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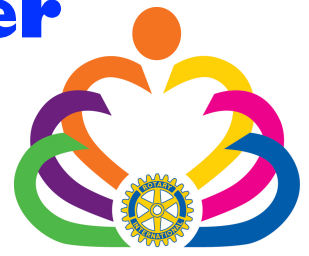
Edition



# The Rotary Banner

East Alton Rotary Club  
Chartered Oct. 28, 1971 District 6460

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

## CLUB OFFICERS

### PRESIDENT

David Miller

### PRESIDENT -ELECT

Eric Barger

### SECRETARY

Lori Palmer

### TREASURER

Cory Gallivan

### DIRECTORS

#### CLUB SERVICE

Paul Hoover

#### VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Brad Lavite

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Mark Allison

#### INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Rod Croxford

#### NEW GENERATIONS

Rhonda Pluester

#### SERGEANT AT ARMS

Rick Hooks

#### BANNER EDITOR

Larry Lacher

#### CLUB ARCHIVES

Rick Hooks

## FOUNDATION OFFICERS

### PRESIDENT

Erin Phillips

### TREASURER

Mark Speciale

### SECRETARY

Rose Sebastian

## PROGRAM

### TODAY

Allen Hale

Cathy Littleton-Wahl

New Geneations

### NEXT WEEK

Chris Herzog

Larry Ringering

## BIRTHDAYS

None this Week

## Defending the Disabled



If you are a healthy person with normal abilities, you owe something to those who have disabilities. Denise Schoppet is a special needs advocate who visited the club at the invitation of Cory Gallivan who has literally spent her entire life defending people with disabilities, including her own children.

Illinois was at the forefront of serving those with disabilities as early as 1969. She has spent her career working with and for people with special needs. There are currently over 21,000 children and adults waiting for disability services in Illinois. Currently, Illinois is last in the nation with funding for disability services.

Many children were aging out of programs. We need legislation that would support these programs from birth to death. Instead, the state is closing facilities due to fiscal issues.

Diane challenged the club members to advocate for the disabled by gaining information, offering help, and promoting legislation for supporting the disabled.

## News, Notes, and Nonsense

-We had 17 members join Dick "The Chief" from the Wood River club as well as the hubby of our guest speaker, Joe and "cousin" Jeff from the Bethalto club. Everyone enjoyed the pork steaks, bakers, corn, chocolate cake or cherry cobbler

-Lori expressed her willingness to accept the presidency, with the stipulation that Charlie served the term prior to her's. A reasonable request?

-Recently retired Matk A. wasted no time in getting out of town. He plans to spend the next month in the Sunshine State, perhaps visiting with the other snow-birding Mark. Perhaps an appropriate fine today would be levied against Joe, Paul and Rod who will depart tomorrow for a wee bit of Florida golf.

-On a snowy day, Joe was sporting his village issues snow camo shirt. Eric managed to squelch the popular sentiment of ringing the bell on time. Instead, the meeting began 3 minutes late with Dave claiming a "snow allowance."

-Speaking of Eric, ask him to pronounce his customers name-LLA-A.

-Wendell decided he was "Mr. Lucky" and kept both halves of his 50-50 ticket.

-Dick claims to have negotiated Carole's first teaching contract in Virginia. Is there a limit to this man's talents?

-Rhonda reports that the students in the Bethalto Interact club will soon be receiving their t-shirts.

-The basketball tournament sign-up sheet is now making the rounds. There is an AM and PM shift. Please sign up for at least one. If you are a previous t-shirt sponsor and do not plan to do so this year, Joe sez it's too late.

-The 50-50 jackpot of \$118 was left on the table by Dick and Brad.

## MAKE UP SITES

### MONDAY

#### NOON

•Wood River—St. John UCC, WR

•Jerseyville—Peace United Church

#### 6 PM

•Alton—Godfrey—Alton Sports Tap

### TUESDAY

#### NOON

•Collinsville—Holiday Inn

•Granite City—Niedringhaus Methodist

•Highland—Michael's Restaurant

### WEDNESDAY

#### 7 AM

•Bethalto—Red Apple

#### NOON

•Goshen—LCCC Center, Edwardsville

### THURSDAY

#### NOON

•Riverbend—Mac's Time Out Lounge, 315 Belle St.

•Edwardsville—First Christian

### FRIDAY

#### NOON

•Troy, Silver Creek—Pizza Man

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[www.rotary.org/en/](http://www.rotary.org/en/)

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[ClubLocator/Pages/rid](http://www.rotary.org/en/ClubLocator/Pages/rid)

## Upcoming Events

**2-18:** Basketball Tournament

**4-7:** Lawn and Garden Show

## East Alton Rotary Club

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## Service Above Self

### The Four Way Test

- \*Is it the Truth?
- \*Is it Fair to all concerned?
- \*Will it Build Goodwill and better Friendships?
- \*Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

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## From the Archives

Jan. 23, 1986

-Our vice-president was Paul. Red chaired the Club Service committee.

-We were meeting at Preston's Restaurant, but with warning to be prepared to move to the Keasler Center at a moments notice. (One wonders if other clubs have changed meeting locations as much as we have?)

-Our guest speaker was Wood River Mayor Lon Smith.

-The next club assembly was scheduled for Feb. 13th.

## Rotary Meets \$200million Challenge

Rotary International has succeeded in meeting the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's US\$200 million match in funding for polio eradication, raising more than \$202.6 million as of 17 January.

"We'll celebrate this milestone, but it doesn't mean that we'll stop raising money or spreading the word about polio eradication," Rotary Foundation Trustee John F. Germ told Rotary leaders at the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA. "We can't stop until our entire world is certified as polio-free."

The fundraising milestone was reached in response to \$355 million in challenge grants awarded to The Rotary Foundation by the Gates Foundation. All funds have been earmarked to support polio immunization activities in affected countries where the vaccine-preventable disease continues to paralyze children.

"In recognition of Rotary's great work,

and to inspire Rotarians in the future, the [Gates] foundation is committing an additional \$50 million to extend our partnership," said Jeff Raikes, chief executive officer of the Gates Foundation. "Rotary started the global fight against polio, and continues to set the tone for private fundraising, grassroots engagement, and maintaining polio at the top of the agenda with key policymakers." Raikes also addressed Rotary leaders at the International Assembly.

The new \$50 million grant from the Gates Foundation is not a challenge grant.

Since 1988, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99 percent, from about 350,000 cases annually to fewer than 650 cases reported so far for 2011. The wild poliovirus is now endemic in only four countries:

Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. However, India on 13 January marked a full calendar year without a case, paving the way for its removal from the endemic list.

## Just For Fun

It's all in the punctuation:

An English professor wrote the words, "Woman without her man is nothing" on the blackboard and directed his students to punctuate it correctly.

The men wrote: "Woman, without her man, is nothing."

The women wrote: "Woman: Without her, man is nothing."