

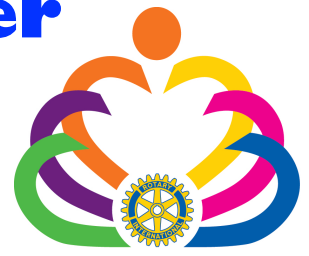
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PROGRAM

TODAY

Larry Lacher

Laura Ballard

Roxana Special Ed.

NEXT WEEK

Brad Lavite

Chief Judge Callis

BIRTHDAYS

2-25: Erin Phillips

Who Dat?

Charlie's guest last week was Adele Moore from Tree House Wildlife Center. Tree House provides care for wounded birds and animals in order to return them to the wild. They are currently moving from Brighton, IL to Dow where they have a 8.5 acre campus.



The Tree House has been in business for 33 years and is primarily run by volunteers using private donations. They receive 300-500 animals per year from all over the state, especially southern Illinois. They care primarily for birds, mostly owls, and some small animals. Most of their clients have been injured by being hit by a car.

They have a few permanent residents who could not be returned to the wild. Among them were two owls that Adele introduced to the club, a Barred (not Barn) Owl named Squib, and a Screech Owl. Find them online at www.treehousewildlifecenter.com.

News, Notes, and Nonsense

Twenty-two rotarians and guests gathered for ham and green beans last time. Guests included Denny (I used to be a member) Webber and Ryan (dad made me late) Hoover.

The meeting began with the induction of our newest member Kelli Keller. (It's good to get these things done early so she is fine-eligible). Kelli works at Cloverleaf Bank. She is a lifelong East Alton resident, has two children, and is active in ministry to children at East Alton Assembly of God.

Allen H. served as our sub, sub-treasurer and Dr. Joe served as our sub-SAA wondering if Rick will ever return. Joe levied fine for late-arrivers who would have included the Brads, Mark V. and Rod. Mark S. was back and early and our long-lost Rose was present and accounted for. In fact, the "girl's table" was just about full. Rose and others who missed last week contributed \$1 to the club coffers.

Joe gave a report from another successful basketball tournament and expressed appreciation for the helpers. Few other club officers were present to offer their reports.

Our 50/50 pot is an official "wad" of money. Dave is begging for someone to take it off his hands, since he feels vulnerable and at risk hauling it around. It is something in excess of \$150 and Dave will need Brinks to escort him soon. Tickets were drawn for Ryan H. and speaker, Adele, but no joker appeared. Get your tickets! One for \$1, 3 for \$2 is the official price guide. Anyone want to go \$5 for 10?

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

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Upcoming Events

3-10: WR Rotary Trivia night

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3-22: Board Meeting

4-28: Combined Meeting

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- *Is it Fair to all concerned?
- *Will it Build Goodwill and better Friendships?
- *Will it be Beneficial 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.



Check out our new sign!

Polio-Minus

Rotary club members worldwide are cautiously celebrating a major milestone in the global effort to eradicate polio. India, until recently an epicenter of the wild poliovirus, has gone one year without recording a new case of the crippling, sometimes fatal, disease.

Rotarians and state government leaders in Jaipur, Rajasthan, India, vaccinate children against polio during a National Immunization Day in 2011.

India's last reported case was a two-year-old girl in West Bengal State on 13 January 2011. The country recorded 42 cases in 2010, and 741 in 2009.

A chief factor in India's success has been the widespread use of the bivalent oral polio vaccine, which is effective against both remaining types of the poliovirus. Another has been rigorous monitoring, which has helped reduce the number of children missed by health workers during National Immunization Days to less than 1 percent, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

Rotary has been a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative since 1988, along with WHO, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Bill & Melinda Gates

Foundation is also a key supporter of the initiative.

Sporting their signature yellow vests and caps, the nearly 119,000 Rotarians in India have helped administer vaccine to children, organize free health camps and polio awareness rallies, and distribute banners, caps, comic books, and other items.

"With the support of their Rotary brothers and sisters around the world, Indian Rotarians have worked diligently month after month, year after year, to help organize and carry out the National Immunization Days that reach millions of children with the oral polio vaccine," says RI President Kalyan Banerjee, of the Rotary Club of Vapi, Gujarat.

"The achievement of a polio-free India for a full year is a significant step towards a polio-free world -- an example as to what can be accomplished no matter what problems need to be overcome," says Robert S. Scott, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. "Rotarians of India are and should be proud of the key efforts they have made at all levels, without which the world would not be marking this milestone."

Deepak Kapur, chair of the India PolioPlus Committee, also credits the Indian Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for its commitment to ending polio.

Just For Fun

There was a little old lady who was nearly blind. She had three sons and they wanted to prove which one was the best son to her.

So son #1 bought her a 15-room mansion thinking this would surely be the best any of them could offer her.

Son #2 bought her a beautiful Mercedes with a chauffeur included thinking he would surely win her approval.

Son #3 had to do something even better than these so he bought her a trained parrot. This parrot had been trained for 15 years to memorize the entire Bible. You could mention any verse in the Bible and the parrot could quote it word for word. How useful his nearly blind mother would find that!

Well, the old lady went to the first son and said, "Son, the house is just gorgeous but it's really much too big for me. I only live in one room, and it's much too large for me to clean and take care of. I really don't need the house, but thank you anyway."

Then she explained to her second son, "Son, the car is beautiful, it has everything you could ever want on it, but I don't drive and I really don't like that driver, so please return the car."

Next, she went to son number three and said, "Son, I just want to thank you for that thoughtful gift. The chicken was small, but delicious."