

# THE GREEN LIGHT

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PEORIA — Club 3238

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Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church Friday, August 12, 2022 at 12:00PM

Speaker: Dr. Terri Goss Kinzy, ISU President Topic: ISU's First Woman President

Can't make it to the In-Person Meeting? <u>CLICK HERE TO JOIN VIA ZOOM</u> Meeting ID: 897 6608 1791 Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799

# Osei David Andrews-Hutchinson & Teh'Ray Hale "aka" Phenom Emcee Skool Peace Ambassadors Anti-Gun Violence Program

Teh'Ray Hale is better known by his name as a performer and teacher: "Phenom". Past-President Janet Bantz-Glavin worked to bring him and his friend, Osei David Andrews Hutchinson, to Peoria Rotarians on Friday. Andrews-Hutchinson is a member of the Chicago Southeast Rotary Club and a former Rotary District 6450 Governor. When he saw some poised young people from a group called LYRIC calling for peace while rapping and doing spoken word poetry, he sensed there was something Rotary

might help with. LYRIC, (Let Your Rhymes Inspire Creativity) founded by Phenom, was operating on a shoestring and needed funding.



Emcee Skool Firehouse

Andrews-Hutchinson and other
Rotarians who saw that 'promoting peace'
is just as important in Chicago as
it is in Ukraine. The result was a Rotary
Global Grant of 50-thousand dollars for
Phenom's Emcee Skool - now operating out
of an old firehouse. The co-sponsor of the
grant was a Rotary Club in Nigeria.

The Emcee Skool continues to train young

From Left to Right: Osei David Andrews-Hutchinson, Teh'Ray Hale "aka" Phenom & Past President Janet Bantz Glavin

people in their 20's to be ambassadors for peace. The work of Andrews-Hutchinson and Phenom resulted in a story in the <u>February 2022 issue of Rotary Magazine</u> --

Phenom is on the cover.

After Friday's meeting, Phenom and Andrews-Hutchinson met with Peoria's Mayor, Police Chief and District 150 Superintendent and Peoria Rotarians to see how the Chicago-area program might be implemented locally.



## **Upcoming Meetings**

August 12<sup>th</sup> - Meeting at <u>First United Methodist Church</u>

Speaker: ISU President - Dr. Terri Goss Kinzy Topic: ISU's First Woman President

Invocation: Mick Hall
Attendance Prize: Jodi Lindsay
Greeter: Martha Herm

August 19th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Speaker: Angela Weck
Topic: The situation in Ukraine
Invocation: John Bearce
Attendance Prize: Mick Hall
Greeter: Charlie Greer

August 26<sup>th</sup> - Meeting at <u>First United Methodist Church</u>

Speaker: Gerald Prall Topic: Pringle Robotics Invocation: TBD Attendance Prize: TBD Greeter: TBD

## **Upcoming Social Events**



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 & Quests | RSVP by 08/22

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

If you would like to attend the upcoming social we are asking that you please RSVP by emailing infodowtown@peoriarotary.org

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

#### **Rotary Readers Update**

The Rotary Readers program is hoping to start sometime in September, but before they can start they need to build & rebuild the reading teams.

MORE HELP NEEDED: We still need 6-10 New Readers to complete teams with the right amount of Readers for each student. You do not need to be a Rotary member to participate in this program.

<u>Click Here</u> if you would like to join or know someone who wants to have a positive impact on needy 2nd graders, please talk to them about this opportunity.

Let's make this another great year with Miss Doty's students!

Thanks to all for your commitment!!

Maggie & Owen - Rotary Readers Co-chairs

#### Meeting Location Reminder

Please remember the club

is holding weekly meetings at the <u>First United Methodist Church</u>. *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

#### **Rotary Foundation & Endowment Committee Updates**

The Rotary Foundation & Endowment Committee will meet immediately after the club meeting on Friday Aug 19, for any existing members and for anyone who would like to join the Foundation & Endowment Committee, email the office <a href="mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org">infodowntown@peoriarotary.org</a> or plan to attend the committee meeting on Aug 19 - Thank youl

## **Hunger & Community Service Grant Committee Updates**

The Hunger & Community Service Grant Committee will meet immediately after the club meeting on Friday Aug 26, for any existing members and for anyone who would like to join the Hunger & Community Service Grant Committee, email the office <a href="mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org">infodowntown@peoriarotary.org</a> or plan to attend the committee meeting on Aug 26 - Thank you!

## **Youth Exchange Program • Updates**







#### Rotary Club of Peoria International Youth Exchange Program

- Konsta's 18th birthday is Aug 8<sup>th</sup>, we will have a small celebration for him when he attends this
  week's club meeting Aug 12<sup>th</sup>. This will be the first opportunity for members to meet Konsta.
  - 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 <u>April - July</u>!
  - That means that we just need one more host family for the <u>December March</u> term.
     Angela & Shawn Weck are hosting from <u>August November</u>.
- 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: <a href="mailto:sseynemeier@gmail.com">sseynemeier@gmail.com</a> | Phone: 309-231-8520



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





Age 18



Konsta
arrived to
Peoria on
Sunday
Aug 7<sup>th</sup>



# **Annual Golf Outing**

Date: Mon, Aug 15th | Location: Mt Hawley Country Club, 7724 N. Knoxville Ave, Peoria Volunteers are needed to help with the following: Pin Holders on each of the 18 holes, and in other jobs, like registration, etc. Interested Rotarians can contact Jerry Jackson with any questions - jacksonfinancial@yahoo.com | (309) 657-3203. Thank you!!



The Rotary Club of Peoria has been involved with the Goodwill Stand Down for Homeless Veterans for 14 years!! This year's annual event will be held at Goodwill Commons 2319 E. War Memorial Dr on Oct 15. Volunteers are needed to help out between 8 AM - 1 PM. Please be sure to include your up to date phone & email - Goodwill will contact you about timeslots. If you would like to volunteer, a sign-up sheet will be available at the weekly

meetings. You can also email the office infodowntown@peoriarotary.org to be added to list. Thank you!!

#### **Member Celebrations**



#### **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 Charlie Greer Emily Jacob-Rudesill Aaron Kilgore Patrick Kirchhofer Randy Neff

Jana' Stevens

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