



The Rotary Banner

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PROGRAM HOSTS

TODAY

Charlie Kunz

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NEXT WEEK

Larry Lacher:
Finding Your Bible
Personality

BIRTHDAYS

None this week

Gold Medal Edition

Pitching the Business

Tyler Pitchford of Pitchford Funeral Home visited the club last week with lots of information about planning a funeral. He finds that most people have difficulty talking about funerals, but that death comes to all of us. 6750 people die every day in this country. Among them are 1800 veterans. A veteran can choose to be buried in one of 131 active veterans cemeteries in this country and will receive a flag, concrete container, and headstone if they do.

Many people are choosing the cremation option. Forty percent of people choose cremation currently and the number is rising. While a traditional funeral may cost \$7000 or more, a cremation generally costs only around \$1200. If a person wants to be cremated, he or she must authorize it before death; otherwise, all of the heirs must agree to the cremation or a traditional service is mandated by law.

Prearranging is the best way to ensure that your wishes are followed. It also locks in the price of your funeral at today's prices while saving your family the heartache of making those decisions on your behalf. Prearranging also allows you to give an accurate history for the obituary.

For some good information check out funerals.org.

News, Notes, Nonsense and Nothings

Bob provided fried chicken and fixins' for the 19 members and guests in attendance. No members or extra guests were present to enjoy.

Joe provided a report from the Basketball tournament, expressing appreciation for all who helped— especially the Roxana High girls' basketball team.

We were reminded how important it is to fill a table

for the March 6 trivia event by Erin.

We were also reminded that the combined club meeting would be March 24, but WR Rotarian Tyler didn't know any more than we did about it.

Joe is serving as the SAA pro tempore, making everyone miss Rick all the more. He led the club in a preview "heads and tails" game for the sake of learning the



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
- NOON
- 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>

rules. Somehow, however, everyone came out on the bottom of that one.

50/50 tickets were drawn for Allen and our speaker, Tyler with expected results. The \$95 will be added to whatever comes in this week.

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Speak Kindly
Act Justly

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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?

One afternoon a man came home from work to find total mayhem in his house. His three children were outside, still in their P.J.'s, playing in the mud, with empty food boxes and wrappers thrown all about the front yard. The door to his wife's car was open, as was the front door to the house. Proceeding into the entry, he found an even bigger mess.

A lamp had been knocked over, and a throw rug was wadded against one wall. In the front room the TV was blaring a cartoon channel, and the family room was strewn with toys and various items of clothing. In the kitchen, dishes filled the sink, Breakfast food was spilled on the counter, dog food was spilled on the floor, a broken glass lay under the table, and a small pile of sand lay piled up by the back door.

He quickly headed up the stairs, stepping over toys and other piles of clothes, looking for his wife. He was worried that she might be ill, or worse!!

He found her lounging into the bedroom, still in her pajamas, reading a novel.

She smiled, looked up at him and asked how his day went. He looked at her bewildered and asked, "What happened here today?"

She again smiled and answered, "you know everyday when you come home from work and ask me what in the world did I do today?"

"Yes", he replied reluctantly.

She answered, "We'll, today I didn't do it!!"

East Alton blog:

<http://eastaltonrotary.blogspot.com/>

online make-up: http://rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/eclub_list.pdf

Coming Events

March 6: Trivia Night
7-10p.m. at the Keasler Com-
plex.

March 24: Tri-club Meeting
at WR KC Hall

Calgary Olympic club makes wish come true for kids

A Rotary club chartered during the last Winter Olympics in Canada has teamed up with a charity to make wishes come true for six children with life-threatening illnesses.

As the Olympic Games return to the country this month, The Rotary Club of Calgary Olympic, Alberta, is working with the Children's Wish Foundation of Canada to provide accommodations for the children, ages 4-14, so they can attend.

"Our club wanted to do something special since the Olympics are back in Canada," says Tamara McCarron, club member and project chair. "We are thrilled to make a difference in these children's lives. It's a dream come true for them and for me."

This year's games will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia. With most of the area's hotels booked, McCarron found Home for the Games, a website

that matches visitors with Vancouver hosts for short-term homestays. The club spent US\$30,000 for lodging for the six families. Home for the Games funnels 50 percent of the housing fees to charities that help the homeless in Vancouver.

"I was lucky enough to come across an ad in The Rotarian magazine for Home for the Games. It's a win, win, win for our club, the Children's Wish Foundation, and local charities of Vancouver," says McCarron, who joined the club last year. "It's a huge effort, but having the resources of Rotary made things a lot smoother."

The six families, who live in different parts of Canada, will attend several events at the games from 12 to 28 February, including the highly anticipated men's gold medal hockey game.

The Children's Wish Foundation worked with Olympic officials to allow one of the girls to pick up flowers thrown into the rink by spectators during a figure skating medal round.

"We're creating a legacy for these children and their families," says Tara Johnson, the club's community service chair. "This project is very symbolic of what Rotary does for people who live at a disadvantage."

"The assistance and support of Rotarians from across Canada, specifically those from the Rotary Club of Calgary Olympic, have made it possible to send the children to share an unforgettable Olympic experience with their families," says Lyanne Goulin, director of the foundation.

Read More at WWW. Rotary.org