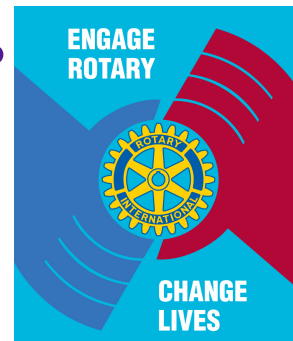


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The Rotary Banner

East Alton Rotary Club
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Jeny Lewis

PROGRAM

TODAY

Pat Boyle

NEXT WEEK

Don Brandt

*Treehouse Wildlife
Refuge-- Donations
accepted.*

BIRTHDAYS

None this Week

Club Assembly

For our last meeting, president Rhonda convined a club assembly. The topic: "Let's target East Alton businesses and see if we can increase our membership." Rhonda and Paul prepared a list of potential members and distributed it to the club, asking for volunteers to speak to the people on the list about becoming a member of the club. Several took up the cause. Currently, we are at 31 members, but would like to be at 35 by summer.

All of us should be aware that it is our responsibility to invite others to join the club. Look for opportunities or create opportunities to talk to others about joining Rotary. We will be happy to pay for a couple of visits for people wanting to check us out. Membership only costs about \$30 per month and produces real results in community involvement and relations.

NEWS, NOTES, AND NONSENSE

We had a total of nineteen Rotarians and guests at our club assembly last week. Julia served chicken and gravy. Our guests were Leonard Berg from Wood River who invited all to participate in the WR trivia tournament on Feb. 8 at the WR VFW Hall, and Pvt. Anthony Silkwood, who was home visiting his dad for the holidays. The cold weather was apparently slowing everyone down, but the Brads were notable with their arrivals post 12:15. New member Bill was AWOL-- something about trying to get his daughter to the airport. Also missing was Rick our finemaster, but Joe made a suitable impression. Lori was the sub. shutterbug.

Rhonda passed around a thank you note from the Bartels for the poinsettia and Joe passed around a sign-up sheet for the basketball tournament and fined those who were not signed up to help. He also dingged the late table (at the front this week) for being flagrantly late.

Leonard and Corey took their shots at the 50/50, and left only with shiny new cards. Chris was just one scratch away from \$3000. You probably know how that turned out. Better luck today!

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

To locate a club where you are visiting check:
<http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/SiteTools/ClubLocator/Pages/rid>

Upcoming Events

1-23: Board Meeting

2-1: Basketball Tournament

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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 Jan. 13, 2000

-Rick was the Prez, Mark V. the VP and Rod served as Treasurer. We were meeting at Wood River Township Hospital.

-The president declared that anyone wearing St. Louis Rams colors would be exempt from fines. (What was he thinking?)

-Mark V. was establishing a committee to choose a Business of the year.

--Paul had submitted our name for four Cardinal concession dates.

-Anyone with perfect attendance would receive a free meal at the Installation Dinner.

-The basketball tournament was scheduled for February 5th. Trivia night would be on March 5th. Steak fry on May 11th.

-Charlie and Rick received birthday recognition.

Mandela Remebered

In 1996, routine polio immunizations in Nigeria and other African countries were anything but routine. Competing health priorities and lack of funding hampered many governments from putting polio eradication high on their agenda. The drive for a polio-free Africa needed a playmaker.

Enter Nelson Mandela. Herb Brown, Rotary's president in 1995-96, recalls seeking the South African leader's support.

"President Mandela was so gracious and listened as we described the problem," Brown says. "I told him only he had the influence to persuade the countries to resume immunization."

Mandela agreed to help. "I'm well aware of Rotary and all the work you've done, and all the work you did while I was in jail," he told Brown. At a press conference, with Brown at his side, Mandela asked all the heads of state in Africa to open their doors to polio National Immunization Days.

Mandela helped launch the Kick Polio Out of Africa campaign later that year with 1996-97 Rotary President Luis Giay and Rotary Foundation Chair Rajendra Saboo. Almost immediately, Africa's polio eradication effort was back on track. Using soccer matches and celebrity endorsements, the campaign raised

public awareness of polio and helped spur more than 30 African countries to hold their first National Immunization Days.

In recognition of his vital work, Rotary presented the Rotary Award for World Understanding to Mandela in 1997, then Rotary's highest honor. "We chose President Mandela because of his significant contributions to world peace, human rights, and freedom," said Giay, adding that Rotary members especially appreciated "his strong support of the eradication of polio throughout Africa."

Mandela called the award "a tribute to the people of South Africa's rainbow nation." Rotary's work toward eradicating polio "has shown the power of a global network of people who are ready to roll up their sleeves and put their heart and soul into saving children from disability."

Mandela donated the award's \$100,000 prize to the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund.

"Mandela was a man who overcame unimaginable hardships to emerge as one of the greatest leaders of our time — and one of our greatest humanitarians . . . [His] legacy of courage, determination, and commitment will forever inspire us to move forward in our effort to achieve a better, more peaceful world," said [Rotary President Ron Burton](#).

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