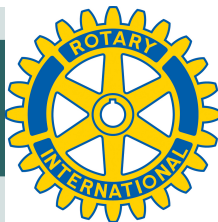


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Think Spring Edition



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Plant a Rain Garden and Save The Environment

Rod introduced his guest last week, Ellen Nordhauser of the University of Illinois Extension Service. Ellen is a master gardener, originally from Nebraska, who came to talk to the club about planting rain gardens.

Rain gardens are made from native plants and are designed to capture water that would otherwise run off our roofs and parking lots into the storm sewers and into the area creeks and rivers. Using a rain garden allows that water to be naturally filtered to remove toxins and reduces the demand for expanding infrastructure to handle run-off. Since natural plants have deeper root systems than traditional turf grasses, these rain gardens are more helpful to the environment, more resistant to drought and disease, and are able to control the surge of storm water.

A rain garden should be at least 10' from your building and should be about 1/3 the size of the area that you are trying to drain. It is a great solution for yards or berms around businesses as an effective and efficient way to handle rain water, while providing beautiful flowers and habitat for birds and butterflies. Careful planning can provide year round color with minimal maintenance.

Great places to get information about rain gardens is the Missouri Botanical Gardens, Shaw Nature Reserve, and the University of Illinois Extension.

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>

COMING EVENTS

4-21: Board Meeting
4-27: Combined meeting, hosted by the Bethalto Rotary Club. The meeting will be held at the Bethalto Senior Center with Mother's Catering. 5:30, dinner at 6:00
4-28: No noon meeting.
6-30: Installation Dinner

PROGRAM

TODAY

Ron Eaton

NEXT WEEK

Cory Gallavin

BIRTHDAYS

4-17: Lori Plamer

News, Notes, Nonsense, and Nothings

Today we welcome our scholarship students from RHS

Last week, 24 members and guests dined on Julia's chicken and rice. Jeff Dyer joined us for his first Rotary meeting back from Florida. Mark A. presented a make-up from Bethalto and was able to help Jeff get up to speed about his regular club.

Prez. Chris had a death grip on both the gavel and his tongue as he began the meeting promptly at noon. These things cannot be attested to by Rhonda or Erin who brought Brad P. in late, but earlier than Dave M. and Paul. In all, a group of five sat together at the "late table."

On April 28(Wednesday) we will join our area clubs at the Bethalto Senior Center for the annual combined meeting. Socializing begins at 5:30 with dinner at 6. The cost is \$11. and guests are welcome. The program and beneficiary will be the Boys & Girls Club.

Erin announced that interviews for scholarship students will be May 11 at Roxana and May 12 at Wood River. She will need help.

50/50 tickets were drawn for Eric and Dave M. who passes on the pot of \$42.50.

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Former Peace Fellows Serving in Haiti

From the Archives

April 16, 1987

-Don Brandt introduced our guest speaker, Illinois State Bank's Bill Drake. His topic was home equity loans.

-Next weeks program was being presented by Alton Rotary President Jerry Thomas. he will be talking about the new Polio Project.

-Pat was recently re-elected to the school board.

-Allen went 2 for 2 in the "Oz baseball trivia".

-Paul was getting ready to celebrate his 35th birthday.

-Paul Harris nominations were still being accepted.

Louisa Dow is the Habitat for Humanity partnership coordinator for Haiti disaster response, responsible for the organization's relationships with the United Nations, USAID, and other agencies.

Dow manages the USAID Emergency Community Assistance and Planning (ECAP) program. Designed by Habitat for Humanity, ECAP is a nine-month, US\$3 million emergency program that provides community-focused, on-the-ground technical support to government agencies that oversee Haiti's post-earthquake shelter and settlement initiatives.

"I feel so privileged to be in Haiti, helping families rebuild their lives by supporting them to find pathways to permanent housing," says Dow.

Dow, who is from Australia, says her 2008-10 studies at Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA, helped prepare her for the work. Her applied field experience with Habitat for Humanity in Latin America and the Caribbean opened her eyes to the role of permanent housing in developing a peaceful and just society.

"Peace fellows work in diverse sectors," she says. "Not all of us

are about mediation or negotiation. Providing access to shelter, education, and health care services has a direct impact on people living in conflict-affected countries."

Dow says her fellowship, which focused on international development policy, gave her the time and space to think about how she could help people improve their quality of life.

"I don't think there is a program that could have given me a better education in development and peace than the peace fellow curriculum," Dow says. "Being in an environment that nurtured all of us to find new and innovative areas to research was an experience like no other."

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Mensa Moment

Start with the number of total mittens the (nursery rhyme) kittens lost, and multiply by the voting age in the USA. What's the answer?

Just for Fun

A teacher sees a boy entering the classroom – his hands were dirty. She stopped him and said, "John, please wash your hands. My goodness, what would you say if I came into the room with hands like that?"

Smiling the boy replied, "I think I'd be too polite to mention it."

Did you know that you can now download a meeting-finder app for your smart phone. Look for it at your app store.

