

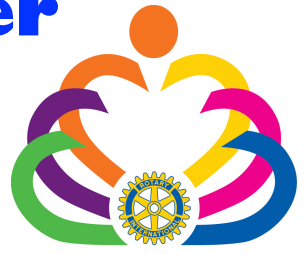
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# The Rotary Banner

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

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

## CLUB OFFICERS

### PRESIDENT

David Miller

### PRESIDENT -ELECT

Eric Barger

### SECRETARY

Lori Palmer

### TREASURER

Cory Gallivan

### DIRECTORS

#### CLUB SERVICE

Paul Hoover

#### VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Brad Lavite

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Mark Allison

#### INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Rod Croxford

#### NEW GENERATIONS

Rhonda Pluester

#### SERGEANT AT ARMS

Rick Hooks

#### BANNER EDITOR

Larry Lacher

#### CLUB ARCHIVES

Rick Hooks

## FOUNDATION OFFICERS

### PRESIDENT

Erin Phillips

### TREASURER

Mark Speciale

### SECRETARY

Rose Sebastian

## PROGRAM

### TODAY

Jenny Lewis

Stacy Boyer

Salvation Army

### NEXT WEEK

Red Littleton

Hon. Patrick Murphy

US Federal Judge

## BIRTHDAYS

2-25: Erin Phillips

3-2: Dwyann Isringhausen

3-4 Dick Thompson

3-6 Dave Miller

## Courting Our Veterans

The Honorable Ann Calis, chief judge of Madison County was the guest of Brad Lavite last week. Judge Calis spoke to the club about some initiatives in working with veterans who encounter our court system. With her assistance, the Madison County Veteran's Treatment Court has been developed as a way to attend to the special issues that are raised by veterans who get on the wrong side of the law. Judge Romani is the presiding judge.

Currently, there are 120 veterans involved in the Veteran's Court, which involves both legal and military resources to deal with the underlying causes of the offence. 85% of those who go through the program graduate and do not re-offend.

Through the Court, veterans gain access to other veteran's benefits, such as housing, medical, employment, and counseling. Brad Lavite was recognized for his contributions to making Madison County a strong supporter of veterans.

Brad is working to help children of veterans killed or wounded in action to work through the behavior and academic problems that such stress often causes in school.

## News, Notes, and Nonsense

Twenty-six Rotarians and guests dined on Julia's roast beef and green beans last week. Our guests were John Simmons and Megan Hoover. Mark Twain (A & S) were back from Florida, but Rick was still MIA. Virgil M. made a rare appearance. Lori was absent, raising roofs in Branson. The report is that she escaped the big blow.

Mark A. invited everyone to attend the Habitat Fund Raising event at the Wildey on 3/10. Our basketball tournament raised about \$1200. this year, earning a "standing O" from Pres. Dave for Joe (sub-SAA) Silkwood. Rose reported that 30 books were given to Riverbend Head Start by the club at Christmas.

The passing of Allen Hale's mother, Jean, was announced. Her memorial service will be held Saturday, Mar. 10, at 10:30 a.m. at Roxana Church of the Nazarene.

Rose and Cory had shots at the joker. Rose drew the joker and walked out with Dave's wad-o-cash. Cory got nuttin.

## 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

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## Upcoming Events

3-10: WR Rotary Trivia night

3-10: Boy's and Girl's Club Trivia night

4-26: Board Meeting

4-26: Combined Meeting. 6:00 p.m.

## 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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## Club Archives

March 6, 1997

- Our President was Brad P. and Treasurer was Larry.
- Pat and Matt Maberry were updating us on our 501 status.
- The program was provided by Max Ludeke, interim WRTH administrator. He talked about recent hospital layoffs and the state of the health care industry.
- Mark S. was unable to correctly answer the trivia Q posed by SAA John Millican.
- Red sent his greetings from deep in the heart of Texas.
- Rick won the 50-50.
- Paul announced that Mark S. was recently elected to serve as President of the Trails West Boy Scout Council.

## Board Notes

The last regular board meeting was February 23.

Cory reported that there was a checkbook balance of \$2,195.63 at the end of January; and, the Foundation reported \$99,593 in assets with \$9,100 in scholarships payable.

\$4500 has been earned toward the Barranquilla school project, however the school has been shut down by the local government. Our funds will be diverted to an organization supported by the Barranquilla Rotary club to provide operations for children with cleft palates.

The combined meeting will be hosted by our club this year on April 26 beginning at 6 p.m. Cathy Littleton-Wahl will provide a program on New Generations and Angela Valdes will speak about the Community Hope Center, which will be the designated charity that night.

Rhonda will investigate possibilities for sponsoring a trivia night or quarter auction for the club.

The next scheduled meeting will be April 26.

## Dolly Parton Supports Literacy

It can be hard to find books in Canada's vast Yukon. Claire Derome, 2009-10 president of the Rotary Club of Whitehorse-Rendezvous, knows of only one bookstore outside the capital, and in remote areas, access to libraries is also limited. Derome wanted to launch a literacy project that would reach all Yukon communities, and she found one in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

Every month, Imagination Library mails an age-appropriate book to each child in the program, until age five. Research showed that up to 85 percent of families receiving books through the program read to their children every day.

Derome, who has a graduate degree in education, did not need more convincing. "The number of books you have at home is a good indicator of future success in school," she says. Her Rotary club worked with the Yukon government and the Yukon Literacy Coalition to bring Imagination Library there, and 900 children are currently enrolled. The Dollywood Foundation and the participating community split the program costs; in Yukon, the Whitehorse-Rendezvous club covers the \$3.60 per child per month.

Dawn Rochelle, president of the Rotary Club of Jacksonville, N.C., USA, was drawn to Imagination Library because she knew that every cent her club raised would help put a book directly into the hands of a child.

## Just For Fun

A farm boy accidentally overturned his wagonload of corn. The farmer who lived nearby heard the noise and yelled over to the boy, "Hey Willis forget your troubles. Come in and visit with us. I'll help you get the wagon up later."

"That's mighty nice of you," Willis answered, "but I don't think Pa would like me to."

"Aw come on boy," the farmer insisted.

"Well okay," the boy finally agreed, and added, "but Pa won't like it."

After a hearty dinner, Willis thanked his host. "I feel a lot better now, but I know Pa is going to be real upset."

"Don't be foolish!" the neighbor said with a smile. "By the way, where is he?"

"Under the wagon."