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Vortex Pt. 2
Edition



The Rotary Banner

East Alton Rotary Club
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Who Dat?

Don Brandt made his rare visit to the club last week with his guest, Pam Lepper, from Treehouse Wildlife refuge. Pam talked about the mission of Treehouse, which is to rehabilitate injured birds and to return them to the wild if possible. Treehouse has been in existence since 1979. Besides rehabilitation, they are committed to wildlife education.

Pam brought two owls with her to introduce to the club, a barred owl and a barn owl. The barred owl is so named because of the "bars" of feathers on its head and chest. It is the most common owl in the midwest and likes to nest inside of trees. Turkey hunters will learn to hoot like a barred owl, because it gets turkeys to gobble.

The barn owl is smaller and lighter in color. It is the most common owl in the world, but has lost population in the midwest. The barn owl prefers pasture and wetlands and likes to nest in barns and trees.

Owls mate for life and keep the same nest. Pam invited the group to come and visit their facility in Dow.

NEWS, NOTES, AND NONSENSE

We had a mere 17 in attendance last week to enjoy Julia's mexi-bar. There were no guests, but Brad P. presented a makeup from Wood River. We learned that Chinese New Year would bring in the year of the horse and that Lori will bring you a cup of coffee on your 88th birthday.

Rhonda had the opportunity to meet Don B. for the first time.

Joe wandered in post-Brad and passed around the sign-ups for the basketball tournament. He reminded us that this one would be our 25th annual tournament. He also reminded us that we needed many much helpers still.

We received thank you notes from Operation Blessing and the Salvation Army with an invitation to attend a luncheon yesterday. We also received a couple of membership drive updates and news that Sue Alhmeyer has resigned from the club.

Rick stumped the club with a question on the new Rotary theme: Light Up Rotary. Dave announced the airport's recent award for their Wings and Wheels event and Joe announced that groundbreaking for the new housing project in the defence area would be Feb. 10.

Charlie and ol' what's his name received a rousing birthday song in honor of Charlie's 88th BD.

There was \$34 in the 50/50 kitty and neither Pat or Wendel drew the joker. Chris got the scratcher and got scratch.

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PROGRAM

TODAY

Rick Hooks
Pam Jacobs
UofL Extension

NEXT WEEK

Cory Gallivan
Ron Wenzel
Vonnegut's Ghost

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

2-1: Basketball
Tournament

2-20: Board
Meeting

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- *Is it the Truth?
- *Is it Fair to all concerned?
- *Will it Build Goodwill and better Friendships?
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FROM THE ARCHIVES January 27, 1994

-Charlie was our VEEP and Rod our Secretary. Meals and fellowship took place at DiRomero's Restaurant.

-Today's program was a discussion about the direction and precesses we may use for the scholarship program. Last week's program was presented by TCI cable Area Manager Bill Ludwig. next week the topic will be trash recycling.

-The theme was "believe in what you do. Do what you believe in."

-The next board of directors meeting would be held at noon-Jack's Restaurant.

-The basketball tournament date was February 5th.

-Gary Martin told us to keep pushing the McDonald's coupons!

Malala is One Of Us

Jilani moved to the United States in 1979. During her yearly visits to her homeland, she couldn't stand seeing it overrun. The money from her family's emerald mines was gone, so she raised money from scratch and soon was opening schools, delivering shelter and medicine to Swati refugees, and founding Swat's first Rotary club. Among the first people she asked to join was Ziauddin Yousafzai, an educator and activist who had a teenage daughter named Malala.

You have probably heard of Malala Yousafzai. Only 15 at the time, Malala was a star student at the Khushal School and College in the Swat Valley town of Mingora. A voracious reader of everything from Pashto poetry to the Twilight saga, she wore a navy blue school uniform to her classes in science, math, Islamic studies, English, and Urdu, the language in which she wrote a blog about life under threat from the Taliban.

On her blog, Malala used the pseudonym Gul Makai, the name of a heroine of Pakistani folklore, but her identity was an open secret. "I *will* get my education. And this is our request to all the world: Save our schools. Save our Swat."

On a Tuesday in October 2012, Yousafzai was in Mingora, leading a rally of more than 300 principals and teachers to promote education for all. "My friend Ahmad Shah, a fellow Rotarian, spoke before me," he says. "I was on my way to the podium

when my phone rang. I handed the phone to Ahmad. A moment later, he whispered the news: The Khushal school bus had been attacked. My heart sank. I could guess who the target was. 'It must be Malala,' I thought. At that moment, the moderator announced my name. With sweat on my forehead, I spoke for about six minutes. As I finished, Ahmad said, 'We must rush to the hospital.'"

His daughter had been coming home when a gunman barged onto her school bus. He threatened to kill everyone unless the students told him which one was Malala. "Speak up," he said. "Or I will shoot you all." As the terrified schoolgirls looked at their classmate, the gunman turned his pistol on her and fired from point-blank range.

Six days after her shooting, the comatose patient was flown to a hospital in Birmingham, England, that specializes in treating wartime casualties. It was there that she opened her eyes.

"What country am I in?" she asked.

In March, Malala reported to her first day of school in Birmingham, a city with the second-largest Pakistani population in Britain. She had a custom-made titanium plate covering the hole in her skull and an electronic hearing device in her left ear, but otherwise she was like any other teen.

"I dream of a time when we will go back to Swat, our dream valley," Yousafzai says. "And I will ask Malala to join our Rotary club."

Just
For
Fun

