

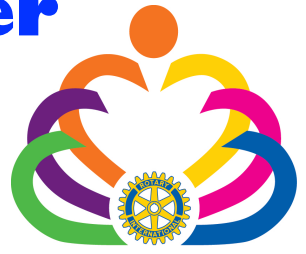
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The Rotary Banner

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

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PROGRAM

TODAY

Rick Hooks

Tad Armstrong

The First Amendment

NEXT WEEK

Virgil Moore

BIRTHDAYS

Lemons to Lemonade

One of the great problems in the Mississippi river and tributaries has been the invasion of Asian Carp. These fish crowd out the native fish and are taking over the waterways from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico. The Army Corps of Engineers has been tasked with the responsibility of controlling this invasive species and designing ways to keep them from expanding their range. Millions of dollars have been committed to the task, but every effort has little effect.



Enter Grafton, Illinois. Dave's guest, Grafton mayor, Tom Thompson spoke of how their village developed a different response. Recognizing that the carp are plankton-eaters making them rich in Omega 3 oils, and that they are in high demand in Asia, where they no longer live wild, but are farm-raised, and that they are good to eat, except for their bones, business leaders in Grafton began to imagine catching and selling the carp to China.

After several years of development, Grafton now has an Asian Carp facility in the works that will employ thirty people plus fisherman in a no-waste process. They currently have an order for 35 million pounds to be delivered to China over the next three years.

Mayor Thompson's keys to success:

1. Take a leap of faith rather than huddle in fear.
2. Look on people with respect
3. Listen to your heart.

News, Notes, and Nonsense

There were twenty-seven Rotarians and guests dining on Julia's ham, mashed spuds, and caesar salad last week. Our solo guest was Ben Allen who was with our speaker. There were no make-ups, but Dick was back after six weeks in Florida (Oddly, without any make-ups. Maybe he should have Rick show him how.) Virgil was also "present." Mark³ were in the house and Lori was the sone club member in a skirt.

Mark A. finally trimmed his beard and Dick finally got his birthday song. Roger wandered in post-prayer. At least he's consistent.

The board meeting ended early, so Rick and Mark S. had nothing better to do than to hold up the wall until meeting time.

50/50 chances went to Corey and Red. Their luck ran out, however, and the pot rolls over to this week.

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>

Upcoming Events

4-14: District Conference

4-26: Board Meeting

4-26: Combined Meeting. 6:00 p.m. at Julia's

NO NOON MEETING

East Alton Rotary Club

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East Alton, IL 62024

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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Club Archives

April 2, 1987

-Paul was our Prez, Mark S. our Treasurer. we were meeting at Amelia's Restaurant.

-The program host was Mark S. The speaker was Brian Dortch, Public Service Employment Program Coordinator for Madison County. (That is one heck of a title!) He spoke about how law offenders can be sentenced to public service work.

-Pat was the next program host.

-The deadline for Paul Harris Fellow Award nominations was rapidly approaching.

Board Notes

-Our net bank balance on 2-29 was \$609.

-Our Foundation balance on 2-29 was \$102,000. Our scholarship liability was \$12,000.

-The Bethalto Interact Club will be running the concession stand at the May 12th baseball doubleheader.

-Lori will be serving as a chaperone for the upcoming RYLA conference. 50 teens, oh, joy!

-Dave, Lori and Rhonda will be attending the District assembly.

Everyone is welcome to attend this FREE event.

-The combo meeting will be held on April 26th at Julia's. 6PM fellowship, 6:30 eats. We are serving as the host club. The cost will be \$18.

The evening will conclude with a musical interlude starting around 8PM There will be a basket raffle and 50-50 drawing that evening. Spouses and guests are welcome to

attend. Club members will be seated based upon napkin color. Eric reports that the next combo meeting will be held in the fall of 2012. This will allow the new District Governor to make three club visits with one-stop convenience.

-The 'quarter auction' event will be scheduled for a date in 2013. We hope to host a trivia event this fall at Joe's Pizza in Wood River.

-Sometime during Dave's tenure will try a soft meeting opening for a month. The food line will be opened before noon allowing early birds to nosh before the bell is gently rung sometime around the noon hour.

-The board will serve as 'clique busters' during our regular weekly meetings.

Just For Fun

I heard this story in the late seventies. Just prior to a manned launch an insect was heard in the superstructure of the rocket. The risk analysis and decision had to be made to launch or to delay the launch and purge the insect. The risk was negligible so the rocket launch. The insect was dubbed the Gemini Cricket.

The Rotary Club of Aurora Fitzsimons, Colorado, is partnering with the founder of the Guitars for the Troops program to provide deployed soldiers with guitars and packages of music supplies. The guitars are built to withstand the climatic conditions where soldiers are stationed, and the supplies include a padded travel bag and strap, extra strings, guitar picks, a chord book, and a play-along CD. The club has raised enough money to donate more than 125 guitars since 2010, delivering the packages to Fort Carson to be shipped to soldiers serving around the world.