



# The Rotary Banner

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## PROGRAM HOSTS

### TODAY

Rod Croxford

Patriot Run Riders.

### NEXT WEEK

Thanksgiving Day

No noon meeting.

## BIRTHDAYS

Rhonda P.: 11-18

Brad P.: 11-23

Roger W.: 11-25

## Calling All Turkeys Edition

### Alton (not so) Little Theater

We were pleased last week to welcome back Diana Enloe as our guest speaker who updated the club on the Alton Little Theater. ALT recently celebrated its seventy-fifth season, making it the longest continuously running live theater in the Illinois. Celebration of year 75 included a complete theater makeover, a red carpet, and a change in curtain time to 7:30 p.m. Now in its seventy-sixth year, the playbill is more exciting than ever, including two musicals and three other plays. The current play is Woody Allen's, "Don't Drink the Water." Season tickets cost \$60., and individual tickets start at \$14. The theater seats 250, so everyone has an excellent view of the stage. More information can be found at [www.altonlittletheater.org](http://www.altonlittletheater.org). Thanks to Don Brandt for a terrific program.



## News, Notes, Nonsense and Nothings

Last week 24 Rotarians met in the twilight zone— a place where Paul Hoover arrives early and Allen Hale arrives late and Mark Vaughn leads the birthday song.



There were no guests to enjoy Bob's Turkey and dressing with Sweet Potatoes (or where they Yams?). Everyone enjoyed Sally's dessert, though.

Pat brought us news from Florissant.

Rose informed us that the sign-up deadline for the Christmas party will be Nov. 29. Don't forget to bring a secret

Santa gift.

Chris is helping us to provide Christmas for a needy family. A list of needs is available from Chris, or money is always appreciated.

We are seeking website sponsors. The cost will be \$50 for twelve months and you will have your information linked to on our website. We are interested in business of our members to be highlighted on our site.

We learned last week that Lori P. is gonna be a grandma (isn't she too young for that?).

Rose and Rick took a stab at the deck and left its \$35 pot for this week.

Remember that the next board meeting has been moved to December 10.



## MAKE UP SITES

### MONDAY

#### NOON

- Wood River— St. John's 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

#### 7:00 a.m.

- Bethalto— Airport
- Goshen—LCCC Center, Edwardsville

### THURSDAY

#### NOON

- Edwardsville—First Christian

To locate a club where you are visiting check:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/SiteTools/ClubLocator/Pages/default.aspx>



The Turkey Fund has grown to \$209. Today is the last day

The Year that Was 11-11-1993: Mark S. introduced us to the new SIUE Cougars basketball coach, Jack Morganthaler. Red and Cecil were collecting magazine for nursing homes.

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## Return Service Requested

### SERVICE ABOVE SELF

#### 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

East Alton blog:  
<http://eastaltonrotary.blogspot.com/>  
online make-up:  
[www.rotaryclubone.org/](http://www.rotaryclubone.org/)

#### COMPUTER TERMS - TEXAS TRANSLATION:

LOG ON: Making a wood stove hotter.  
LOG OFF: Don't add no more wood.  
MONITOR: Keeping an eye on the wood stove.  
DOWNLOAD: Gettin' the farwood off the truck  
MEGA HERTZ: When yer not keerful gettin' the farwood  
FLOPPY DISC: Whatcha git from tryin to carry too much farwood  
RAM: That thing tha splits the farwood  
HARD DRIVE: Gettin' home in the winter time  
PROMPT: What the mail ain't in the winter time  
WINDOWS: What to shut when it's cold outside  
SCREEN: What to shut when it's black fly season  
BYTE: What them dang flies do  
CHIP: Munchies fer the TV  
MICRO CHIP: What's in the bottom of the munchie bag  
MODEM: Whatcha did to the hay fields  
DOT MATRIX: Old Dan Matrix's wife  
LAP TOP: Where the kitty sleeps  
KEYBOARD: Where ya hang the dang truck keys

## Coming Events

- Thanksgiving: Nov. 26. No Noon Meeting.
- Christmas Dinner, December 3. N.O Nelson Center, Edwardsville. No noon Meeting
- Bell Ringing, Dec. 12.
- There will be no meeting on Dec. 24 or 31.

### The Wall Fell and Rotary Rocked

The fall of the Berlin Wall 20 years ago this month marked the beginning of monumental political changes in Europe, but also the start of a new era in Rotary. The event is largely seen today as the launching pad for the rebirth of Rotary across Eastern Europe.

German Rotarians, stunned by the events of 9 November, rejoiced in the prospect of a reunified Germany and what it would mean to Rotary. They also wasted no

time in getting involved, even as the wall itself was coming down. Members of the Rotary Club of Berlin-Tiergarten welcomed visitors coming through the wall from East Berlin with tea and coffee. The Rotarians also donated street maps of West Berlin, which the visitors needed because their East German maps didn't indicate any West Berlin streets. "The coffee went cold, but the maps went in a flash," recalls Berlin-Tiergarten club member Jürgen Thormann.

In the weeks and months that followed, West German

Rotarians developed strategies for reestablishing clubs that had once existed in the eastern part of the country, in cities such as Chemnitz, Dresden, and Leipzig.

District governors from the Austrian and German districts discussed plans for expanding Rotary into East Germany and neighboring countries, including Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and Yugoslavia. Clubs and districts also began conducting seminars with communities in East Germany, many of which helped establish twin city programs or led to Rotary club projects that are still ongoing, 20 years later.

Read more at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)