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PROGRAM HOSTS

TODAY

Paul Hoover

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NEXT WEEK

Steve Imel

BIRTHDAYS

Great Rivers Edition

Is the Constitution Constitutional?



Based on the presentation of Tad Armstrong of the rulings of the Supreme Court, one would wonder whether they will next rule that the Constitution is unconstitutional. Tad is a plaintiff's lawyer in Madison County who writes a conservative viewpoint column in the St. Louis Post Dispatch on a monthly basis. His primary concern is that the Constitution is being misinterpreted and misused by the Courts and that we allow this abuse to happen because of our own ignorance. He has established "Earn It, Learn It, or Lose It" clubs to study the Constitution and court rulings in an effort to revitalize the knowledge of and application of the U.S. Constitution to its fundamental role: to define and to limit government. His mission is to educate the country on the Constitution. Learn more at <http://www.ellclubs.com>.

News, Notes, Nonsense and Nothings

Last week dinner was delivered by a couple of hoods. But, Bob's pork tenderloins were a hit anyway.

The prez. created great confusion with an alphabet challenge. In the end, we managed to find a couple of new friends for the effort, however.

Joe put out the plea for extra help for the BB Tournament. This is a great event and a good fundraiser, but it takes lots of bodies to pull it together.

We learned that the club

will have a Trivia Night on March 6 as our new 'golf outing.'

The tri-club meeting this year is being hosted by Wood River. The event will take place on March 24 and will be held at the KC Hall in Wood River.

Special note was given to Prez. Kevin for his appointment as the newest village trustee in Hartford and to Brad P. for appearing in the Telegraph.

Everyone is invited to hear Dave Miller Does Mozart



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

To locate a club where you are visiting check:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/SiteTools/ClubLocator/Pages/default.aspx>

this Saturday (1-30) at the Jacoby Arts Center at 7 p.m.

Joe announced that East Alton is looking for worthy families for their new housing project. See Joe for more info.

50/50 chances were drawn by Ron and Dick with no winners. The pot of \$67. continues to grow.

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East Alton, IL 62084

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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
Concerned?

Mo attends a revival and listens to the sermon. After a while, the pastor asks anyone with needs to come forward and be prayed over. Mo gets in line and, when it's his turn the pastor asks, "Mo, what do you want me to pray about?" Mo says, "Pastor, I need you to pray for my hearing." So the pastor puts one finger in Mo's ear and the other hand on top of his head and prays for a while. He removes his hands and says, "Mo how's your hearing now?" Mo says, "I don't know pastor, it's not until next Monday."

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

March 6: Trivia Night

March 24: Tri-club Meeting
at WR KC Hall

Caribbean Ro- tarians in Haiti

District 7020, which includes Haiti, has flown in 55 planes filled with more than 50,000 pounds of medical equipment and supplies into the cities of Pignon and Port-de-Paix to bypass logistical problems in the hard-hit capital of Port-au-Prince.

The United Nations estimates that more than half of the buildings in the capital have collapsed. About 200,000 people are dead and millions more homeless.

"Rotary had an incredible infrastructure established before the quake, which has made our relief efforts very effective," says Dick McCombe, past district governor and Haiti liaison chair. "We're flying in supplies through backdoor channels and doing things a lot of agencies can't do."

"We changed from teaching children how to read to saving their lives," says McCombe.

Clubs in the district have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for short- and long-term recovery.

"Rotarians are incredibly generous and are doing what needs to be done," says McCombe. "We are setting aside some of these contributions for long-term recovery."

Within the next two weeks, McCombe says, a barge will be hired to transport 20 to 30 tons of clothes, blankets, folding beds, and other items to Haiti from Nassau, Bahamas.

ShelterBox responds

ShelterBox has already delivered more than 3,300 containers to Haiti, with another 1,000 or more scheduled to be deployed.

"This is the largest, quickest, and most complex deployment in our history," says John Leach, head of operations for

ShelterBox. "We organized across four countries to get ShelterBoxes to the people of Haiti quickly."

Each box contains a tent that houses 10 people as well as a stove, blankets, and other essential items.

The Rotary Foundation has established the [Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund](#), a donor advised fund primarily for U.S. Rotarians who want to donate toward recovery efforts. The fund has raised more than \$100,000 so far.

A one-time \$5 donation to the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund can be made by texting [RO-TARY to 90999](#).

Around the world, Rotary clubs, districts, and Interact and Rotaract clubs have donated directly to ShelterBox. area in the Dominican Republic for bringing medical supplies into Port-au-Prince.

Read More at: www.Rotary.org

From the Archives
Feb. 1, 2001

-We heard from the former director of the Disney Institute, an animation school in Orlando, FL.
-We celebrated Mark Special's special birthday.
-General amnesty was declared by President Mark Vaughn.
No one was interested in making a donation to the very suspicious "Coles Foundation".