

January 2, 2014
New Year
Edition



The Rotary Banner

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

Last time our guest was Terry Sharp, president of the Alton Area Landmarks Association. AALA began in 1970 and is dedicated to preserving the history and the historic structures of Alton. In their years of operation, three historic districts have been established in Alton and numerous homes and buildings have been saved or preserved. Major victories include preservation of the "commons" in the riverfront from the Berm Highway and preservation of the old City Hall.

Terry says that Alton's parks and brick streets are an important part of its history and that they draw tourists and homeowners as well. The Trumble House on State St. has the highest historical designation of everything on their list.

The AALA sponsors a house tour on the second Sunday of October each year. This past year was their 41st. For \$12, you may buy a tour guide and visit the homes and sites at your leisure. This event is their major fund-raiser. They hold six open meetings per year and publish a monthly newsletter in order to educate the public about the important historic aspects of Alton. They have also donated numerous artifacts to the Alton museum.

Working with the area visitor's association, the AALA provides a valuable service to the Alton area.

NEWS, NOTES, AND NONSENSE

BOARD NOTES

(From the 12-19-13 meeting)

- Our bank balance at the end of November was \$1231
- Paul is working to schedule another 'quarter auction' before Mother's Day 2014. March/April timeframe.
- Mark A. reports that all scholarship students have been selected and notified.
- Rod is looking to partner with another club(s) for an international project.
- Rhonda reports that we will be sponsoring an outbound exchange student from Roxana.
- The activity level of the Interact Club at RHS is not known.
- We may be sponsoring an Applebee's fundraiser after the basketball tournament in February. It's pretty simple. Anyone dining on the designated evening that mentions our name generates a % of the food purchase that is earmarked for our club.
- A \$70 donation was approved that will be used to purchase copies of the Andy Yaksis history book. They will be distributed to the American history class at EA-WR high school.
- A discussion was held about the possibility of donating Rotary logo/club name rulers to the Hartford Assembly of God backpack program next year. No decision was reached.

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PROGRAM

TODAY

Club Assembly

NEXT WEEK

Pat Boyle

BIRTHDAYS

None this Week

ENGAGE
ROTARY



CHANGE
LIVES

MAKE UP SITES

MONDAY

NOON

•Wood River—St. John
UCC, WR

•Jerseyville—Peace
United Church

6 PM

•Alton—Godfrey—Alton
Sports Tap

•Bethalto—Spirit Hall

TUESDAY

NOON

•Collinsville—Holiday
Inn

•Granite City—
Niedringhaus
Methodist

•Highland—Michael's
Restaurant

WEDNESDAY

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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Upcoming Events

1-23: Board
Meeting

2-1: Basketball
Tournament

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. 6, 2005

-Joe was our Prez-elect, Lori-Secretary and Mark S.-Treasurer. We were breaking bread at the Methodist church. Due to the death of the church custodian we were asked to police our trash and break down the tables after the meeting.

-Exchange Student Claire reported on her LA weekend with John Simmons.

-In the spirit of the season, SAA Rick levied very light fines. (Bah humbug!)

-President Bob Dannenberg was seeking nominations for a prez-elect to follow Joe.

-Joe was looking for help with the spring golf tournament.

-The basketball tournament was scheduled for February 5th.

-It was noted that Lori was escorted by a 4-legged friends (dressed in a red coat with a santa hat) while she was bell ringing for the Salvation Army in December. She claimed it increased donations.

-Our most recent speaker was Wood River Mayor David Ayers.

Harry's Reflections

Our guest Dec. 5 was past-president, Harry Windland who came as a guest of Mark Allison. Harry was president of our club in 1975. Prior to that, he participated in a GSE team in Japan in 1970, which piqued his interest in Rotary and in international travel. Harry currently invests his time with Habitat for Humanity and tries to live by the motto, "Service Above Self." Harry moved from East Alton to Downer's Grove where he participated in Rotary and has been back in Glen Carbon since the '90's.

Harry said that his involvement in Rotary is the reason that he has had a life-long interest in travel. He has travelled to 160 countries, including leading a GSE team to Norway. Everywhere he goes, he sees the Rotary emblem. When he sees that emblem, he knows that he would find people there who would befriend him and help him if he needed help. He offered a list of superlatives for the places he has visited:

- Biggest--- Russia
- Smallest--- Vatican City
- Cleanist--- Singapore
- Dirtiest--- India
- Coldest--- Antarctica
- Hottest--- Madagascar
- Happiest--- Line Islands
- Most Emotional--- Israel
- Most Visited--- Munich (Oktober fest)

Just For Fun

Little Emily was complaining to her mother that her stomach hurt. Her mother replied, "That's because it's empty. Maybe you should try putting something in it." The next day, the pastor was over at Emily's family's house for lunch. He mentioned having his head hurt, to which Emily immediately replied, "That's because it's empty. Maybe you should try putting something in it."



Our newest member-- Rev. Bill Pyatt