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TODAY

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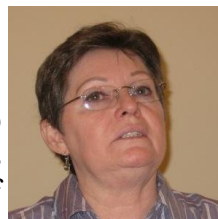
NEXT WEEK

No noon meeting.

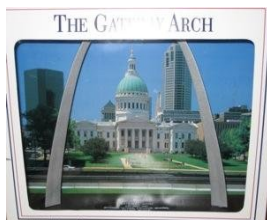
BIRTHDAYS

See Ya Next Year Edition

New Opportunities, Inc.



Last week, Rick introduced us to Sharon Varaday and Erin Jenkins from New Opportunities, Inc. of Granite City. This organization, founded in 1973, provides meaningful work for adults with challenges such as Downs Syndrome, Autism, or mental impairment. New Opportunities provides these adults with meaningful work by employing them to do piece work for local manufacturing. Work includes putting labels on items, assembly and disassembly of simple parts, janitorial work, cashier and other work in their store, etc. They even paint and assemble the St. Louis Arch souvenirs for the Parks Department. Rick is on the Board of Directors overseeing this wonderful service that makes productive citizens out of people who might otherwise be forgotten. Their funding comes from the Il. Dept. of Human Services, the Madison Co. Dept. of Mental Health and the corporate clients who use their services.



News, Notes, Nonsense and Nothings

Last week we had an emergency relocation to the Nazarene Church in Roxana due to being locked out of the Keesler Complex. Undaunted, 18 Rotarians and guests gathered to enjoy Beef and Noodles by Bob and cupcakes by Betsy.

In lieu of fines SAA Rick passed the newly remodeled fine jug around to collect money for our Christmas family. Today is the last day to contribute to the cause.

Since we were out of our normal location, no 50/50 was

sold or lost, but Chris still enjoyed his birthday song with the proceeds going to the Christmas family as well.

Saturday, Rotarians and stu-



We are looking for new officers to be elected to serve beginning July 2010. Any suggestions would be appreciated.



MAKE UP SITES

MONDAY

NOON

- Wood River— St. John's UCC, WR
- Jerseyville— Peace United Church
- 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>

dents rang the bell for the Salvation Army. A chilly and productive day was highlighted by lots of warmth in conversation and spirit.

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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/

1. Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.
2. A jumper cable walks into a bar. The bartender says, "I'll serve you, but don't start anything."
3. Two peanuts walk into a bar, and one was a salted.
4. A man walks into a bar with a slab of asphalt under his arm, and says "A beer please, and one for the road."
5. "Doc, I can't stop singing 'The Green, Green Grass of Home.'" "That sounds like Tom Jones Syndrome." "Is it common?" Well, "It's Not Unusual."
6. An invisible man marries an invisible woman. The kids were nothing to look at either.
7. I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day, but I couldn't find any.
8. I went to a seafood disco last week . . . And pulled a mussel.
9. Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.
10. A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel, and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office, and asked them to disperse. "But why," they asked, as they moved off. "Because," he said, "I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in an open foyer."



Coming Events

- There will be no meeting on Dec. 24 or 31.
- February 6: Basketball Tournament

Take That, Polio!

The Concert to End Polio, which brought together Rotarians and friends of Rotary on 2 December, raised more than \$100,000 toward [Rotary's](#)



US\$200 Million Challenge.

Besides raising funds for polio eradication, the event helped increase awareness of the disease, which many people don't realize is still a threat to children

in parts of the world.

The benefit concert featured violin virtuoso Itzhak Perlman, who played to a sold-out audience in New York City's Avery Fisher Hall at the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.

Perlman received several standing ovations, and the concert received a positive review in the [New York Times](#). Rotary International joined with Perlman and the world-renowned New York Philharmonic for the first time to present the event.

The polio eradication effort resonates strongly with Perlman, who contracted the disease at age four and overcame physical challenges to become one of the world's most celebrated musicians, winning 15 Grammy Awards as well as a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008.

During a reception after the con-

cert, Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Glenn E. Estess Sr. presented Perlman with an award for his help in fighting polio.

"There's no reason anyone should get this disease," said Perlman.

Rotary International, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 1988.

Since then, the number of polio cases has been slashed by more than 99 percent, preventing five million cases of childhood paralysis and 250,000 deaths. However, the final 1 percent of cases are the most difficult and expensive to prevent. The wild poliovirus remains endemic in just four countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan.