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# THE GREEN LIGHT

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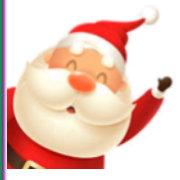


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CLUB NO. 76



**Weekly Meeting at First United Methodist Church**  
**Friday, December 16, 2022 at 12:00PM**  
**Topic: Rotary Club Holiday Party**  
**Special Performance from the Morton Madrigals**

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





**Patrick Ulrich, Peoria City Manager**  
**What's Happening at City Hall**

**Peoria City manager Patrick Urich gave a rundown on Peoria's past year, and the year to come at Friday's Peoria Rotary meeting. Urich pointed to the 265-million-dollar budget for 2023, saying that the spending plan calls for hiring additional city workers in the Fire and Public Works Departments.**

**The City Manager led his talk with some good news: Peoria has been getting good reviews as a cheap place to live by Realtor.com, as "one of the best places to live" by US News and World Report, and as one of the "most beautiful places to live in Illinois" by World Atlas.**

**Meanwhile, while the number of shootings in Peoria have continued at an unacceptable level, the number of murders and shooting deaths are down from 2021 by 27 and 26 percent.**

**And here's something to plan for: Winter! Urich says if there is a snowfall of up to six inches, the plan is to have major arteries cleared in 24 hours. If the snowfall is over six inches, it could take 36 hours for streets to get cleared.**





## Upcoming Meetings

**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**



## New Membership Proposals

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

**Prospective Member: Jeff LaFary**  
**Company: Kuhl Insurance**

**Prospective Member: Sara Meinhart**  
**Company: United States Courts**

**Both 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.

## Youth Exchange Student Updates

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

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**Konsta**



**Kuopio, Finland**

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

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**Be a Host Family for  
 an Exchange Student**

### Rotary Club of Peoria International Youth Exchange Program Updates

**We will focus on club engagement / enrichment opportunities for Konsta.**  
**We are also asking club members for driving support for the upcoming monthly District gatherings. Driving support mileage is reimbursable.**

**Several volunteers are needed. If you are interested in helping – Please contact Scott Seynemeier (sseynemeier@gmail.com) | Janet Bantz Glavin (jglavin@illinois.wish.org) or the office (infodowntown@peoriarotary.org)**

## 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

## Volunteer Opportunities

Rotary Club of Peoria  
**Interact**  
 Peoria High School



**PHS Holiday  
 Toy Drive**

*Key Club & Interact will be collecting new and gently used toys to donate to the Peoria Friendship House*



**11/21-12/14**

*Drop off donations  
 to Peoria High School  
 in the main office  
 1615 N North Street*

**QUESTIONS? EMAIL  
 DANA.SANDERS@PSD150.ORG**

**If you have items to donate, please bring them to the weekly club meeting. Collected donations will be dropped off at Peoria High School.**

**Donations can also be dropped off at Peoria High School in the main office 1615 N. North St - during regular school hours.**

**Make sure to let them know your from the Rotary Club of Peoria and let Melissa know so we can track our club's support!**

## Rotary Club Holiday Social

Thursday, Dec 8th, 2022

ART Inc - 919 NE Jefferson St, Peoria

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED**

Some twenty Peoria Rotarians and their significant others spent some quality time at the December Rotary Social at ART Inc on Peoria's near north side. Housed in the old Greeley School, ART Inc offers activities

and classes for hundreds of Peoria youngsters operated by Jonathon and Nikki Romain. The Romain's spoke to Peoria Rotary Club members back in July of this year--saying ART Inc. was created to help Peoria children manage their way into adulthood, using art as a vehicle. Jonathon gave Rotarians a tour of the old school building, now updated with solar power and modern localized heating.



The Peoria Rotary Club's foreign exchange student, Konsta Hamalainen, took to the podium on Friday to talk briefly about his home country of Finland.

Here are some things we learned....

- (1) The Finns consume more coffee per capita than any other country in not just Europe, but the world.
- (2) Finns are perfectly happy not being close to other people, but they are considered the happiest people in the world.
- (3) Estimates put the number of saunas in Finland at around two million...not bad for a population of 5.3 million people.
- (4) Kimi Raikkonen, a recently retired Formula One auto racer is the major Finish sports hero.

While Konsta might have wanted a sauna for a Christmas gift, the Peoria Rotary Club instead gave him a Manchester City Football Club jersey (that's soccer to us).



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**DON HARTSHORN**

Doing Good In The World

Peoria Rotarian Don Hartshorn was awarded a special lapel pin on Friday in recognition of his long support of the Rotary Foundation. Don is a retired attorney, a past President of the Rotary Club of Peoria and a twenty-year veteran of the Peoria club. When a Rotarian's cumulative donations reach \$10,000, that Rotarian becomes a Major Donor, and he or she receives a special Major Donor pin signifying their status.



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### Club Officers

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