October 21, 2010 Welcome to Julia's Edition

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PROGRAM

TODAY Larry Lacher Ron Wenzel Arms of Love

NEXT WEEK Red Littleton

BIRTHDAYS 10-21: Wendell Ross



The Rotary Banner

East Alton Rotary Club

Chartered Oct. 28, 1971 District 6460 www.eastaltonrotary.org

Serving All Vets.

In our October 7 meeting, Charlie introduced Brad Levite of the Veterans Assistance Commission in Edwardsville. The VAC serves al veterans in Madison County as a clearing house for all things veteran. Their advocates and counselors can help veterans to obtain or file important forms required for benefits and give aide and counsel for all other needs of veterans. There are nearly 40,000 veterans in Madison County due to our proximity to St. Louis and to Scott AFB.

There are three primary categories of aide that the VAC provides: 1) Interim and/or Emergency Financial Assistance; 2) Administrative Service Work and Advocacy-Related Services; and, 3) Jobs Program-Related Services. Any Honorably Discharged veteran is welcome to take advantage of the services that they offer.

One event that the VAC is sponsoring on Nov. 12 is a Career and Services Fair to be held on the campus of the Army Reserve Center on E Street in Granite City. One may register for this event at http://anyvite.com/rn09muf8it.

One long-range goal of the VAC is to bring a veterans' health clinic to the county. If you are a veteran, you would be wise to get to know the VAC.

News, Notes, Nonsense, and Nothings

At our last regular meeting there was an abundance of scooterssomething about a golf tournament. Dick Bell puttered in as though he had just left the tournament. Allen was fasting, again. He and his doctor need to get on a better schedule. And Rick was dressed for directing traffic (perhaps this is a new look for the SAA).

Larry proudly announced the birth of his grandson, Cayden David Lacher; and, Mark V. proudly announced the birth of his new business, Franklin & Vaughn, LCC.

Bob served us Soup and Sandwiches and giant cookies were enjoyed by most for dessert.

The club was reminded to bring an appetizer or dessert for the Steak Fry, to bring a dessert for the Chili Dinner and to board the trolly at 6:15 on the 28th for the EA Halloween parade.

We learned that there would be no club meeting on Veteran's Day!

Fines ran amuck, with the most flagrantly self-serving fine being levied by the SAA on all those not wearing a florescent vellow vesttalk about adding insult to injury.

Of the 25 in attendance, only two tickets were drawn for the shot at the \$134 in the 50/50 pot. It's still there. Hard to believe that Eric or Kevin did not leave with a bank

Last week we enjoyed steaks ala Allen at the Shell Park. It was a privilege to break bread with the spouses and club members and we discovered once again that there great cooks in this club. Thanks to Allen and Kevin for their work making a wonderful evening of fellowship.

At the Steak Fry we learned that it's official. We will sponsor a Lawn and Garden show next spring at the St. Louis Regional Airport. Dave will ramrod the event, but all club members will be needed to make this event fun and profitable.



MAKE UP SITES

MONDAY

NOON

- Wood River-St. John UCC,
- 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-Johnson's Corner Restaurant, Alton
- 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/

COMING EVENTS

10/22: Chili Dinner 10/28: Halloween Parade 10/29-30: District Conference (Springfield)

11/11: Veteran's Day (No

11/25: Thanksgiving Day (No Meeting)

12/9: Christmas Party 12/11: Bell Ringing

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FOUR WAY TEST

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

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Keeping Children Out of Harm's Way

South African Damian Lahoud is deeply concerned about the welfare of AIDS orphans in his country, now and in the years to come. "The number is steadily rising, and within a few short years there will be close to three million," says Lahoud, a 2009-10 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar. "The difficult task of raising these children has fallen to the goGoGetters [a South African term for grandmother]. These goGos

might not even be related to the children, but they have taken it upon themselves to look after [them], most taking care of up to 20 at a time. They provide protection and support and encourage these children to go to school."

The plight of AIDS orphans

The plight of AIDS orphans led Lahoud to carry out a fundraising project during his scholarship year at Linköping University in Sweden. The project's main goals were to increase

awareness of AIDS in South Africa and the goGoGetters' role in caring for the orphans, and to raise funds to help his sponsor, the Rotary Club of Knysna, support goGoGetters in the local community. Wins Industry Award, New Product Can Save You Time, Membership Drive Exceeds Goals, and New Office Opens Near You.

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From the Archives

Oct. 21, 1999

- -Entertainment Book sales conclude on 11-1
- -"General Amnesty"
 performed the SAA duties.
 Charlie announced that
 Roxana scholarship
 applicants were taking

place soon

- -Pat reported that the Florissant Rotary made \$80,000 on their auction
- -The Operation Blessing roadblock made \$1128.28 -Dick was looking for non-
- -Dick was looking for non-Rotarians to join a GSE

team headed to Sweden -No trolley was available for the Halloween parade. We would use a hay wagon.

-Paul won last week's 50-50

Just for Fun

A rapist, a gangster and a murderer are in the same car... Who is driving the car?

A police officer!

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