

February 13, 2014
Valentine
Edition



The Rotary Banner

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

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It's All About Me!

Larry introduced Allen's guest, our own Bill Pyatt, who gave us the formal introduction to himself. Bill was born in Indiana, living in Noblesville and Layfayette before moving to Alton in seventh grade. He is a graduate of Alton HS, class of '71.

After HS, Bill attended Monmouth College to pursue his interest in Biology and Science. His plan was for a career in Environmental Protection. While at college, he DJed at the campus radio station.

His plan to go to graduate school at the University of Indiana was delayed by an error in the admission's office. Instead he returned to Alton, where he was hired by the flour mill as a quality control chemist. It was not long before he realized that he was not cut out for that position, but had strong people skills. He began to be trained for management and began to feel a sense of call toward full-time ministry.

Bill accepted the call and started seminary at Eden in St. Louis. After a year, he transferred to Delaware, OH where he continued his education, served as a youth pastor, and met Brenda, his wife. He says that they got engaged on the second date, but took a year and a half to get married.

Bill has served in the United Methodist Church as pastor in Carbondale, Belleville, Carterville, Mt. Vernon, and, now, East Alton. He and Brenda have two children, Scott, 25, and Lauren, 30

NEWS, NOTES, AND NONSENSE

Eighteen Rotarians and guests attended our last meeting. David Gann from RHS was our solo guest and potential new member. Julia's tried out their new recipe for beef pot pie on the club to favorable reviews. No make-ups were submitted, they are still being collected by the Florida "exchange team." No one knew where Cory was hiding out, but Allen was in a training session in advance of heading to Indy to meet his new grandson, Jack Matthew Koch.

We passed around a thank you from Katherine Colter for her poinsettia. Joe reported that the Basketball tournament made approximately \$1200 again. We were hurting for workers this year. We really need all club members to help with these events. Speaking of events, we have another quarter auction scheduled for April 3 at the Keesler Center. We need basket donations again.

We are trying to fill a table or two for the WR Rotary Trivia night. See Lori if you want to play.

Paul served as our SAA. Virgil announced that EA schools had received a \$250K grant for a new roof and that grand child #2 is on the way. Larry paid to announce the birth of Allen's grandson and the coming of his fourth grandchild. Paul fined everyone for coming in after him and those who did not welcome Charlie back with a handshake.

Patti and Lori failed to extract the \$61 from the 50/50 kitty. Brad P. got his exercise scratching, but that was all the ticket was worth.

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

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

Upcoming Events

2-20: Board Meeting

4-3: Quarter Auction

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PROGRAM

TODAY

Chris Herzog

NEXT WEEK

Rod Croxford

Great White
Wilderness

BIRTHDAYS

2-8: Virgil Moore

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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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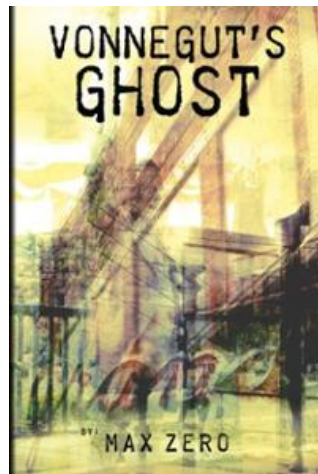
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Vonnegut's Ghost

Two weeks ago, Cory invited Ron Wenzel to be his speaker. Larry introduced him and Ron introduced us to the new novel that he just had published called Vonnegut's Ghost.

Ron's novel was authored under the pseudonym, Max Zero. The story takes place in "Almost, IL" a veiled reference to Alton. It imagines a world where the power suddenly and permanently goes out.

Ron's book can be purchased at Amazon or any time you bump into him.



WHAT IS A ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE?

Youth Exchange is a study-abroad opportunity for young people who spend anywhere from a few weeks to a full year as an international student hosted by local Rotary clubs.

IS AN EXCHANGE RIGHT FOR ME?

Exchanges are for people ages 15–19 who:

- Have demonstrated leadership in their school and community
- Are flexible and willing to try new things
- Are open to cultural differences
- Can serve as an ambassador for their own country

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Costs vary from country to country. Local Rotary clubs generously host students and provide room and board with a host family and a small monthly stipend. Participants are generally responsible for:

- Round-trip airfare
- Insurance
- Travel documents (such as passports and visas)
- Spending money, additional travel, and tour fees



Love - a wildly misunderstood
although highly desirable
malfunction of the heart
which weakens the brain,
causes eyes to sparkle, cheeks
to glow, blood pressure to rise
and the lips to pucker.