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Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Friday, August 19, 2022 at 12:00PM

Speaker: Angela Weck

Topic: The Situation in Ukraine

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

Dr. Terri Goss Kinzy, ISU President Illinois State University's First Woman President

This is a warning: some 6,000 students will be moving into Illinois State University residence halls and on-campus apartments August 15-21. Plan for traffic backups and delays if you are delivering a student to campus.

ISU President Terri Goss Kinzy spoke to Peoria Rotarians on Friday, noting that "move-in day" this year begins on August 15th and will not end until the 22nd.



There's a big class of students coming to ISU this year. Class size is up 20 % over 2021! ISU had to quit taking deposits for tuition early because of the number of students coming to the campus in Normal. The ISU President pointed out that those students have an average 3.62 GPA.



Goss Kinzy pointed to expansion projects on the campus, including an \$18 million building addition to the ISU Mennonite College of Nursing for a simulation lab expected to open before the fall 2024 semester.



On the matter of tuition, the ISU President said state funding for Illinois Public Universities has been dropping, and currently provides only 14% of ISU's funding. That, she said, is less than the percentage received by other state schools. However, ISU had a private support total during last fiscal year of \$31.2 million raised.

The ISU President also invited Peoria Rotary foreign exchange student Konsta from Finland to visit the campus...offering him a chance to watch a Bradley/ISU basketball game from her private box.

Rotary Club of Peoria Youth Exchange Student



**Konsta,
2022-23 Rotary Youth
Exchange Student**

The Rotary Club of Peoria's first foreign exchange student since the 1990's made his first visit to the club on Friday. Konsta Hamalainen of Finland was introduced to members, and he in turn brought some gifts from his country: a Rotary Flag from his local club and a couple of boxes of Finnish chocolates.

Those chocolates might just be on the door prize table next week, so be sure to show up! The speaker for the day will be Angela Weck, Bradley professor and expert on Russia, who will speak about the current situation in Ukraine.

Upcoming Meetings

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 26th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Speaker: Gerald Prall

Topic: Pringle Robotics

Invocation: Bill Winkler

Attendance Prize: Tom Schlink

Greeter: Mick Hall

September 2nd - Meeting at First United Methodist Church

**Speaker(s): Andrew Eilola, Director of Forensics
& Members of the Bradley Speech Team**

Topic: Bradley University's Award-Winning Speech Team

Invocation: Edie Barnard

Attendance Prize: Nick Baker

Greeter: Jason Miller

Upcoming Social Events

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

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

If you would like to attend the upcoming social we are asking that you please **RSVP** by emailing infodowntown@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.

[Click Here](#) 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 **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

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 infodowntown@peoriarotary.org or plan to attend the committee meeting on **Aug 19** - Thank you!

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 infodowntown@peoriarotary.org or plan to attend the committee meeting on **Aug 26** - Thank you!

Youth Exchange Student - Updates



Rotary Club of Peoria International Youth Exchange Program

- A warm welcome to Konsta ~ Rotary's Youth Exchange student from Finland.
- **HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY KONSTAI ~ HYVÄÄ MYÖHÄSSÄ SYNTYMÄPÄIVÄÄ** ~ He celebrated his 16th birthday on Aug 8th ~ the day after he arrived.
- 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.**
- 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: ssynemeier@gmail.com | Phone: 309-231-8520



**ROTARY CLUB of PEORIA WELCOMES
FINNISH-ESTONIAN MULTIDISTRICT
ROTARY DISTRICT 1430
2022-23 EXCHANGE STUDENT**



**Konsta
Age 18**



Kuopio, Finland

**Konsta
arrived in
the United
States on
Sunday,
August 7th**

Volunteer Opportunities



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!!



Service Project Update



Annual Golf Outing

The annual golf outing was held on **Mon. Aug 15th** at the **Mt Hawley Country Club in Peoria**. **Thank you to everyone that signed up to volunteer for this event!!!**

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