

December 5, 2013
Slippery Slope
Edition



The Rotary Banner

East Alton Rotary Club
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Can You Dig It?

Last time we gathered, Sue's guest was Mary Crawford from the Center for American Archeology in Kampsville, Il. Mary said that Archeologists are "scientists on a mission." The mission includes research, education, public outreach, and cultural stewardship. The CAA in Kampsville is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year.

Mary showed slides and discussed the Koster site in Green county. In that dig, archeologists have systematically revealed 9000 years of history. Working with groups of all ages, the CAA works to investigate sites throughout the lower Mississippi valley and to preserve artifacts and history for future generations. Using classic techniques, digging and sifting, and modern global satellite mapping and ground penetrating radar, the CAA is uncovering the history of the mid-west, which was one of the last places on the earth to be populated.

Pre-historically, each mile of the Mississippi, could support 300 people. These people left behind pottery, bone tools, jewelery, even evidence of domesticated dogs.

The CAA is there to **C**reate new programs and partnerships, **A**ctivate for equal educational opportunities, and **A**chieve excellence in research and education. You may visit them as caa-archeology.org.

NEWS, NOTES, AND NONSENSE

Last time we had twenty eating Julia's fettucini and asking, "Where's the beef?" Guests included Jeff Dyer from the Bethalto club and Rev. Bill Pyatt, new pastor at EA First United Methodist church and potential new member. Allen, Chris, and Dave did the duties to open the meeting at 12:15. Lori (who was MIA) is looking for EA Seniors who need a poinsettia. Mark V. was looking for people to sign up for bell-ringing, and Jeff D. invited everyone to the Bethalto Christmas Walk on Dec. 8.

Rick designated all fines to the Turkey fund and encouraged everyone to contribute generously (we raised nearly \$300.). The fining went downhill from there and chaos ensued. We did learn that "selfie" was the newest word added to Webster's dictionary. Table three was right about that. Those who did not attend the combo meeting were fined a dollar. Rhonda was out of dollars by the time her birthday song came around. We sang anyway, and the song was worth every penny :-/.

Sue and Red took shots at the \$25 pot but came up empty. Brad P. got his money back with the scratcher.

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PROGRAM

TODAY

Mark Allison

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NEXT WEEK

Christmas Party

BIRTHDAYS

12-10: Chris H.

ENGAGE
ROTARY



CHANGE
LIVES

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

12-7: Bell Ringing

12-12: Christmas
Party (Tony's)

(no noon meeting)

2-1: Basketball
Tournament

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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FROM THE ARCHIVES December 5, 1991

-We were meeting at DiRomero's Restaurant.

Today's program was presented by Jim Kodros and Norm Taylor. It was the "Los Altos Story." (Does anyone remember what that was all about?).

-Next week will be the Christmas party hosted by Norm and Carol Taylor. The following week we were to be entertained by the EA-WR high school chorus.

-We belatedly celebrated Brad P's birthday.

-We inducted three new members: Gary Martin, Jim Johnson and Greg McCalley.

-Our Salvation Army bell ringing assignment would be on December 13th in front of the Super X drug store.

-Mark S. was looking for host families for four Brazilian short term exchange students arriving in mid-December.

-The 4th annual basketball tournament would be held on February 1st. (That would make the 2014 tournament our 25th edition.)

The Power of Clean Water

Early each morning, the students of Escuela Oficial Rural Mixta in El Tunino, Guatemala, trek down the mountainside on their way to school. They carry the essentials for the day: books, backpacks, and class projects. But one other item they used to haul from home is thankfully absent: a bucket of clean water.

The community of El Sumpango, a rural region where access to clean running water is limited. Schools in the area offered the basics in education, but students learned quickly that drinking water and working toilets were not part of the curriculum. Today, that lesson is very different.

Using a global grant, the Rotary Club of Guatemala Sur, along with clubs in the United States, have provided washing stations and latrines, as well as kitchen equipment and furniture for this school and eight others in Sumpango.

Jorge Luis Chiquito, principal of Escuela Oficial Rural Mixta, says the availability of clean water and sanitation have had a significant impact on his students. With fewer illnesses caused by polluted water, the students are absent from school less and able to concentrate on their studies more.

"Having a hand-washing station and new latrines has made a huge difference," he says. "We now have a better way of life for our students and their families, thanks to the help we received from Rotary."

Clubs in Belize, Guatemala, and Honduras, all part of District 4250, sponsored 43 global grants, five of which were led by the Guatemala Sur club. Providing clean water was one of the club's top priorities.

"Everything begins with water," says Jorge Aufranc, past governor of District 4250 and a member of the Guatemala Sur club. "If there is no water, we cannot have peace. Where there is a lack of water, there is conflict."

Just For Fun

