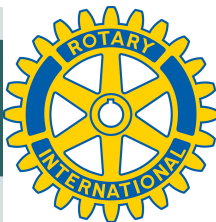


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Lewis and Clark Leadership Clinic

Dick T. brought our guest last week, Dave Stoecklin from the Madison County Employment and Training office. The mission of the E & T office is to make connections between people looking for work and businesses looking for workers.

On the business side, Dave's office functions as a virtual small business personnel department. They provide interviews, testing, training, job fairs, promotion, and other services that facilitate a businesses' ability to find new qualified workers. Most of their training is done in conjunction with LCCC where they have a successful cooperative program.

The office also works with those who are or will be looking for work by helping with preparation of resumes, filing applications, interview skills, and follow-up strategies that will help people to land a new job. They are working with Olin employees currently to help them to transition from the upcoming displacement.

Dave noted that we need to appreciate educating people to work in the trades as well as white-collar jobs. Manufacturing is still the backbone of any robust economy. Many jobs go wanting because skilled workers simply cannot be found.

News, Notes, Nonsense, and Nothings

Eric got some practice being the ding-a-ling last week. It was the prevailing opinion that he is officially certified for office.

Joe pledged, Dick tested, and Larry prayed to start our meeting and Paul was actually there to hear it all, but you couldn't prove it by the Brads, Rhonda, or Kevin. Sarah Allison was our solo guest.

Roger reminded everyone to sell their chili dinner tickets, bring a dessert, pre-divided and wrapped, to the dinner, and to bring plastic gallon tubs for leftover chili.

Wendell still has a few raffle tickets left for the emerald as a fundraiser for the new school in Barranquilla.

Rhonda announced that her daughter Paige was elected RHS homecoming queen, following in her mother's footsteps.

Mark announced that 14 students were interviewed at EAWRHS for the scholarship program.

\$19 was on the line for the 50/50 drawing, but Wendell and Red passed on it.



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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
- 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>

COMING EVENTS

10/21: Chili Dinner—Roxana

10/27: Board Meeting

10/27: Halloween Parade

11/17: 6:00 p.m. Rotary Social Night at *Jazz on Broadway*, Alton.

4/7/12: Lawn and Garden show

PROGRAM

TODAY

Mark Vaughn

Bob Manges

Ronald McDonald House Charities

NEXT WEEK

Roger Werts

David Thies

The Tax Project

BIRTHDAYS

10/21: Wendell Ross

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- Is it Fair to all concerned?
- Will it Build goodwill and better friendships?
- Is it Beneficial to all concerned?

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From the Archives

Oct. 15, 1992

-We were meeting at DiRomero's restaurant. Our Treasurer was Rod and our SAA was Joe.

-Red was the program host. His guest was SIUE Alumni Association Executive Director Frank Akers.

-Next week we will hear about the Red Ribbon program.

-Last week's guest was the River Bend Growth Association Economic Director Jim Bowman.

-Joe was looking for help with decorating our float for the Halloween parade. It is under construction at the Chevy dealership garage, across the street from Wood River hospital.

-The Chili Supper was scheduled for October 30th at EAWR High School.

Microlending in Egypt

Nijad K. Al Atassi, past governor of District 2450 (parts of Africa, the Mediterranean, the Middle East, and Georgia) felt strongly enough about vocational service to make it a districtwide priority.

"Vocational service is important because it enhances values and faith in ethics," says Al Atassi, a member of the Rotary Club of Adliya, Bahrain. The Rotary Club of Alexandria Sporting, Egypt, rose to the challenge by focusing on microcredit loans, literacy classes, and a sewing workshop to meet the needs of low-income community members, helping women in particular to start businesses and learn useful work skills.

Microcredit loans

"We gave loans to deprived women supporting large families," says past club president Heba Kabel. Club members made loans of about US\$85 to 20 entrepreneurs to launch small food or cleaning businesses. The loans were paid back in installments over the course of a year, and the money was then loaned out again -- turning the club's initial investment of about \$1,700 into a sustainable microcredit program.

The club also financed literacy classes, helping 75 women learn to read and write, and a sewing lab, which drew 45 women to sewing lessons every month.

Kabel notes that the club put a priority on efforts that would help community members increase their chances of finding a job. "We made a big bazaar at the end of the year and sold their products," Kabel says, explaining that the proceeds went to the women.

Kabel, a Barclays Bank employee, also tapped into her own vocational skills by offering free lessons in financial literacy to several women whom club members had met through the vocational service initiatives. The financial advice helped the women make informed decisions about their new incomes, teaching them to allocate some for savings and giving them a better chance of sustaining their small businesses.

**Read more at:
www.Rotary.org**

Just for Fun

The barn at Larry and Susan's farm burned down, and Susan called the insurance company.

Susan: "We had that barn insured for fifty thousand and I want my money."

Agent: "Wait just a minute, Susan... it doesn't work quite like that. We will determine the value of the old barn and provide you with a new one of comparable worth."

Susan, after a pause: "I'd like to cancel the policy on my husband."