



The Rotary Banner

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PROGRAM HOSTS

TODAY

Allen Hale

Mark Allison—

Habitat

NEXT WEEK

Chris Herzog

BIRTHDAYS

Welcome Back Edition

East Alton is Doi n'
Great!



Last time, Ron Eaton introduced our own Joe Silkwood as his guest. Joe brought us up to date on the major accomplishments of the Village of East Alton for 2009. Among his brief highlights, Joe noted:

- The police department is down one officer, but has added a K-9 officer and dog.
- The water treatment plant has undergone a \$3.5 mil. Upgrade.
- Improvements are taking place thanks to stimulus dollars.
- The Parks department has improved the playground and is making other improvements at Keesler.
- 12 more buildings are scheduled to be demolished, pending funding.
- Julia's catering has moved to Eastgate plaza. Six new homes are slated to be built on Goulding.
- Finances are stable, but payments from the state are in arrears.

News, Notes, Nonsense and Nothings

Board notes

-Our bank balance at the end of November was \$2836.

-Mark S. reported that our foundation asset balance at the end of September was \$85,000. We currently have \$8100 in scholarship commitments. To date, we have issued almost \$34,000 in scholarship payments.

-Charlie wants to submit our scholarship program to the Gates foundation for possible additional funding. Our club foundation board will discuss this at their next meeting. Rick

will send all members the draft letter that Charlie has prepared along with a link to the Gates web site. All members are asked to review the letter and visit the site and provide Charlie with feedback. The goal is to make the most complete and concise application possible.

-Rod reports that our next shared project is still pending. It will be water related.

-Dave indicated that his request for potential exchange student host families has been met with silence. Many clubs



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/ridefault.aspx>

are having a difficult time recruiting host families. He would be interested in partnering with neighboring clubs. Early next year he plans to host a Q and A session for anyone who might have an interest in hosting.

-In lieu of renting a storage lock Mark S. has agreed to store our property at Beall or his home.

-We will be making a \$125 donation to the Roxana High School After Prom committee.
-We will be sending a fruit basket to Ed Keller.

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Return Service Requested

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

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

East Alton blog:
<http://eastaltonrotary.blogspot.com/>
online make-up:

Looking over the log book kept by the computer support staff at my office, I noticed several entries stating the problem was PIC-NIC. I asked one of the technicians what PICNIC meant. He laughed as he told me it meant "Problem In Chair, Not In Computer"

Coming Events

- February 6: Basketball Tournament

Last time, Lori Palmer was nominated for a repeated term as club secretary and Dave Miller was nominated for President-Elect. Thank you to these great members who have agreed to fill these important roles.

More news and notes:

Last time 21 members enjoyed Bob's Christmas dinner of Turkey, Potatoes (Regular and Sweet) Dressing, etc.

Red and Corey took their turn at reducing the 50/50 deck with nothing to show for it. Today we will add to the \$47 dollars in the pot.

Rick was being grinchy, but it was all in his head.

Those without a "seasonal" tie were assessed a buck, which made most of the club and all of the girls grinchy.

Peace for Uganda

Robert Opira of Uganda is a master of understatement

when he calls his first job out of college "very challenging work." As a psychological counselor and project manager for World Vision, he helped rehabilitate and resettle more than 12,000 former child soldiers in northern Uganda from 2002 to 2005.

"The Lord's Resistance Army had abducted and recruited an estimated 36,000 children, the youngest being seven years old," says Opira, a member of the Rotary Club of Gulu and former Rotary Peace Fellow. "It was this kind of work that motivated me to apply for the Rotary Peace Fellowship. I thought maybe I would do something to help prevent war, rather than addressing the consequences."

While a 2005-07 peace fellow at the University of Queensland in Australia, Opira got the idea for creating a conflict resolution center in his homeland. "I realized that starting the center would enable me to better utilize the knowledge and skills acquired from the

fellowship," he says.

Opira shared his vision with another Ugandan peace fellow (2004-06) at the Queensland Rotary Center, Godfrey Mukalazi. Following their graduation, the pair founded the Great Lakes Center for Conflict Resolution in Gulu, Uganda.

GLACCR is a nongovernmental organization working to address conflict and security challenges in the five-country Great Lakes region, where more than five million people have died since the mid-1990s in conflicts in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, and Uganda alone.

Working with 26 NGOs and district government leaders, GLACCR is building conflict sensitivity training into development projects in northern Uganda. Opira says the effort, funded by a US\$100,000 grant from USAID, will help preserve peace in area communities by focusing on the root causes and consequences of conflict.

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