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# THE GREEN LIGHT

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PEORIA — Club 3238

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**Reminder: No Meeting This Week**  
**See you next Friday, December 2, 2022**



Wishing you a wonderful

**THANKSGIVING**

and a happy holiday season

## Rotary Club of Peoria 2022 Hunger Grant Awards Program

The Rotary Club of Peoria handed out \$12,400 in checks on Friday to help the hungry of Central Illinois. This year's annual hunger grant awards meeting was held at the Peoria Riverfront Museum. The Rotary Club awarded funds to help nine local agencies, large and small.

Receiving funds were Heart of Illinois Harvest, Sophia's Kitchen, The Salvation Army of Peoria, Dream Center Peoria, The Center for Prevention of Abuse, The Crittenton Centers, Redeemer's Food Pantry, Family Core, and Hand Up Peoria.



**AND THE WINNERS ARE...**

The nine agencies involved had each applied for "Hunger Grant" funds to meet specific needs in September and October. Several agencies have reported their costs are increasing in line with the cost of gasoline, and because additional families have sought their services.

Earlier in 2022, the Rotary Club of Peoria awarded \$10,200 to seven agencies in the club's "Community Service Grants" program.



Rotary Club of Peoria - Grants Co-Chair - Amanda Klein and the Hunger Grant Award Recipients

## Upcoming Meetings



**NO MEETING  
FRIDAY  
NOV.25, 2022**

**December 2<sup>nd</sup> - Meeting at First United Methodist Church**  
**Program: Club Assembly**  
**Invocation: Patrick Kirchhofer**  
**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**

### Member Get Well Wishes

**Chuck Gabbert**

### Member Congratulations

**Rebekah Bourland**

We would like to recognize Peoria Rotarian **Rebekah Bourland** for receiving the **2022 ArtsPartner Member of the Year Award**.  
 Warmest congratulations on your achievement!

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**Diana Hall**

We would like to recognize Peoria Rotarian **Diana Hall** who was named as this year's recipient of the **"Tom Connor Award"**.  
 Warmest congratulations on your achievement!

### Rotary Club Magnets

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

### Rotary District 6460 Updates

**Rotary** **PEOPLE of ACTION**

**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

### Youth Exchange Student Updates

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 7<sup>th</sup>



## Upcoming Events



# Holiday Social

**Date:** Thursday, December 8, 2022  
**Location:** ART Inc - 919 NE Jefferson St, Peoria  
**Time:** 6:00pm – 8:00pm  
**Members Free | Guests: \$15.00 Per Person**  
 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.



### Club Officers

President - Tom McIntyre  
 President-Elect - Randy Neff  
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 Immediate Past President - Janet Bantz Glavin

### Board Members

Melissa Entzminger  
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