

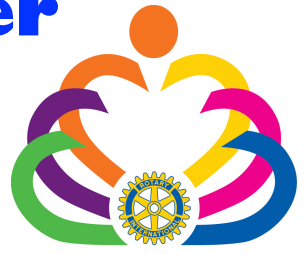
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Lovers' Edition



The Rotary Banner

East Alton Rotary Club
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PROGRAM

TODAY

Charlie Kunz

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Bi-State Wildlife Hotline

NEXT WEEK

Larry Lacher

Laura Ballard

Roxana Special Ed.

BIRTHDAYS

2-8: Virgil Moore

Throw the Bums Out!

Our guest two weeks ago was Carlton Laird, speaker for Paul Hoover. Carlton is a former Wood River City Manager and author. Having been raised during the Great Depression, Carlton has had a life-long concern about the economy in our country and how it might better be supported.

Carlton's new book recommends that we have a "Philadelphia II" and re-constitute our nation and government around more contemporary realities. In his book, he recommends:

1. That we follow Nebraska's partless system and have only one house.
2. That we decentralize government and leave representatives in their home districts.
3. Every appropriation of money should be approved by the people.

Carlton recommends that we have a national assembly comprised of the fifty governors who would supervise our federal programs. For details, see his book, "Never Vote for the Incumbant."

News, Notes, and Nonsense

Two weeks ago, there were 21 rotarians in attendance at our meeting.

Virtually everyone was post-Paul, but Brad P. was almost post-speaker.

We were warned of wet paint and table three was especially well-behaved.

"Dr. Silkwood" served as our SAA du jour and Kevin was left holding the bag. Eric told us that he had attended pre-PETS and is getting set for his year of leadership.

Pres. Dave announced that the Airport had successfully passed its certification inspection and that RFP's had gone out for the restaurant at the airport. If you want to hear some authentic dixieland jazz, you may hear his group at Jazz on Broadway every other Thursday night.

Having finally given up on Rick, we celebrated Charlie's birthday.

50/50 tickets went to Virgil and Allen who both got skunked. Chris, Wendel, Diane, and Allen

MAKE UP SITES

MONDAY

NOON

•Wood River—St. John 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 AM

•Bethalto—Red Apple

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

2-18: Basketball Tournament

2-23: Board Meeting

3-10: WR Rotary Trivia night

3-10: Boy's and Girl's Club Trivia night

4-28: Combined Meeting

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- *Is it Fair to all concerned?
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Rotary at the Ballpark

PDG Rod Buffington has reserved 1,500 tickets for Saturday, April 14th and 1,000 tickets for Saturday, July 21 @ 3:05 PM. The April 14th game starts at 12:05 PM and is the second home game of the season. Part of the pre-game pageantry will be the distribution of the World Series Championship Rings to the players. Fans entering the game will receive a 2011 World Series Champions replica ring. Normally the promotional items are distributed until they run out.

Just For Fun

Reaching the end of a job interview, the human resources person asked a young engineer fresh out of MIT, "And what starting salary were you looking for?" The engineer said, "In the neighborhood of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package." The interviewer said, "Well, what would you say to a package of 5-weeks vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every 2 years - say, a red Corvette?" The engineer sat up straight and said, "Wow! Are you kidding?" And the interviewer replied, "Yeah, but you started it."

Marking Rotary's 107th Anniversary

Thousands of participants around the world plan to swim 100 meters or more on 25 February in an effort to set a new Guinness World Record and to raise money for Rotary's polio eradication campaign.

It's just one of many events being planned by Rotarians the week of 23 February to celebrate Rotary's 107th anniversary.

The [global event](#) is being organized by the Rotary Club of Grantham, Lincolnshire, England, which has held an annual swim fundraiser since 1990 to support local charities. Participants swim laps in a pool to raise pledges during the "swimarathons."

This year, in addition to their local event, the Grantham Rotarians decided to spearhead a worldwide swim the week of Rotary's anniversary. In order to set a new one-hour swimming record, they need 2,355 swimmers to complete more than 100 meters between 12:00 and 13:00 GMT.

So far, more than 90 clubs have registered to participate by holding their own swimming fundraisers for polio. "The idea of setting a world record started as a bit of a joke," says Roger Graves, event chair. "But now that the

reality has set in, we hope to set a new world record, raise funds toward eliminating polio, increase awareness of Rotary, and encourage more people to swim and stay fit."

Other events

Among other events being planned around the world to mark Rotary's anniversary, teams of Rotarians from the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, and the United States will volunteer during National Immunization Days in India, 19-22 February, in advance of a polio summit 25-26 February in Delhi, India. In Pakistan, a new "This Close" print advertising campaign will be launched featuring Aseefa Bhutto Zardari, the president's daughter and the country's ambassador for polio eradication. Also, throughout the week of 23 February, Rotary clubs and districts will be illuminating landmarks around the world with the End Polio Now message.

This year, the landmarks include the Water and Power Development Authority building in Lahore, Pakistan, and Frere Hall in Karachi; the Roppongi Hills skyscraper in Tokyo; Federation Square in Melbourne, Australia; and City Hall in San Juan, Puerto Rico.