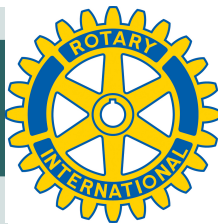


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St. Patty

Patrick was born in the later half of the 4th century AD. His birth place is said to be in either Scotland or Roman England. His real name was probably Maewyn Succat. Though Patricius was his Romanized name, he was later came to be familiar as Patrick.

He joined a monastery and studied under St. Germain, the bishop of Auxerre. He spent around 12 years in training. And when he became a bishop he dreamed that the Irish were calling him back to Ireland to tell them about God.

For 20 years he had traveled throughout Ireland, establishing monasteries across the country. He also set up schools and churches which would aid him in his conversion. He developed a native clergy, fostered the growth of monasticism, established dioceses, and held church councils.

It is said that he used the three-leafed shamrock to explain the concept of the Trinity; which refers to the combination of Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. Hence its strong association with his day and name. Legend also has that, Saint Patrick had put the curse of God on venomous snakes in Ireland. And he drove all the snakes into the sea where they drowned. He died on March 17, AD 461.

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. The meeting will be held at the Bethalto Senior Center with Mother's Catering.
4-28: No noon meeting.

News, Notes, Nonsense, and Nothings

The 25 people who attended our last Rotary meeting included Paul's son, Nathan, who "had to be fed" and Mark Allison, our newest member. Mark S. brought back a Tennessee Make-up.

Nathan got Paul to the meeting early, which was costly for those who were on time or a "wee bit late."

Two Roxana students attended the first interact meeting at Roma's with more on the way. Mrs. Wittich at Roxana will be the sponsor.

\$138. was collected for New Zealand earthquake relief.

Dave is missing today because he is speaking at the Edwardsville "lesser" club.

Roger and Mark A.'s tickets were drawn from the bucket (two in a row for Mark). Mark was demonstrating how beginner's luck works by drawing the joker! The pot was \$104.12 which Mark donated to the scholarship fund in true display of "service above self."

PROGRAM

TODAY

Rick Hooks

My Trip Down Under

NEXT WEEK

Pat Boyle

The Salvation Army

BIRTHDAYS

None this week

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- Is it Fair to all concerned?
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Rotary Responds to Japan

In response to the massive earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan on 11 March, The Rotary Foundation has established the Rotary Japan

and Pacific Islands Disaster Fund, which will support long-term recovery projects in affected areas.

Rotarians and non-Rotarians can [donate online](#). Clubs and districts can contribute cash and District Designated Fund (DDF) allocations to the fund.

The 9.0-magnitude quake, Japan's largest in history, and the tsunami that followed it caused widespread devastation, paralyzing much of the northern coast. More than 10,000 people have been killed, and thousands are missing. Millions have been left without clean water or power, and at least 550,000 people have been forced from their homes.

A series of explosions at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, 140 miles northeast of Tokyo, damaged reactors and forced the evacuation of tens of thousands. The Japanese government is working to

contain the situation. Damage from the earthquake and tsunami is estimated at US\$170 billion.

RI President-nominee Sakuji Tanaka, of the Rotary Club of Yashio, Saitama, was in Lisbon, Portugal, on Rotary business during the disasters. He was able to reach his wife, Kyoko, on the phone to confirm her safety.

"She said it was the most horrifying experience she'd ever had," says Tanaka. "The northern region of Japan is still in chaos. We are unsure when this chaos will end or when things will get better. However, I am most thankful to know that Rotarians around the world care for us."

Read More at
www.Rotary.org

Just for Fun

Late one night a mugger wearing a ski mask jumped into a path of a well-dressed man and stuck a gun in his ribs "give me your money," he demanded. Indignant, the affluent man replied, "you can't do this ^ I am a United States congressman!" "In that case," replied the mugger, "give me MY money."

