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**Weekly Meeting at Barrack's Cater Inn
Thursday, November 10, 2022**

Veterans Day Meeting with Rotary North

Speaker: Captain Harold Arthur Fritz

Topic: Medal of Honor Veteran

Buffet opens at 11:30am | Meeting Time: 12:10pm - 1:10pm

Can't make it to the In-Person Meeting? [CLICK HERE TO JOIN VIA ZOOM](#)
Meeting ID: 852 8472 3864 | Passcode: 494131 | Dial by your location: +1 312 626 6799

Mike Rucker, Local Historian & Retired Caterpillar Engineer Bicycling History in Peoria



Peoria writer and local historian Mike Rucker told the tale of the bicycle to Peoria Rotarians on Friday. Peoria's two-wheeled history goes back to the late 1800's, when Peoria was one of the cycling capitals of the nation. In the 1860's the nation's first bicycle craze took place.



Among those early "bikes" was the "Penny-Farthing", with its large petaled wheel in front and a tiny wheel in the rear. While speedy, given the size of the large driving wheel,

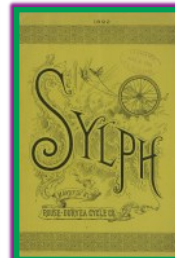
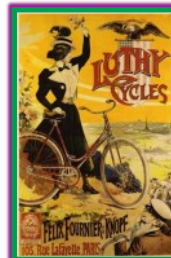
it could be unsafe. Which is why the "safety bicycle", with two equal-sized wheels was so-named. It was easier to ride, and with the addition of pneumatic tires, easier on the rider's body.



The flat terrain of the Midwest was ideal for the new bicycle. In fact, two-thirds of the bicycles made in America in the 1880's were made within 150 miles of Chicago. In 1885, Charles Duryea opened a bike repair shop in Peoria and patented the women's drop frame.

In 1895, the Rouse Hazard factory was opened to manufacture bikes in Peoria Heights and had 350 employees. The factory is still standing and now Trefzger's bakery owns the building.

Bikes were sold at Peoria's downtown Montgomery Ward building - where the top floor had an area where people could learn how to ride.



Upcoming Meetings

**NO MEETING ON FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 11, 2022
VETERANS DAY**



**NO MEETING FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 25, 2022**

November 18th - Meeting at the Peoria Riverfront Museum

Program: Hunger Grant Awards

Invocation: TBD

Attendance Prize: Nick Baker

Greeter: Lisa Mullens

***Enter the MUSEUM'S UNDERGROUND FREE PARKING DECK off of WATER ST -- Once parked, enter through the double doors, and walk straight until just right before the stairs, you will turn left, and the Auditorium is all the way all the end of that hall. Signs will be posted inside the museum directing you to the Auditorium.**

December 2nd - Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Program: Club Assembly

Invocation: Patrick Kirchhofer

Attendance Prize: Don Johnson

Greeters: Jana' Stevens & John Kelly

December 9th - Meeting at First United Methodist Church

Speaker: Patrick Urich, Peoria City Manager

Program: Peoria City Updates

Invocation: Jerry Jackson

Attendance Prize: Nick Vespa & Jana' Stevens

Greeters: Nick Baker & Nick Vespa

Youth Exchange Student - Updates

New Membership Proposal

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

**Konsta
Age 17**

Kuopio, Finland

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

The following membership proposal have been approved by the Club Board of Directors and are published here for general membership consideration.

Prospective Member: Katie VandenBerg
Company: Focused Forward

Sponsored by: Emily Jacob-Rudesill

Protests may be sent, in writing, to the President or Secretary within 7 days. If none are received, the proposals will be considered satisfactory.

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Rotary Club of Peoria International Youth Exchange Program

- Angela & Shawn Weck are hosting Konsta from - August through November
- Two additional host families are still needed - One for the December through March term and one for the third & final leg of his stay April through July
- We are looking for host families who live primarily in Brimfield or Peoria or nearby. The time commitment is four months for each family. Host families do not have to be Rotarians. (Help spread the word)
- 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

Volunteer Opportunities

ALL THE SOUTH SIDE MISSION VOLUNTEER SPOTS HAVE BEEN FILLED - THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO WAS ABLE TO SIGN-UP!

South Side Mission ~ Thanksgiving 2022

Join forces with South Side Mission to prep and deliver Thanksgiving to those in need. We will have delivery routes available in Peoria, East Peoria, Peoria Heights, Dunlap, Bartonville, Creve Coeur, Morton, Pekin and Washington

**NO SLOTS AVAILABLE
SIGN UPS ARE FULL**

Route: Each route consists of Between 20 & 25 Meals
Location: South Side Mission
1127 S Laramie St, Peoria, IL 61605

can't get online to sign up, we will have a sign-up sheet available at weekly meetings.

Member Celebrations

Rotary Club of Peoria		NOVEMBER		Member Celebrations	
Birthdays & Anniversaries		Member Birthdays	Date	Member Anniversaries	Years
Let's Celebrate		Don Johnson	11/1	Travis Weaver	1
		Perry Johnson	11/3	Mark Wuff	3
		Bernie Drake	11/7	Christine Heine	5
		Lisa Mullins	11/8	Darin LaHood	6
		Patrick Kirckhofer	11/10	Jodi Tarter	8
		Melissa Entzminger	11/11	Perry Johnson	13
		Peter Russell	11/12	Tom Hunt	18
		John Crawford	11/17	Debbie Sippel	21
		Christine Heine	11/20	Cathy Butler	26
		Brian Moety	11/28	Les Cohen	30
Tim Bassett	11/30	Richard Eagleton	31		
		Tim Swain	46		
		Dave Leitch	47		

Upcoming Events



Holiday Social

Date: Thursday, December 8, 2022
Location: ART Inc - 919 NE Jefferson St, Peoria
Members Free | Guests: \$15.00 Per Person
MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON

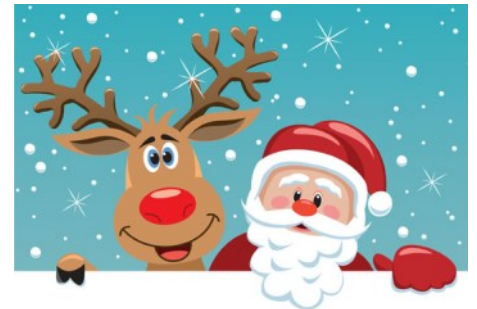
If you plan to attend the social, we are asking that you please RSVP by emailing the office at infodowntown@peoriarotary.org
 There will also be a RSVP sign-up sheet available at the weekly club meeting.

Rotary Club Magnets

The Rotary Club of Peoria has 4X6 Car Magnets Available ~ Pick one up at the weekly meeting.



Parade Announcement



Santa Claus Parade

135th Annual Santa Parade

The 135th Annual Santa Parade will be held on Friday, November 25, 2022 at 9:15am in Downtown Peoria.

The parade is the longest continuous running holiday parade in the country.

Rotary Downtown & North will again enter the Rotary Literacy float in the Santa Parade.

We will join other Rotary clubs to walk with the float this year.

The parade route travels South on Monroe, turns left onto Main St, then left on Adams, ending on Fayette.

You, your family, and friends are welcome to join us. - If you plan to walk with the float - all participants should be there by 8:30am to start lining up.

Rotary vests will be provided & they do fit over coats. Look for the large Rotary wheel on Monroe St - 1 block from the Fire Station.

The parade will be aired live on WMBD-TV. We hope to see you all there in support.

Club Officers

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Secretary - Katherine Coyle

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