

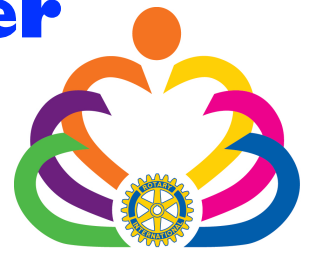
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Soggy Edition



# The Rotary Banner

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

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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## PROGRAM

### TODAY

Chris Herzog

Larry Ringering

ESDA

### NEXT WEEK

Paul Hoover

## BIRTHDAYS

None this Week

Our scheduled guest speaker last week was unable to be with us due to her father's illness. Instead, Roger offered a "Classification Speech."

Roger is married to Beverly for 25+ years and they have two boys. They live in the same house in East Alton where Roger was born. He currently works as the head of the building and zoning department for the village of East Alton. He is the village code enforcement officer and heads an office that has grown to three certified employees.

Prior to this responsibility, Roger retired after 22 years in fire service for the village. He rose to the rank of Captain and was responsible for fire prevention education, building inspections, and was the Department Training Supervisor. He began that work on December 26, 1978.

Roger was raised in East Alton and attended LCCC. His original major was criminal justice, but he changed it to fire safety. He is a past-president of East Alton Rotary Club and has been a member of the club for just over five years.

## *News, Notes, and Nonsense*

Twenty-two Rotarians and guests were with us for roast beast, carrots and cake last week. Guests included "cousin" Jeff Dyer and "uncle" Lenoard Berg (will we have to give him more respect when he is district governor?) The meeting was opened by Eric, substituting for Pres. Dave. Wendel pledged and tested and Larry prayed.

The room was chilly, but warmed by the arrival of the late Erin Phillips.

Larry sat at table three and was warned, "What is said at table three stays at table three." Much that was said at table three, must, therefore, be left unreported, including the response to Jeff who came by wondering what he could get for \$2 and Diane's response when asked if that was her name on her purse.

Joe served as substitute SAA. It appeared that he felt it to be his duty to fill the grocery bag that was brought out as the substitute lug.

We learned that our club bought tee-shirts for the Interact club at RHS and that Erin was named an Illinois rising star in Lawyer's magazine. We also learned that Red's cardiac cath. went well.

Leonard took a moment to discuss New Generations in the absence of Cathy Littleton-Wahl. He commended the club for our work with Interact and reminded us of the importance of connecting with New Generations through Interact, Rotaract, Ambassadors, and Outbound and Inbound student exchange.

-The 50-50 jackpot of \$129 was passed on by Brad P. and Chris H.

## 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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## Upcoming Events

**2-4:** Riverbend  
Rotary Trivia

**2-18:** Basketball  
Tournament

**3-10:** WR Rotary  
Trivia night

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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

January 28, 1993

-Rod was our Treasurer, Joe was the SAA, Brad P. handled Community Service. We were dining at DiRomero's.

-Our guest was artist Leo Pavish. He was going to update us on his progress with the Centennial Worker statue.

-Next week Brad was bringing a representative from the Wood River Hospital Rehab Unit.

-Our speaker last week was Operation Blessing's Virginia Kirkpatrick.

-Joe thanks everyone for helping with the basketball tournament.

-Sunday pick-up basketball was back on the schedule.

-The next board meeting would be held on February 2nd at Peking Garden.

## People of Peace

Rotarians who support the Rotary Peace Centers program are helping to change the world by investing in young people with a track record of good works.

That's what David LaMotte, a 2008-10 Rotary Peace Fellow, told attendees at the International Assembly, a training session for incoming district governors. He thanked Rotary leaders for giving him the opportunity to broaden his skills and become part of the network of peace fellows.

Unlike many academic scholarships, LaMotte said, Rotary Peace Fellowships require applicants to be more than promising young leaders. "Rather, it targets people who are midcareer and already have a track record of doing good work."

He added that Rotarians "are making a big investment, and it is wise of you to make it carefully, in order to maximize the return. Based on the peace fellows I know, you have been choosing very well."

LaMotte described himself as an unlikely candidate for the program. A folk singer, he has performed 20,000 concerts on four continents and released 10 CDs. But because of his interest in working for peace, he took a break from his singing career to pursue a master's degree at the University of Queensland as a Rotary Peace Fellow.

"I never let go of my passion for peace," he said. "I continued to look for opportunities to learn and to contribute."

One opportunity had arisen in Antigua,

Guatemala, in 2004, when he and his wife visited a school that served 218 children, with no running water. He was told that the facility did not have the US \$125 it needed for the water. Lacking government funding, the school relied on parents to raise money for basic necessities like electricity and plumbing.

That day, he said, he came up with the idea for PEG Partners. The nonprofit organization, which he directs as a volunteer, collects small donations, mainly at his concerts, to help schools in Guatemala. In the last two years, it has distributed almost \$100,000.

"That's not a lot of money in the United States, but it is a great deal in Guatemala," he said. "We built a one-room schoolhouse for \$2,500."

LaMotte conceded that when he'd told people he was suspending his musical career to pursue a master's in peacemaking, many scoffed at his desire to change the world. But, he said, "change the world" does not mean "fix the world."

"The fact is that you can't be *in* the world and *not* change it," he said. "Everything you do changes the world, whether you like it or not, and the small changes often add up to big ones. The question for us, then, is which changes we are going to make."

"What you're doing through the Rotary Peace Fellowship is leveraging change," LaMotte added. "This isn't about changing my life, though it certainly has. It's about changing the lives of everyone I can reach on your behalf."

## Just For Fun

1. A day without sunshine is like night.
2. On the other hand, you have different fingers.
3. 42.7 percent of all statistics are made up on the spot.
4. Remember, half the people you know are below average.
5. He who laughs last; thinks slowest.
6. Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
7. Support bacteria. They're the only culture most people have.