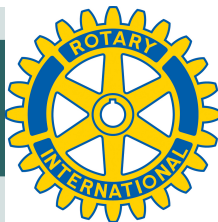


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Our guest last week was presented by Joe Silkwood. Brendan McKee is a member of the "committee of ten" which has been appointed to investigate school consolidation in East Alton, Wood River, Hartford. The end result of consolidation would be the creation of a unit district, similar to Roxana CUSD. Mr. McKee offered many reasons why consolidation is in the interests of students in the area including:

- Decreased administrative costs which frees up money to be used for education and facilities.
- Decreased taxes, especially for home owners who live in multiple school districts.
- Better curriculum coordination among the buildings (vertically and horizontally).
- Better programming and increased quality in education.

Under the proposed plan, there would be no teachers fired, but jobs would be reduced through retirement. Administration would be cut. Bussing would remain the same and debt will remain with the individual school building that incurred it. State aide would increase by over \$700,000 and the state would also offer a \$4.2 mil. incentive over four years to encourage the process.

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
- 11 AM
- 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>

COMING EVENTS

2-12: Basketball Tournament. Sign up to help online or see Joe Silkwood.

4-9: Lawn and Garden Show.

News, Notes, Nonsense, and Nothings

Last week, 21 Rotarians and guests dined on teriyaki chicken and fixings. Allen Hale, however, was not in the house. Since his whereabouts were unknown, he was assumed to be AWOL.

- A thank you note was passed around from the EAWR after-prom committee for our donation of \$125.
- Charlie invited everyone to dine of Lutheran sausage (for a small donation).
- Rhonda was hocking Super Bowl Square tickets for \$10.
- Dick and our speaker took a chance at the \$43.12 in the 50/50 pot and failed. No one was quite sure where the .12 came from.

MENSA MOMENT: Which word is least like the others: More, Pairs, Etchers, Zipper.

Riverbend Rotary Scholarship Trivia Night 2/19—Alton KC Hall
Doors Open 6:30 pm • Game begins 7:00 pm

- Bring your own snacks!
- Basket Raffle/Auction
- \$20,000 Car Raffle Drawing
- No guilt 50-50
- \$15 per person

PROGRAM

TODAY

Mark Speciale
Candice Arana
Hospice

NEXT WEEK

Kevin Stuby
Bret Stawar
Alton Visitor's and

BIRTHDAYS

2-4: Mark Speciale
2-8: Virgil Moore

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- Is it the Truth?
- Is it Fair to all concerned?
- Will it Build goodwill and better friendships?
- Is it Beneficial to all concerned?

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Water = Life in Haiti

Roy Sheldrick and other members of the Rotary Club of Ancaster, Ontario, Canada, have spent 15 years helping to provide clean drinking water for 300,000 people in the Artibonite Valley of Haiti.

A year after a massive earthquake crippled the country, followed by a deadly cholera outbreak, their work in the region is more important than ever.

Sheldrick and his wife, Norma, founded Water for Life after taking part in a service trip to Haiti with their church in 1996. The nonprofit organization, supported by the Ancaster club and District 7090 (parts of Canada and New York, USA),

drills wells to provide clean and accessible water in Haiti. To date, the project has raised more than US\$1.5 million for 219 wells. It has also helped construct more than 350 latrines.

"There is a desperate need for clean water in Haiti," says Sheldrick. "The fear of cholera made the need so much worse. More and more people are relying on our wells. They are lifesavers."

Wells have been installed in schools and medical centers, including Albert Schweitzer Hospital, the largest medical facility in the valley.

"We had to raise money and help build a new wing of the hospital because of the cholera

outbreak. They were treating more patients for cholera than for trauma following the earthquake," says Sheldrick.

Since 1998, the Ancaster club and its Haitian partners have been awarded Rotary Foundation humanitarian grants totaling \$672,093 for well and latrine projects. The grants have helped the program become more sustainable.

"With the leveraged contributions from the Foundation, Water for Life has expanded to do more work for the communities, including teaching Haitians how to maintain the wells," says Sheldrick. "We trained plumbers and created all kinds of jobs.

From the Archives Feb. 7, 2002

-Charlie had a make-up from Bethalto that was written on a used napkin. Ken H. Suggested that it was a cost cutting move. How about an early "going

green" initiative?

-Joe filled in for Dick as the SAA. He levied fines for not working the ball tourney, luxury tax and peddling candles.

-Red has issues with fire ants in Texas and was looking for some

sunscreen.

-Paul will be entering our name in the Cardinal concession lottery.

-Charlie reported that all four of our EA-WR students had perfect attendance for the fall

Just for Fun

A motorist was unknowingly caught in an automated speed trap that measured his speed using radar and photographed his car. He later received in the mail a ticket for \$40 and a photo of his car. Instead of payment, he sent the police department a photograph of \$40. Several days later, he received a letter from the police that contained another picture, this time of handcuffs. He immediately mailed in his \$40.

