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Spring Forward8
Edition



The Rotary Banner

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

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PROGRAM

TODAY

Mark Speciale

Amy Curry

LC Confluence Tower

NEXT WEEK

Dick Thompson

BIRTHDAYS

3/4 Dave Miller

3/6 Dick Thompson

Spring Cleaning

Last week, Joe introduced us to Aaron Burnette of the Regional Housing and Community Development Alliance and Destiny Liggett of the Madison County Urban Development. Aaron discussed the redevelopment plan for the defense area of East Alton.

The RHCD works in a four county service area: St. Louis, St. Charles, St. Clair and Madison. They partner with communities to redevelop blighted areas to improve quality of life in the communities they serve.

Arron discussed Phase I of a multi-phase plan to redevelop the entire defense area. Phase I will be focused on the neighborhood around the Keesler center and will provide 46 quality homes facing the renewed Keesler center and expanded park area. These homes will be energy efficient, adaptable for people with mobility needs, and affordable. They are committed to using local contractors, trades, and suppliers in the construction phase.

Initially, the homes will be rentals (15 years) but will be converted to owner-occupied. Renters will have incentive to remain in the homes with discounts on the final purchase. The revitalized neighborhood will also be pedestrian and transit friendly. Construction will begin in a couple of months.

NEWS, NOTES, AND NONSENSE

Nineteen Rotarians and guests shared chicken fettucini and baked potatoes last week. Denny Webber was in the house!

Allen Hale served as sub-SAA while Paul thought of the fine du-jour. Joe got a taste of his own medicine and was wrong on a baseball question designed by Allen. The Readhead Express got a plug for their upcoming gig at LCCC's Hathaway Hall and Joe plugged the April 28 game between Alton and Marquette following the "warm up act" Cardinal's game.

Our basketball tournament netted \$961.31 to the foundation.

We have received resignations from Diane Dugger and Kelly Keller who have taken new jobs.

We have been working on a new neck since Corywalked away with a pocket full o' cash (\$185) as his Valentine's present. Last week Eric and Charlie had their shot at the \$12 pot and got nuttin'.

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

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Upcoming Events

3-28: Board Meeting

4-20: District Conference

6-27: Installation Dinner

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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 4, 2004

-Lori was the Secretary and Mark S. the Treasurer
-Charlie was scheduling an upcoming meeting for all the scholarship students could attend.

-Paul was planning on attending a Busch Stadium concession training session.

-Mark S, reported that John Simmons had agreed to host a long-term exchange student.

-Ron had found a less costly source for the centennial clock.

-Lori was working on updating the 1998 bylaws.

-Red reported that all was well in the Texas Rio Grande Valley.

-Wendell didn't want your autograph, he preferred your credit card number

-We celebrated Dick's birthday.

-Today's program was provided by the Great Rivers Audubon chapter

Rotary Around the Globe

The Rotary Club of **Manama, Bahrain**, donated a mobile diabetes unit to the Bahrain Diabetes Society as part of the club's ongoing effort to combat type II diabetes among youth in the country, where the disease accounts for 12 percent of child and adult deaths. The van, which cost US \$111,400 to equip, travels to schools and neighborhoods across the nation to screen children for diabetes and educate families on prevention. The unit's staff consists of volunteer doctors, nurses, and students from the Bahrain medical campus of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

Cameroun

Early last year, the Rotary Club of Fergus-Elora, Ont., Canada, worked with the Rotary Club of Bafoussam to install potable water systems in seven rural villages as part of Hand Up Cameroon, a project involving 34 clubs in Canada and the United States. One of the villages, called Bawouk, has 1,300 residents, who are mostly women and children; many of the working-age men have migrated to the nearby city of Bamenda to find work. The new water systems will benefit these families as well as the students and traders who come from neighboring villages for Bawouk's primary school and market.

Canada

The 56 clubs in District 7070 (Ontario) set a new fundraising record in September for their annual Rotary Foundation Walk. More than 500 Rotarians, family members, and local residents helped bring in over \$142,000 for the

Foundation. District Governor Ted Koziel, Past District Governor Bob Wallace, and Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Wilfrid J. Wilkinson attended the event. In 2011, the district raised a total of \$848,000 for the Foundation.

Japan

Twenty years ago, Grace Michiko Saito, of the Rotary Club of Tokyo Seijo Shin, founded Tokyo Grace, a charity that supports young musicians, children with disabilities, and the elderly. Since Saito began organizing biannual fundraising concerts for PolioPlus in 2002, Tokyo Grace has raised close to US\$96,000 for polio eradication, disaster relief in Japan, and The Rotary Foundation. The concerts have featured distinguished vocalists, violinists, pianists, saxophonists, and flutists. The most recent event, held in November, raised more than \$3,300.

Nicaragua

Every November, the Rotary Club of Waterloo, Iowa, USA, sends Rotarians and other volunteers to impoverished areas of Nicaragua with two semitrucks full of donated Christmas gifts. Churches, school groups, and Rotarians from Iowa and seven other states work year-round to collect the goods. Since 2001, they've shipped about 2,400 "shoeboxes" – packages loaded with clothing, school supplies, and toiletries for kids – 790 layette bags filled with supplies for new mothers, 100 bicycles, and 12 tons of food.

Just For Fun

A monastery decided to start a fish and chips store. When the store opened, a client comes in, and asks one of the clerics: are you the fish fryer? Oh, no, the cleric answers, I'm the chip monk!

While Mark was shopping for pet supplies, one of the salespeople came running up to him. "Mark! Mark! I just saw someone driving off with your BMW!"

"Did you try to stop him?" "No" said the clerk, "but don't worry. I got the license plate number!"