

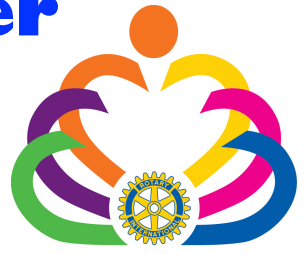
March 1, 2012  
Let the Madness  
Begin, Edition



# The Rotary Banner

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

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

## CLUB OFFICERS

### PRESIDENT

David Miller

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Larry Lacher

#### CLUB ARCHIVES

Rick Hooks

## FOUNDATION OFFICERS

### PRESIDENT

Erin Phillips

### TREASURER

Mark Speciale

### SECRETARY

Rose Sebastian

## PROGRAM

### TODAY

Brad Lavite

Chief Judge Ann Callis

### NEXT WEEK

Jenny Lewis

Stacy Boyer

Salvation Army

## BIRTHDAYS

2-25: Erin Phillips

3-2: Dwyann Isringhausen

3-4 Dick Thompson

## Roxana CUSD #1 Special Education

Larry introduced us to Roxana School District Special Education Director, Laura Ballard, who shared her annual report regarding the progress that special-needs education is making in the district.

Laura has directed special education for the district for seven years and is rightfully proud of the improvements that has the district now meeting all state goals and standards. Some of the positive steps the district has taken include:

1. Acknowledging possibilities: The recognize that these children have abilities, not just disabilities. Using the pattern, Dream-Believe-Act, the district has become pro-active in changing the culture for special education.
2. Be Visionary: See what is invisible to others. The district has managed to reduce the number of children labeled "disabled" from 25% to 14% by being responsive to issues early and helping students overcome problems to be successful. 74% of Roxana special ed. students are in regular ed. classrooms for over 80% of their day.
3. Unlock potential. 1/2 of special ed. students are now performing at grade level. A menu of interventions provides layers of responses that help students to succeed.
4. Use Technology. They have discovered that using iPads and similar devices can help students to communicate and to achieve.

This district has also committed to become expert in working with autism.

## News, Notes, and Nonsense

Our group was up to twenty-five last week, including guests, Ken Harmon and Michael Stuby. There were no make-ups. Corey was present to sub for all the sub-treasurers by being the actual treasurer. Rick and Mark A. are still MIA.

Wendel informed the club that our school in Columbia was forced to close because of its building. Funds raised will be matched with a local club from Columbia for their work with children with cleft palates.

Ken told the club that the Bethalto club is working toward building a bike path in Bethalto.

Kevin said that he had connected with Lindsay Woods (one of our former scholarship students). Lindsay is at LCCC in the nursing program.

Brad L. is working with the Michael Reese Foundation which works with our schools to help children of injured or killed military to cope and to improve in school.

SAA, Dr. S. was happy to receive contributions from all club members for one reason or another and suggested that the late fine needs to be renamed in honor of Brad P. Wendel named the fine of the day to be anyone who had not not recently won from a radio station like Chris H.

The 50/50 deck is down to 19 cards thanks to Wendel and Michael S. who went home with nothing but souvenir cards.

## 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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Club Trivia night

3-22: Board  
Meeting

4-26: Combined  
Meeting. 6:00 p.m.

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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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## 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.

## Historical Notes

Did you know that Rotary founder Paul Harris wasn't the first president of a Rotary club?

That distinction is actually held by Harris's friend Silvester Schiele, who served as the first president of the Rotary Club of Chicago. Harris deferred his club leadership duties until February 1907, when he was elected the third president of the Chicago club.

In honor of Rotary Awareness Month in January, here's a collection of facts and firsts to expand your knowledge of Rotary. Get the new year off to a good start by sharing a few of these at your next club meeting:

### **Club firsts**

On 23 February 1905, Paul P. Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram E. Shorey gathered in Chicago for what would become known as the first Rotary club meeting. A second club was formed in San Francisco in 1908, and soon after, clubs began to pop up across North America. On 1 August 1912, the Rotary Club of London became the first club chartered outside of North America. The Rotary Club of Dublin, Ireland, had been organized earlier, but didn't receive its charter until 1 May 1913.

### **Presidential firsts**

Paul Harris was elected as

first president of the National Association of Rotary Clubs (which later became Rotary International) in 1910, and is the only president to have served two terms.

Other firsts: Canadian E. Leslie Pidgeon (1917-18) was the first Rotary president from outside the United States, Sydney W. Pascall (1931-32) was the first from Great Britain, and Maurice Duperrey (1937-38) was the first from continental Europe. [Learn more](#) about past Rotary presidents.

### **Foundation firsts**

In 1929, The Rotary Foundation gave its first gift, US\$500, to the International Society for Crippled Children (later Easter Seals), which was founded in 1921 by Rotarian Edgar F. Allen, of the Rotary Club of Elyria, Ohio, USA. [Read more](#) about Allen and Easter Seals. [Paul Harris Fellow recognition](#) was established in 1957 to show appreciation for contributions, and to encourage substantial ones, to what was then the Foundation's only program: Rotary Foundation Fellowships for Advanced Study, the precursor to Ambassadorial Scholarships. Today, the recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation. [Learn more about donor recognition.](#)

## **Just For Fun**

### USEFUL WORK PHRASES

1. Thank you. We're all refreshed and challenged by your unique point of view.
2. The fact that no one understands you doesn't mean you're an artist.
3. I don't know what your problem is, but I'll bet it's hard to pronounce.
4. Any connection between your reality and mine is purely coincidental.
5. I have plenty of talent and vision. I just don't care.
6. I like you. You remind me of when I was young and stupid.
7. What am I? Flypaper for freaks!?
8. I'm not being rude. You're just insignificant.
9. I will always cherish the initial misconceptions I had about you.



First four Rotarians:  
Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram Shorey, and Paul P. Harris