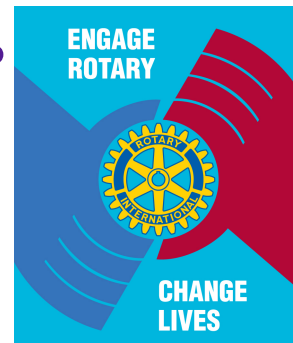


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# The Rotary Banner

East Alton Rotary Club  
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[www.eastaltonrotary.org](http://www.eastaltonrotary.org)



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Jeny Lewis

## PROGRAM

### TODAY

Larry Lacher

Melissa Erker

Conoco/Phillips Update

### NEXT WEEK

Brad Lavite

## BIRTHDAYS

NONE THIS  
WEEK

## A Closer Children's Museum

Last week's speaker was the executive director of the Edwardsville Children's museum, Stacy Bauer with McKenzie Breihan, who is the president of the board of directors. They came as guests of Charile Kunz.

The Children's Museum is located just off Hy 159 near the old LeClair school, 722 Holyoake Road. It was opened in 2003 and is equipped for children ages 1-10. Normal hours of operation are Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday from 10-4. Admission is \$5, but a membership is only \$40.

The museum offers general exploration, field trips, guided lesson, outreach programs, girl scout programs, summer camps, and more. It is designed as a small city, allowing children to explore careers and to engage their imaginations.

The museum operates on a \$90,000/ year budget, but is needing to raise \$100,000 for revitalization and improvements. They are seeking exhibit sponsors and well as individual donations.

The museum can be explored at [edwardsvillechildrensmuseum.org](http://edwardsvillechildrensmuseum.org) or you can find them on facebook.



## NEWS, NOTES, AND NONSENSE

EDITOR'S NOTE: I have been part of this club since 1994 (off and on), having come at the invitation of Allen Hale. I took several years off while completing my PhD, but was anxious to return as soon as possible. I have served as President-elect, President, treasurer, banner editor, and prayer-giver during my years with the club. I have also had the opportunity to participate in several crosswalkings, bell ringings, basketballs, chili supperings, Halloween parading, and a bunch of other times of service and fellowship. In these years, I have deeply enjoyed my time as an East Alton Rotarian. The friendships that I have in this club have been some of my most cherished friendships in this community. I have enjoyed learning about and serving the community with you. I thank you for your friendship and partnership in these years and encourage you to continue to put others first as you embrace the Rotary motto: Service Above Self.

Last week, we had twenty-six Rotarians and guests enjoying Julia's pasta overload. Former and perspective new member, Mark Kratschmer and Tyler Pitchford were our guests.

Mark K., and Red tried to find the Joker, but left it in the deck and \$125 in the kitty. Red went home with the scratcher.

## MAKE UP SITES

### MONDAY

#### NOON

- Wood River—St. John UCC, WR
- Jerseyville—Peace United Church
- 6 PM**
- Alton—Godfrey—Alton Sports Tap
- Bethalto—Spirit Hall

### TUESDAY

#### NOON

- Collinsville—Holiday Inn
- Granite City—Niedringhaus Methodist
- Highland—Michael's Restaurant

### WEDNESDAY

#### 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>

## Upcoming Events

**3-28:** WR Rotary Trivia Night

**4-3:** Quarter Auction

**4-8:** Dine to Donate, WR Applebee's

**4-12:** Rotary Day at the Ballpark

**4-24:** Board Meeting

## East Alton Rotary Club

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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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## FROM THE ARCHIVES March 25, 1999

-Our Prez was Larry (who was recently observed blessing the fleet) and our VP was Rick.

-Last week Cecil Neunaber presented a program about the Murphy's Law of war. A couple of his observations: If the enemy is in range, so are you, if your attack is going well, you are walking into an ambush and never forget that your weapon is made by the lowest bidder.

-Pat B. announced that he is accepting nominations for the Paul Harris Fellowship award.

-Red was back from South Texas.

-The program next week will feature the EA-WR high school jazz band.

## Lilliputian Lending Libraries

People in 55 countries have installed more than 16,000 Lilliputian lending libraries, run on the premise of "take a book, return a book," since Bol built his first in 2009 in memory of his mother, a teacher who loved to read. Called an "international movement" by the New York Times and a "global sensation" by the Huffington Post, the libraries have garnered coverage from media outlets including Japanese public television and French and Italian fashion magazines.

Participation is simple: Mount a wooden box (many of them look like birdhouses) on a post in front of your home, workplace, or school. Fill it with books. Delight as neighbors stop by to browse your selections or leave books of their own.

Bibliophiles aren't the only ones willing to trade a patch of lawn for a box of books. Bol, of Hudson, Wisconsin, calls Little Free Library "a new canvas for community groups" – such as artists in New York City, who held a competition to design the boxes; inmates at a Wisconsin prison, who are constructing them as part of vocational training and community service; and corporations, which are building them on service days to give back to their communities. Rotary and

Rotaract clubs from the United States to Canada, Mauritius to Ghana, are installing the libraries in their areas too.

About three-quarters of the operators build their own libraries; plans are available on the nonprofit's website, [www.littlefreelibrary.org](http://www.littlefreelibrary.org). The rest purchase readymade ones for \$175 and up, depending on the model. The proceeds fund the staff, website, and educational outreach, as well as the organization's programs to build more libraries for people in need.

The Rotary Club of Fort Wayne, Indiana, is installing 100 miniature libraries to celebrate its 100th anniversary in June 2015. Just hours after the local newspaper ran an article about the first one, the club received six phone calls from people interested in participating. The club is paying the fee to register the boxes with Little Free Library; the signs for the libraries are personalized with the club's name. "The response has been overwhelming," says Candace Schuler, who is heading up the project. "People tell me, 'I want one of these in my community.' There's no doubt we're going to exceed our goal."

## Just For Fun

A hobo comes up to the front door of a neat looking farmhouse and raps gently on the door. When the farm owner answers, the hobo asks him, "Please, sir, could you give me something to eat? I haven't had a good meal in several days." The owner says, "I have made a fortune in my lifetime by supplying goods for people. I've never given anything away for nothing. However, if you go around the back, you will see a gallon of paint and a clean paint brush. If you will paint my porch in the back of the house, I will give you a good meal." So the hobo goes around back and a while later he again knocks on the door. The owner asks, "Finished already? Good. Come on in. Sit down. The cook will bring your meal right in." The hobo says, "Thank you very much, sir. But there's something that I think you should know. It's not a Porsche you got there. It's a BMW.."