

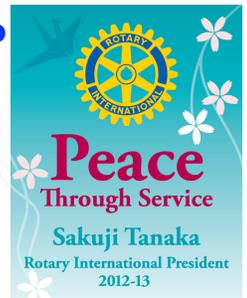
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First Big Blow
Edition



The Rotary Banner

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

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PROGRAM

TODAY

Eric Barger

Jerre Kent

Three Little Birds for Life

NEXT WEEK

Pat Boyle

BIRTHDAYS

None this week

We Knew Him When...

Dentist, Habitat for Humanity volunteer and Edwardsville Mayoral candidate, Hal Patton was introduced to the club by Mark A. Hal is also a past member of the Edwardsville City Council and past president of the Goshen Rotary club. He discussed his experiences working with Habitat following the Joplin tornado.

Hal made a total of seven trips to Joplin, taking supplies and helpers to help to restore the community. He says that eight thousand structures were destroyed by the tornado and over twenty-two thousand vehicles. On his trips he took everything from food and clothing to appliances and saw the goodness of people and God in many ways.

Habitat has built over seventy-five homes in Joplin. The Regional Habitat for our area raised over \$100,000 for houses in Joplin under the leadership of our own Mark A. The homes in Joplin can accommodate a family of five.

Hal remarked how surreal the destruction was as the tornado took out an area one mile wide and seven miles long and erased it from the landscape. The cleanup and rebuilding effort has been just as monumental and Hal was glad to have a part in it.

NEWS, NOTES, AND NONSENSE

Twenty-three Rotarians at our last meeting dining on Julia's chicken and rice. Besides our speaker, there were no guests or make-ups. Brad L. led the pledge, Jeny led the four-way test and Larry led the prayer to get us officially started. Brad P. still wandered in post all of that and Rod scooted before all of that. Cory says to check your email for your invoice and Rhonda is still looking for a Foundation Board member to go to district conference to be trained. Brad L. is looking for your Business of the Year Nominations, too sweet.

Joe subbed for Rick and worked hard to fill the bag that Mark S. was lugging around. Mark A. invited all to the Habitat for Humanity Gold tournament on May 5. Lori was getting ready to head to RYLA with two RHS students. Allen and Pat collaborated to get the right answer. Pat then got to "name that fine" and cost everyone who did not listen to all sixteen innings of the Cards game. We also learned that Diane Dugger has moved to Montana.

50/50 tickets were drawn for Charlie and Red. Lori got the scratcher. All three got skunked.

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

4-20: District Conference

4-25: Board Meeting

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

April 7, 1994

- We were breaking bread at DiRomero's restaurant. Charlie was our Vice President, Rod our Secretary.
- The guest speaker, Terri Rusk, Growth Association Visitors and Convention Bureau, was presented by Paul.
- Next week Ed Keller will introduce Sarah Batzer from the Oasis Women's Center.
- The Steak Fry would be held at the Westerner Club on May 5th.
- East Alton-Wood River night at Busch Stadium would be on July 1st.
- Paul Harris nominations and McDonald's coupons need to be turned in ASAP.
- Charlie would be the program sponsor on May 12th, Red on May 9th.



Healthy Kids in Guatemala

As John Petty arrived in Sarstun, Guatemala, he saw a young girl traveling alone in a dugout canoe.

"I was fascinated by her ability to navigate the river," says Petty, a member of the Rotary Club of Longview, Texas, USA. This remote part of northern Guatemala has no roads, so people get around by boat -- including when they need to visit the medical clinic in Sarstun.

The clinic served as Petty's home base when he and three other Rotarians came in March 2011 to help distribute albendazole, an antiworm medication. The \$45,000 Matching Grant project was sponsored by District 5830 (parts of Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas), many of

that district's clubs, and the Rotary Club of Puerto Barrios, Guatemala. The money went toward three million doses of albendazole; Refuge International, a nonprofit focused on water, health, and education programs in Guatemala, was in charge of distribution. "Refuge International had the contacts and experience in that country to make such an endeavor successful," Petty says, noting that "children in particular are affected by parasites due to walking barefoot and to unsanitary food and water. This stunts their growth and leads to reduced energy levels, which in turn affect their ability to learn in school."

Just For Fun

During the initial space flights, Nasa discovered that biro pens didn't work under zero gravity conditions. To beat the problem, Nasa spent 6 years and \$2 million in designing a pen for use in space. The pen would work under zero gravity conditions due to the pressurized ink inside, it would work under sub zero conditions, underwater, on glass and virtually any surface known to man. The Russians used a pencil.