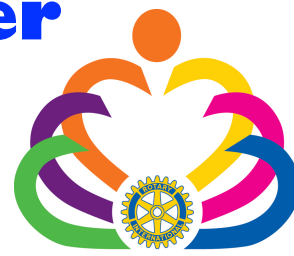


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East Alton Rotary Club
Chartered Oct. 28, 1971 District 6460
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NEW GENERATIONS

Rhonda Pluester

SERGEANT AT ARMS

Rick Hooks

BANNER EDITOR

Larry Lacher

CLUB ARCHIVES

Rick Hooks

FOUNDATION OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Erin Phillips

TREASURER

Mark Speciale

SECRETARY

Rose Sebastian

PROGRAM

TODAY

Ron Eaton

NEXT WEEK

Cory Gallivan

BIRTHDAYS

1-8 Diane Dugger

From Failing to Success!

Lori introduced Diane's guest, Mary Cox, to the club last meeting. Mary is the 21st Century Coordinator with the Boys' and Girls' Club and is thereby Diane's boss.

The East Alton Boys' and Girls' Club was established in 2007 and meets in East Alton Middle School. It was begun through NCLB funding when EA Middle was placed on the "watch list." Through the efforts of the club, the school has gone from watch list to Honor Roll.

The B&G club has accomplished this success through its after-school program. The program is available to any student for three hours after school each day. During the three hours, students receive tutoring and homework help as well as fun and free time. Currently, there are approximately 75 children in the program. Even during the summers, the B & G club has field trips on Fridays. Occasionally, through special grants, the children are even able to attend special events, like the show, "Beauty and the Beast" at the Fox.

Unfortunately, since the school is no longer on the watch list, government funding will be reduced to 0 next year. School administration and Diane and Mary are working together to try to raise necessary funds to continue.

News, Notes, and Nonsense

Our last meeting was held just before Christmas. We had twenty in attendance. Julia served Chicken and Rice and Meatloaf.

Lori brought the pre-meeting Christmas music. Mark S. served as sub-treasurer. And, according to Rick, Larry was "the first of the women to arrive" in reference to his tardiness. No report on how Lori felt about that crack.

Guests included Jessica and Nate Swanson, daughter and son-in-law or Mark Allison and Kathy Littleton-Wahl, daughter of Red.

Nominations for President-elect included Brad Lavite and Rhonda Pluester.

Brad P. and Nate S. both tried their hand at the 50/50 pot. They are both, now, familiar with the phrase, "The agony of defeat."

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

2-18: Basketball
Tournament

4-7: Lawn and
Garden Show

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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

Dec.19, 1996

-Nominations for President-elect included Larry and Wendell. Allen was nominated for Treasurer to replace current money-man Larry. -Don was the 50-50 winner. -Prez Brad P. announced a new lunch protocol. The line doesn't open until the bell has been rung. (Does anyone remember what was going on?) -Our Christmas party last week was hosted by Dick and Carole. Brad presented a nice seasonal memento to each person in attendance. Special guest was Carol Taylor. Larry and Lisa were first timers. The Hooks' won the Santa Test. -Charlie announced that the scholarship interviews have been concluded. -SAA John M. fined all who were late, no excuses or exceptions.

Seven Ways to Get More out of Rotary in 2012

Try something different in 2012 to attract new members and keep existing ones. Here are a few ideas to help you do more with Rotary in the new year. *Be part of Rotary's efforts to End Polio Now*

Consider planning a fundraiser for polio eradication, or having your club or district light up a landmark as part of Rotary's anniversary celebration on 23 February. Rotarians have made great progress in the push to end the disease, but the job isn't finished yet. As little as US\$0.60 can help immunize a child against the incurable disease. Contribute to PolioPlus, and learn more about Rotary's eradication efforts. *Think strategically and set club goals*

A new online assessment tool will be launched in July to help clubs set goals and track their accomplishments, such as contributions to The Rotary Foundation. Available in Member Access, it will replace paper-based tracking methods and help RI measure Rotary's global impact. Help your club work more efficiently by using the tool to set and measure club goals.

Help the Foundation fulfill its mission

Make a resolution to donate to the Foundation's Annual Fund in 2012. Skip one latte a week, and you'd have US\$100 or more to contribute to your club's

Every Rotarian, Every Year effort. You can make a one-time contribution or a recurring gift. Learn how your club or district can make a difference in one of Rotary's six areas of focus with a Foundation grant. *Get inspired at the RI Convention*

The 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, 6-9

May, will feature speakers including Nobel Peace Prize recipient Muhammad Yunus and Global Poverty Project CEO Hugh Evans. And, along with thousands of your fellow Rotarians from around the world, you'll be able to attend workshops on topics such as membership, leadership, and Future Vision. Register today. *Celebrate 50 years of Interact*

Interact will celebrate its 50th year in 2012. Since the first club was established in 1962 at a high school in Melbourne, Florida, USA, thousands of communities worldwide have benefited from Interactors putting Service Above Self. The program has helped countless youth develop leadership skills, meet new friends, and become more familiar with Rotary. Rotary clubs that sponsor an Interact club gain fresh insight into service and help develop future Rotarians. If your club isn't already involved in Interact, consider sponsoring a club.

Publicize your good work

PR grants enable districts to raise Rotary's profile and promote the global and local work of Rotarians by placing public service announcements on television and radio, in print media and on billboards, and on the Web. Help your district apply for a grant by 4 March. To further promote your club's signature activities, be sure to update your website with information about your projects and meetings. Also, start a social media page, and follow what Rotary is doing on sites such as Facebook and LinkedIn.

Connect with alumni

Rotary Foundation alumni can be effective speakers at club meetings, and many are potential club members. Reach out to them.

Just For Fun

Building Security has notified us that there have been 5 suspected terrorists working at our office. Four of the five have been apprehended. Bin Sleeping, Bin Loafing, Bin Gossiping, and Bin Surfing have been taken into custody. Security advised us that they could find no one fitting the description of the fifth cell member, Bin Working, in the office. Police are confident that anyone who looks like Bin Working will be very easy to spot. They thought they had apprehended Bin Working sitting at a desk, but it was actually Bin Surfing trying to impersonate Bin Working.