



# The Rotary Banner

Newsletter Date  
December 10, 2009

## CLUB OFFICERS

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#### BANNER EDITOR

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#### CLUB ARCHIVES

Rick Hooks

## FOUNDATION

### OFFICERS

#### PRESIDENT

Erin Phillips

#### TREASURER

Mark Speciale

#### SECRETARY

Rose Sebastian

## PROGRAM HOSTS

### TODAY

Rick Hooks

Sharon Varaday/Erin  
Jenkins: New Opportu-  
nities, Inc.

### NEXT WEEK

Ron Eaton

## BIRTHDAYS

Chris Herzog: 12-10

## Winter's Early Edition

### Patriot Guard Riders

It is difficult, at best, to imagine the heartache someone feels at the funeral of their son or daughter who died in Iraq or Afghanistan. Such trauma would only be amplified by the heartless protesters outside who oppose the war effort and say that this precious hero deserved to die.



Rod Croxford is part of a group that comes to the aid of the grieving family. Rod is a part group of motorcycle riders known as the Patriot Guard Riders. Their mission is to attend the funerals of soldiers and form a barrier between the protestors and the family. They use peaceful means, but they are determined to give these fallen heroes the honor they deserve.

Rod's rides with a group of seven out of Jerseyville. The group is an invitation-only group comprised mostly of war veterans. They go to funerals only when requested anywhere in Southern Illinois. Last summer they participated in four rides.

### News, Notes, Nonsense and Nothings

Last time 18 Rotarians met for Ham, salad, cheesy potatoes, vegetables and pumpkin pie a la Dave.

Rhonda P. felt she needed to explain why she was being locked up.

Pat and Roger got skunked at the deck and left \$41. in the pot.



The turkey fund grew to

\$273.16 in part due to the contribution of Roger who purchased the Alton Little Theater tickets for \$22.

Since that time, we took a little hiatus to enjoy Thanksgiving festivities and our annual Christmas party. Thanks to Rose and Eric, we enjoyed a fabulous Christmas party with food from Bella Milanos, music from Bethalto Presbyterian Church, and gifts from one another. Ok, not all the gifts were that enjoyable. We did find out that our club has many heartless thieves (mentioning no names).



### 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/ridefault.aspx>

November average: 70.24%

November Perfect Attendance:

Eric Barger  
Pat Boyle  
Ron Eaton  
Cory Gallivan  
Allen Hale  
Rick Hooks  
Paul Hoover  
Charlie Kunz  
Larry Lacher  
Red Littleton  
Lori Palmer  
Rhonda Plueter  
Brad Pulaski  
Wendell Ross  
Mark Speciale

P.O. Box 56  
East Alton, IL 62084

## 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/)

## Coming Events

- Bell Ringing, Dec. 12.
- There will be no meeting on Dec. 24 or 31.

### Christmas Family

Christmas is right around the corner!!! Once again our club is sponsoring an East Alton family for Christmas. Please feel free to sign-up to purchase any of the requested items. If you wish to make a cash donation, our 'designated shopper' will shop for us.

Child #1 – Donovan (boy)  
Age 3 months – weight 12 lbs.  
Favorite color: blue

#### Gift ideas:

Winter coat – size 6-9 months (blue – Winnie the Pooh)  
Hat – size 6-9 months (blue – Winnie the Pooh)  
Gloves- size 6-9 months (blue)  
Snow boots – size 6-9 (brown)  
Shoes – size 1 infant (blue or white), Jeans – size 6-9 months  
Shirts/Sweaters – size 6-9 months (likes anything with Winnie the Pooh), Pajamas – size 6-9 months, Undershirts- size 6-9 months, Socks – size 1-2 infants (white)  
Trains  
Balls  
Bath Toys

#### Misc –

Diapers – size 2  
Baby wash cloths, baby nail clipper, baby thermometer  
Walker

High chair  
Crib/mattress

Child #2 – Mackenzie (girl)  
Age 17 months – 19 lbs.  
Favorite color: pink

#### Gift ideas:

Hat – size 18-24 months (pink)  
Gloves – size 18-24 months (pink)  
Scarf – size 18-24 months (pink)  
Snow boots – size 4 infant  
Shoes – size 4 childrens (likes Dora)  
Pajamas – size 18-24 months  
Undershirts – size 18-24 months  
Socks – size 4-5 childrens  
Child #2 – Mackenzie – continued

Learning books  
Large puzzles  
Large, colorful blocks  
Dolls  
Bath toys

#### Misc.

Diapers – size 24 months  
100% mineral oil

Toothbrush  
Baby crib/mattress  
Baby dresser

Child #3 – Keirsten (Girl)  
Age 3 ½ - 35- 40 lbs  
Favorite color- pink

#### Gift ideas:

Gloves – size 4T (pink)  
Scarf – size 4T (pink)  
Snow boots – size 10 toddler (tan or brown)  
Shoes – size 10 toddler (Dora)  
Belt – size 4T (brown or black)  
Pants/Jeans – size 4T  
Socks – size 4T (white)  
Children's learning books (1,2,3 – ABC, etc.)  
Large puzzles  
Art supplies (washable)  
Doll  
Dollhouse  
Girl's bike with training wheels

#### Misc.

Leave-in conditioner  
Kandoo hand wash  
Baby wipes  
Toothbrush

Bradley A. Werts, 22, passed away Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009.

Born June 19, 1987, in Wood River, he was the son of Roger A. and Beverly (Mahanay) Werts of East Alton.

A clerk at Quik Trip in East Alton, he also was a paid on-call fireman for the Village of East Alton.

He is survived by his parents; a brother, Daniel Werts of East Alton; his grandparents, Evelyn Mahanay and Alba and his wife, Norma Mahanay, all of East Alton; an uncle, Wayne Werts of Auburn, Me.; and three aunts, Candice Mehmetli of O'Fallon, Mo., Debbie Ogle of East Alton and Cathy Favre of Bethalto.

Memorials may be made to the Backstoppers or the First Baptist Church of Fosterburg, where he was a member.