

November 1, 2012
All Saints
Edition



The Rotary Banner

East Alton Rotary Club
Chartered Oct. 28, 1971 District 6460

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GSE Goes to Sweden

Dwynn's guest last week was Cara Lane, member of the GSE team to Sweden. The team, consisting of four non-Rotarians and one Rotarian (leader) spent one month in Sweden in May. At the same time a GSE team from Sweden came to our district. The team consisted of professionals, ages 25-40.

The team spent their time in central Sweden (although everything north of Stockholm is considered Northern Sweden). It was still quite cold in May.

Since Cara is a teacher, she spent her time visiting the Gymnasiums (High Schools) of Sweden. Under Swedish Socialism, these schools are quite specialized and are the prep-schools for college or careers. College education is free in Sweden, but the average tax rate is 47%.

The team stayed in private homes and dined on local food, including fish, reindeer, and moose. Cara felt fortunate that the Edwardsville school district was so supportive of this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

NEWS, NOTES, AND NONSENSE

There were twenty people gathered around our tables last week, including Jeff Dyer from Bethalto who noted that they were meeting in a new place, Spirit Hall, which they hope to acquire as a permanent meeting place.

Our chili dinner was deemed a success, although there was not as big of a crowd as in the past. About \$1300. was raised, including selling leftover gallons of chili.

The back table was wrong about fast food.

Rick introduced the new, convenient, wide-mouth bucket.

Wendell received his birthday song, but may have overpaid.

Mark A. came back to take a shot at 50/50 with Red. \$65 rolls over to today.

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PROGRAM

TODAY

Kelli Keller

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NEXT WEEK

Brad Lavite

BIRTHDAYS

11-4: Ron Eaton

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

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Upcoming Events

11-8 @11: Board
Meeting

11-22: Thanksgiving--
No noon meeting.

Dec. 20: Christmas
Party.

Dec. 27: No Meeting

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Service Above Self

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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Club Archives

Oct. 31, 1996

-Brad P. was our Prez, Larry our Treasurer.
-Marks Mortuary was 'loaning' us a casket for tonight's parade. It was suggested that Susan Bailey (our newest member. Anyone remember her?) be the 'occupant'.
-Allen correctly answered the baseball trivia Q.
-Rick was looking for suggestion for our 25th anniversary "Banner" edition.
-Last week Pat spoke about what he labeled the 'tort de jour', sexual harassment.
-We will be hanging Christmas lights in the park at Main and Shamrock on December 7th.

Vocational Training Teams in Uganda

An Adopt-a-Village project being carried out by Rotarians in Uganda and California, USA, is helping to improve life significantly for people in Nkondo, Uganda.

The project involves four of Rotary's areas of focus: water and sanitation, basic education and literacy, disease prevention and treatment, and economic and community development.

An important catalyst to the effort's success is the vocational training team (VTT), a group of professionals that travels either to learn more about their vocation or to teach local professionals about a particular field.

"The main role has been to help kick-start

the project," says Past District Governor Philippe Lamoise, who led a team from District 5340 to District 9200 in Uganda in late 2010 and early 2011. "The training I conducted was about business strategies, savings, and investments as they apply to family-size farming businesses." A five-member team from Kenya and Uganda visited District 5340 in October and November 2011, learning about best practices in agriculture and irrigation, including the use of appropriate technology. VTTs give efforts like the Adopt-a-Village project a strong boost toward sustainability, says Francis Tusubira, vice chair of the Foundation's Cadre of Technical Advisers and past governor of District 9200.

"When we talk about sustainable development, we are talking about changing the mind-set of communities," Tusubira says. "Having a vocational training team come in and start imparting the skills. Having microcredit, because once you give people skills, then they must have the means to start practicing on their land."

Just For Fun

A pilot landed a plane with a rather bumpy landing. As part of his job he was required to stand by the terminal door and say goodbye to the passengers as they exited the airplane. He was afraid that someone might say something about his rather less than perfect landing, but everyone left without saying a word except for one passenger, an elderly lady, she slowly approached the pilot after most passengers had exited the plane and asked, "Did we land? Or were we shot down?"