



The Rotary Banner

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PROGRAM HOSTS

TODAY

Tad Armstrong
"Earn It, Learn It or
Lose It"

NEXT WEEK

Paul Hoover

BIRTHDAYS

1-16: Rick Hooks

In A Fog Edition

Taxes Are Taxing

Gene Frizzo was Chris Herzog's guest last week to speak to the club about PTAR. This organization is a citizen's group seeking to find relief for taxpayers from the continual rise in property taxes. They are promoting the idea that the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL) be enacted in Madison county. PTELL would set a limit of 5% on the amount that property taxes could increase from year to year. PTELL is in force in thirty-nine counties in Illinois and in every county that is larger than Madison county. For those interested in learning more about the process of tax relief, PTAR is available at www.4PTAR.com.



News, Notes, Nonsense and Nothings

Last week there were seventeen Rotarians and guests enjoying Bob's Cheesy Chicken and Noodles and Paul's Key Lime Cupcakes including guest, Pat Devening, Scooter, Rod Croxford and the very late, Rhonda Pluester.

Pat informed us that the Wood River club will be hosting the annual Tri-Club gathering this year in March 24. More information to follow.

Kevin read thank you notes from the Salvation Army for the \$231.17 collected from our bell ringers, part of a total raised of \$110, 458. and from the Werts family for the planter the club sent.

Red and Kevin told of their visit to Ed and Jeanie Keller on behalf of the club and

expressed the thanks and greetings of the Kellers.

Dave M. announced that he will be playing in concert at the Jacoby Arts Center on Jan. 30 from 7-8 p.m.

In the absence of Rick, Prez. Kev. served as SAA and found ways to get into most everyone's pocket.

Dave and Lori drew cards from the 50/50 deck and left the \$60. to grow this week.

The Edwardsville Rotary Club installed a new Interact Club at its noon meeting on January 14. About 25 students from Edwardsville High School will become members of the new service club for people ages 14 to 18.

Wendy Smith began the club, affiliated with Rotary Interna-



MAKE UP SITES

MONDAY

NOON

- Wood River— St. John's 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

7:00 a.m.

- Bethalto— Airport

NOON

- Goshen—LCCC Center, Edwardsville

THURSDAY

NOON

- Edwardsville—First Christian

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tional, at the start of the school year. "I was attracted to Interact because the focus was to help people and make a difference," she said. She feels the students joined with the same purpose. Some assessed the volunteer value of Rotary because their parents or other family members have been members.

Members attend a monthly meeting and smaller committees meet more often. For its first project, the Interact Club collected more than 100 winter coats in one week. They also donated a weekend to Partners for Pets and sold snacks during finals week (over)

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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

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went on a camping trip. As they lay down for the night, Holmes said: "Watson, look up into the sky and tell me what you see?"

Watson said, "I see millions and millions of stars."

Holmes: "And what does that tell you?"

Watson: "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Theologically, it tells me that God is great and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it tells me that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you?"

Holmes: "Somebody stole our tent."

East Alton blog:

<http://eastaltonrotary.blogspot.com/>

online make-up: http://rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/eclub_list.pdf

Coming Events

- February 6: Basketball Tournament

Interact (cont.)

raise funds for projects. Smith said club members will evaluate possible spring projects at their January meeting. One would have an international focus, a requirement of the Rotary parent organization. Smith, a special education specialist, is one of three teachers in the Functional Life Skills Program at the school. Rotarian John Motley said the Edwardsville club hopes to plan joint events with its teen club beyond the installation.

Rotarians Witness Chaos in Haiti.

Michelle Bohrer and a team of five Rotarians from Houston were heading into Haiti's capital city to implement a water project for an orphanage when a powerful earthquake rocked the area, causing widespread devastation.

"Minutes after the quake happened, thousands of people poured out into the street running and screaming. Hundreds were walking around bleeding," says Bohrer. "It was moments like that when the absolute catastrophe hit you."

The quake, the worst in the region in more than 200 years, flattened much of the capital, killing as many as 200,000 and leaving millions more injured. A massive international relief operation is underway to bring food, water, and medicine to those who need it.

"I was overwhelmed by sights, sounds, and smells that I will never forget," says team member Vicki Brentin, past president of the Houston club. "I held tight to the hands of frightened, injured children and looked deep into the eyes of their mothers or fathers begging for help. That left a compelling and lasting impression on me."

Unable to leave the country, the team members spent

four days in Port-au-Prince trying to help in any way they could. They found a collapsed hospital, sifted through the wreckage, and found Tylenol and antibiotic ointment to distribute to injured people.

The Rotary Foundation has established the [Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund](#), a donor advised fund, to streamline the flow of contributions from U.S. Rotarians.

The fund will be directed by account holders who will work with local Rotary clubs and districts, as well as emergency relief agencies, to meet the most pressing needs of people in affected areas.

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