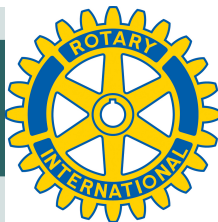


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Two to Go, Edition



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When You Need A Friend

Mark V. introduced his guest last week saying that he had no idea a few months ago how important his guest would become in his life. Bob Manges directs Ronald McDonald House (RMH) charities in St. Louis.

Bob and his wife have been volunteers for RMH for 31 years. He told the club that the first house was established in Philadelphia in 1974 and that there are now over 300 across the nation. St. Louis' first house was established in 1978 in cooperation with Children's Hospital and Cardinal Glennon.

Currently, RMH St. Louis serves 59 families each night and still needs more beds. RMS provides a place to stay, a built-in support group, a warm dinner (provided by volunteers) for a cost of only \$5 per night (which can be waived if there is need). The actual cost of housing a family is about \$80. per night. The excess cost is covered by donations from local businesses and from McDonald's corporation. The annual operating budget is \$4. mil.

RMH also provides family rooms at Mercy Hospital, Children's and Cardinal Glennon. There they offer free coffee, soda, and snacks for parents. Each family room needs 100 volunteers to keep it going.

News, Notes, Nonsense, and Nothings

A full house (27) gathered by the blazing fireplace, dining on two different pasta dishes last week including guests Dick Bell, Michael Stuby, and, potential new member, Chris Bertman (manager of Shop N Save). Rhonda walked in early (12:04) and found her way to the ladies table.

Red was having an identity crisis with all the Cardinal red in the room. Waldo (A.H.) could not be found in the sea of red. Erin was all dressed up for court and Rick was at the wrong table.

New banner stands were being displayed, compliments of the EAWRHS welding class.

SAA Rick worked fast due to the presence of twin programs. So the bucket was passed for "voluntary" fines. Rick also advised that we bring our own food if we are attending the Jazz night on 11/17.

Michael Stuby and Mark Speciale got their shot at the 50/50 pot but left the joker behind for this week.



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

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>

COMING EVENTS

10/27: TONIGHT Halloween Parade

11/3: Board Meeting at 11. Foundation Bd. at 1.

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

12/3: Bell Ringing.

4/7/12: Lawn and Garden show

PROGRAM TODAY

NEXT WEEK

Mark Allison
Classification Speech

BIRTHDAYS

10/21: Wendell Ross

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- 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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From the Archives

Oct. 29, 1998

-Larry was our President, Rick the V-P.
-Our guest speaker was Virginia from Operation Blessing.
-Our Christmas party would once again hosted by the Thompson's at their house on the hill.
-Charlie reported that all the Roxana students had been interviewed.
-Today was the deadline to return all unsold Entertainment books.
-The Halloween parade was this evening.
-We would be stringing Christmas lights on November 20th across from the Village Hall.
-The RI theme was "follow your Rotary dream".

The Tax Project

Our second program last week was David Thies who was introduced by Roger. David is a part of a group of volunteers who prepare taxes for people of low income (less than \$25,000 for an individual). He works with a group of about 50 volunteers who serve the community from January 21 to April 16. Last year they completed about 1600 returns for no fee. Many of their clients are teenagers. Not only is this a wonderful service offered to the community, but last year their efforts realized \$2 mil. in refunds. Many of those refunds are small, but, through Earned Income Credit, many of those refunds are significant. These refunds turn into dollars spent, primarily, in support of the local community businesses.

Rotary Scholar Helps AIDS Mothers

Aadila Sabat is on a personal mission to help achieve one of the United Nations Millenium Development Goals.

"We can all do something to heed the call to action from the United Nations to eliminate by 2015 all new HIV infections among children and keeping their mothers alive," says the former Rotary Foundation

Ambassadorial Scholar from South Africa. "Because the transmission of HIV/AIDS from mother to child is preventable."

The rate of transmission is as high as 45 percent for mothers with HIV who don't receive antiretroviral drugs, according to the World Health Organization. Use of the drugs, however, decreases the transmission rate to less than 2 percent.

Sabat works in Los Angeles for mothers2mothers (m2m), a nongovernmental organization that educates and supports pregnant women and new mothers on issues related to HIV and maternal and child health. She helps train new mothers living with HIV to provide such support to women like themselves. These "mentor mothers" then work alongside doctors and nurses to serve the needs of this population group, helping to lessen the burden on critically understaffed health systems.

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

Just for Fun

One day in New York City, a banker was driving his new Jaguar down the streets. He parked it and opened the door to get out. Suddenly a taxi went by and ripped the door off. The driver reported this to a nearby police officer. The officer saw the whole thing and said "You bankers are so involved in your possessions. You didn't even notice that your arm was ripped off as well" The banker stared at where his arm used to be and said "OH NO! My new Rolex is gone too!"