choose.

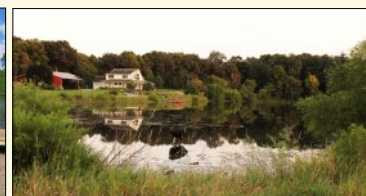
Dinner will be provided and served at 6pm -  
 Soft-drinks | Beer | Sandwiches | Coleslaw | Potato Salad

If you want Wine or Hard Drinks, please



No Cost for Members & Guests

RSVP by 07/20



Members Are Encouraged To Bring Friends, Family  
 Members & Prospective Members

**Rotary**  **AUGUST SOCIAL**  
 Club of Peoria

**Date:** Thur, Aug 25th | **Time:** 5:30pm - 7:30pm

**Location:** Home of George & Diana Ghareeb  
 4308 W Deermeadow Dr, Peoria, IL 61615

**Food, Beer, & Wine will be Provided**

No Cost for Members & Guests | RSVP by 08/22

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If you would like to attend any of the upcoming socials we are asking that you please **RSVP** by emailing [infodowntown@peoriarotary.org](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org)

A sign-up sheet will also be available at the weekly meeting. Thank you!!

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## Paul Harris Presentations

Two Peoria Rotarians were presented with Paul Harris awards at last Friday's meeting.

Tony Beiermann  
& Todd Davis

*Congratulations!*



## Rotary District 6460 Upcoming Events

Rotary Night at The Ball Park

New York Yankees vs. St. Louis Cardinals

Busch Stadium

August 6th, 2022 | 6:15pm Game Time

Tickets \$45.00

TICKET ORDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE DISTRICT 6460 WEBSITE & WILL BE AVAILABLE AT WEEKLY CLUB MEETINGS

Buying Tickets Helps with The Literacy Projects

## Service Project Update



Members of the Peoria Rotary Club built an elevated-platform at Wildlife Prairie Park on Sat, July 16th. The platform, hung between two trees and two stout poles, is for the Bobcat enclosure. The idea of the elevated platform is to give the Bobcats a place to eat where they will be more readily visible to park-goers.



Members Pictured: Chuck Gabbert, Randy Neff, Don Hartshorn, Todd Davis, Ken Silverthorn and Tom McIntyre



### Club Officers

President - Tom McIntyre

President-Elect - Randy Neff

Secretary - Katherine Coyle

Treasurer - Scott Fisher

Immediate Past President - Janet Bantz Glavin

### Board Members

Melissa Entzminger

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