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# THE GREEN LIGHT

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**Weekly Meeting at Peoria Riverfront Museum**  
**Friday, November 18, 2022 at 12:00PM**  
**Program: Hunger Grant Awards Meeting**

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



**Veterans Day Program with Rotary North**  
**Speaker: Retired US Army Lieutenant Colonel Harold "Hal" Fritz**  
**Topic: Medal of Honor Veteran**



Retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Harold "Hal" Fritz of Peoria is one of 49 living Medal of Honor recipients awarded for their actions in the Vietnam War. Hal Fritz spoke at Thursday's joint Peoria Rotary Clubs' Veteran's Day Luncheon.



Hal Fritz and Rotarian of the Day John Bearce

Fritz spoke of other Medal of Honor awardees, but characteristically, did not speak his own actions that resulted in his receiving the nation's highest military honor. Lt. Hal Fritz was seriously wounded in a January 11th, 1969 firefight in Binh Long Province, South Vietnam during Operation Toan Thang II.

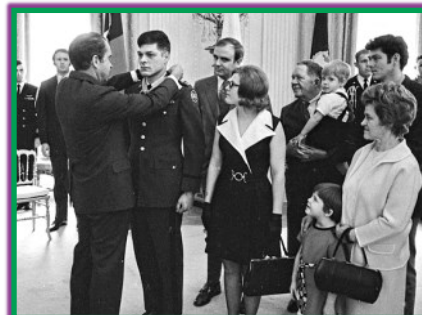
Despite being seriously wounded, he continued to lead his 11th Armored Cavalry platoon through the battle, even leading a counterattack. Fritz's bravery and "conspicuous gallantry" --despite being seriously wounded-- resulted in his promotion to captain and being awarded the Medal of Honor. In his 27-year Army career, Hal Fritz also received a Silver Star, a Bronze Star, a Legion of Merit, a Purple Heart, and other service decorations.



Hal Fritz's "Challenge Coin"



Hal Fritz from active duty



President Nixon awarding Hal Fritz the Medal of Honor



Hal Fritz shaking Nixon's hand

## Upcoming Meetings

**November 18<sup>th</sup> - Meeting at the Peoria Riverfront Museum**

**Program:** Hunger Grant Awards  
**Invocation:** Patrick Kirchofer  
**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.**



**NO MEETING  
 FRIDAY  
 NOVEMBER 25,  
 2022**

**December 2<sup>nd</sup> - Meeting at First United Methodist Church**

**Program:** Club Assembly  
**Invocation:** Patrick Kirchofer  
**Attendance Prize:** Don Johnson  
**Greeters:** Jana' Stevens & John Kelly

**December 9<sup>th</sup> - 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

**December 16<sup>th</sup> - Meeting at First United Methodist Church**

**Holiday Program:** Morton Madrigals Performance  
**Invocation:** John Kelly  
**Attendance Prize:** Jerry Jackson  
**Greeter:** Perry Johnson

### Rotary District 6460 Updates



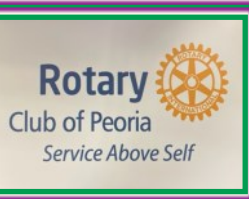
**District 6460 End Polio Now Fundraiser**

**Ezra Books Cask Strength & Rebel Cask Strength Bourbon (\$100/bottle)**  
 Delivery of bourbon expected in late summer or early fall

[Reserve your bourbon today! \(PDF\)](#)

More information and mailing instructions on the form

### Rotary Club Magnets



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



### Youth Exchange Student - Updates



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



**Konsta  
 arrived in  
 the United  
 States on  
 Sunday,  
 August 7<sup>th</sup>**



#### 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: [sseynemeier@gmail.com](mailto:sseynemeier@gmail.com) | Phone: 309-231-8520**



## 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](mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org)

There will also be a RSVP sign-up sheet available at the weekly club meeting.


## Past Capital Project Spotlight

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Having been founded in 1913, 2013 was the centenary year for the Rotary Club of Peoria. In honor of the centennial, the club voted to fund a major community project and chose to fund the Rotary Adventure Grove as part of the redevelopment of Glen Oak Park. More than \$100,000 was contributed by Club members. Groundbreaking was held in April of 2013 with the dedication of Adventure Grove in the Fall of 2014.

## 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.



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