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ROTARY**  
CLUB PRESIDENT  
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# THE GREEN LIGHT

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PEORIA — Club 3238

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CHARTERED 1913  
CLUB NO. 76

**Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church  
Friday, December 2, 2022 at 12:00PM  
Program: Club Assembly**

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

## 135th Annual Santa Claus Parade

Peoria Area Community Events (PACE) held the 135th Annual Peoria Santa Claus Parade on Friday, November 25th, 2022. This year's theme was "Winter Wonderland." Peoria's is the longest running holiday parade in the country. The parade features costumed characters, novelty walking units, decorated floats, marching bands, and of course Santa Claus.

And Rotarians! Members from the Downtown and Peoria North Rotary Clubs walked with the Rotary Float, which recognizes Rotary's efforts to support literacy.

Didn't get a chance to see WMBD's coverage of the parade?

**[Watch it now!](#)** - The Rotary Float and marchers are seen 48 minutes, 30 seconds into the program.



Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Peoria and Peoria North posing with the Rotary Float before the parade



Ryan LaCrosse as "Roto" the Wonder Dog



Rotarian - Aaron Kilgore with his State Farm Float



Rotarian - Susie Stockman as "Mrs. Claus" on Santa's Float

## Upcoming Meetings

**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**



**NO MEETING ON  
FRIDAY DEC.23 &  
DEC.30, 2022**

## 2023-2024 Club Nominations



The nominating committee is proposing the following slate for the 2023-2024 Board of Directors

**President Elect: Jana' Stevens**

**Treasurer: Gina Driscoll**

**Secretary: Caitlin Behrends**

**Director: Jason Parkinson**

**Director: Robert Brandfass**

## 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**

**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**

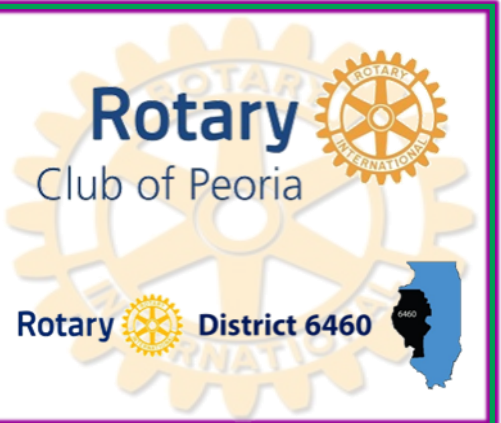


**Konsta  
Age 17**



**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.



## Member Celebrations



**Rotary**  
Club of Peoria

# DECEMBER

## Member Celebrations

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays	Date	Birthdays	Date
Timothy Newlin	12/2	Paris McConnell	12/26
Robert Brandfass	12/3	Jana' Stevens	12/27
John Kelly	12/5		
Marty Collier	12/6	Anniversaries	Years
Steve Bash	12/6	Mark Brown	1
Ray LaWood	12/6	Diane Blumenthal	3
Tonda Thompson	12/7	Tracy Geisz	3
Nick Vespa	12/16	Janet Bantz Glavin	16
Peter Wong	12/19	Peter Wong	27
Nicholas Baker	12/19	Jerry Jackson	28
Randall Velverton	12/20	Marty Collier	31
Jerry Jackson	12/25	Steve Van Winkle	40

<h3>Club Officers</h3> <p>President - Tom McIntyre              President-Elect - Randy Neff              Secretary - Katherine Coyle              Treasurer- Scott Fisher              Immediate Past President - Janet Bantz Glavin</p>	<h3>Board Members</h3> <p>Melissa Entzminger              Charlie Greer              Emily Jacob-Rudesill              Aaron Kilgore              Patrick Kirchofer              Randy Neff              Jana' Stevens</p>	<h3>Contact Us</h3> <p>Melissa Brewer              Executive Secretary  <b>OFFICE:</b> 309-676-5432  <b>CELL:</b> 309-635-7377  <b>EMAIL:</b> <a href="mailto:infodowntown@peoriarotary.org">infodowntown@peoriarotary.org</a>  <i>Office Hours: By Appointment</i>  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.peoriarotary.org">www.peoriarotary.org</a></p>
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