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The Rotary Banner

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

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CLUB ARCHIVES

Rick Hooks

FOUNDATION OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Erin Phillips

TREASURER

Mark Speciale

SECRETARY

Rose Sebastian

PROGRAM TODAY

Brad Lavite

Amy Wilkenson

Primary Sources: SIUE

NEXT WEEK

Paul Hoover

BIRTHDAYS

Wellness at WellSpring

Kelli K. introduced her guest, Kelly Medland of Well Spring Resources. Well Spring is a mental health and substance abuse agency in Alton, formerly known as Community Counseling Center. The name was changed to eliminate the stigma of counseling and to focus on wellness.

Service include:

- * Outpatient Counseling
- * Community Support (counselors who go to the person in need).
- * Services for adults with severe mental health issues: in home or in group homes.
- * Senior services including a caretaker program that provides relief and support for people who are caring for a senior adult in their home.
- * Substance abuse services: alcohol, drugs, DUI
- * Methodone distribution and monitoring.
- * New services including partnering with local schools.

NEWS, NOTES, AND NONSENSE

Twenty-six Rotarians gathered to dine on BBQ pork sandwiches, Mac & Cheese, and fixins last week. After spending some time tuning the bell, Rhonda called the meeting to order (her first time). We pledged to the invisible flag as we began our meeting.

Virgil was actually in the house.

Roger reported that \$1360 has been raised so far for the chili supper, with a number of tickets still outstanding.

Brad reported that we had 12 on the trolley for the EA Halloween parade. Two of them were out scholarship students.

The Turkey fund can was going around. We are up to \$80 so far.

Lori was celebrating her 30th wedding anniversary and Ron was celebrating his ?? birthday.

Diane and Brad P. took a shot at the \$75 50/50 pot. It continues to grow.

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

To locate a club where you are visiting check:
<http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/SiteTools/ClubLocator/Pages/rid>

Upcoming Events

11-22: Thanksgiving--
No noon meeting.

12-15: Bell Ringing

12-20: Christmas
Party.

12-27: No Meeting

East Alton Rotary Club

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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

November 16, 2006

- Brad P. was our prez-elect, Lori our Secretary and Allen our Treasurer.
- Pat presented a Florissant MU.
- Mark V. had the solution for a basketball coach that needed an edge.
- Cory reported that All four scholarship students had been selected.
- Larry reported on his trip to India to officiate at a wedding, on "Indian time".
- Paul was on time for his wedding. It was not in India. maybe Indiana?
- Dick and Rick had their chance for the 50-50. No success.
- The Christmas Party would be held on December 7th at Martha's Tea Room.
- Prez Debbie will soon be calling for officer nominations.

UN Day Promotes Peace

Nearly 1,000 Rotarians, UN officials, Rotary youth program participants, and guests gathered at the United Nations in New York City on 3 November to hear panelists discuss ways to advance global peace.

The annual Rotary-UN Day event drew slightly fewer people than usual this year because of disruptions caused by Hurricane Sandy, which had slammed into the Northeastern United States several days earlier. But those who were able to attend celebrated the relationship between the two organizations, which dates back to 1945, when Rotary members acted as delegates, advisers, and consultants to the United Nations Charter conference.

During the opening panel, RI President Sakuji Tanaka said the relationship between the two organizations is a natural and enduring connection because both are committed to peace.

"I truly believe that the world today is a better place with Rotary and the

United Nations in it," Tanaka said. "Neither the United Nations nor Rotary is in a position to solve all of humanity's problems. But that is not our goal. Our goal is simply to make things better. We take what we have, and do what we can."

Tanaka, who chose the RI theme of Peace Through Service for his year in office, said there is a connection between service and peace. "It has to do with caring for other people and understanding their needs."

"When we recognize that the purpose of our lives is being helpful to others, it changes the way we feel about other people," he said. "If our goal is service, we do not want to argue or fight. We want to live together in peace, and have greater inner peace ourselves."

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Wilfrid J. Wilkinson asked attendees to continue to advocate for a polio-free world and to keep up the momentum toward eradicating the disease. In doing so, he said Rotary and the UN will be building a world of peace.

"We can create one of the great miracles of polio eradication: days of tranquility, when those involved in an armed conflict call a cease-fire to allow children access to health care," Wilkinson said. "To save children from polio, we've convinced people to lay down their arms in Afghanistan, Southern Sudan, and Somalia. That's something no one else has been able to do. And if that's not practicing peace, I don't know what is."

Just For Fun

Visiting the modern art museum, a lady turned to an attendant standing nearby.

"This, she said, "I suppose, is one of those hideous representations you call modern art?" "No, madam," replied the attendant. "That one's called a mirror."

A cop pulls a young guy over: "Hello officer" said the kid. "Young man did you see that stop sign?" asked the cop. "Yup, but I didn't see you!"