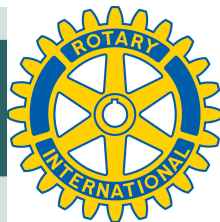


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Let the Madness
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PROGRAM

TODAY

Roger Werts

NEXT WEEK

Rick Hooks

My Trip Down Under

BIRTHDAYS

None this week

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What's Shakin'?

Rick was back in the saddle last week and took the opportunity with the absence of Missy and her speaker to talk about the earthquake in Christchurch, New Zealand. Rick was in NZ when the earthquake happened and was able to experience first hand some of the effects. He brought an Auckland Herald from the day after the quake to show some pictures of the devastation.

Rick said that although earthquakes are frequent in NZ, the one that took place in Christchurch was on a previously unknown fault zone. 350,000 people live in Christchurch and nearly 1/3 of the buildings were damaged to the point that they will have to be demolished. More devastating was the loss of 161 lives, with over 100 people still missing. Since there are so many tourists in NZ at any given time, no one is sure who might be missing. It will take billions of dollars to rebuild.

Rotary International is responding with dollars and aide. Rick received donations from club members to send on for the effort.

News, Notes, Nonsense, and Nothings

24 Rotarians and guests together last week, including perspective-new-member, Mark Allison and perennial favorite Dick Bell.

Larry received plenty of razzing for matching his shirt to the banners and dessert, which appeared to be marshmallowed Smurfs.

Things seemed back to normal. Brad and Paul were both late and Rick was back from down-under and right side up.

Joe was awarded a "service above self" bye for taking SAA duties in Rick's absence and Eric served as the bucket passer.

We learned that Dick was finally going to be a grandpa and that Lori's granddaughter, Tessa Leann has arrived. Joe invited the club to see Marquette play baseball at Busch Stadium on May 7 following the game with the Brewers.

\$92.12 was in the 50/50 pot and was left to mature by Mark Allison and Brad L.

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>

COMING EVENTS

3-24: Board Meeting
4-27: Combined meeting, hosted by the Bethalto Rotary Club.
4-28: No noon meeting.

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Concert to End Polio: Success!

Violin virtuoso Itzhak Perlman performed before a packed audience at Chicago's Symphony Center on 7 March in a benefit concert to raise money and awareness for Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio.

Rotary joined with Perlman, members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and conductor James DePreist to present the Concert to End Polio. Perlman received standing ovations during the program, prompting an encore performance of the Theme from *Schindler's List*, composed by John Williams.

Mensa Moment

What is the number that is 1 more than 1/10 of 1/5 or 1/2 of 4000?

"The concert really touched me," said Jeanne Clark, president-elect of the Rotary Club of Pikeville, Kentucky, USA. "I was a Group Study Exchange team leader to India in 2009. We helped immunize children during National Immunization Days. It's giving me great joy to be a Rotarian and participate in ending polio any way I can."

Both Perlman and DePreist are polio survivors who have overcome serious physical challenges to become among the most internationally recognized professionals in their fields. Perlman has won 15 Grammy Awards and received a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008. DePreist received the National Medal of Arts, the United States' highest honor for artistic excellence, in 2005, and has appeared as a

guest conductor with every major North American orchestra and 19 others around the world.

Andrea Luehmann, president of the Rotary Club of Chicago, was impressed by Perlman's and DePreist's commitment to ending polio, including their involvement in Rotary's "[This Close](#)" campaign. "I want the gap to be shrunk quickly -- from 'this close' to zero," she said.

Throughout the evening, the Symphony Center building was illuminated with the End Polio Now message as part of Rotary's public awareness campaign to build support for polio eradication.

Read More at
www.Rotary.org

Just for Fun

Three leaders of the big beer companies meet for a drink. The president of Budweiser orders a Bud. Miller's president orders a Millers and the president of Coors orders a Coors. When it is Guinness turn to order he orders a soda. Why didn't you order a Guinness everyone asks? Nah Guinness replies. If you guys aren't having a beer neither will I.

