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Thunder Rolls
Edition



The Rotary Banner

East Alton Rotary Club
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PROGRAM

TODAY

Pat Boyle

Madison Co. Bike Trails

NEXT WEEK

Don Brandt

Loretta Goebel

Flesh-eating Disease

BIRTHDAYS

4-17: Lori Palmer

What is Your Wish?

Mark Vaughn had the honor of introducing Eric's guest, Bret Swip. Bret is a co-founder of "Three Little Birds for Life" which is a local organization unlike any in the US. Three Little Birds provides "wishes" for people who have cancer and are age 18-40. They are like "Make a Wish" but deal with an older clientele. They also accept any cancer, any stage. Their goal is "to enhance the lives of young adults with cancer, one wish at a time."

The organization is just one year old, but already has three chapters and has granted nineteen wishes including cars, teeth, furniture, and trips. They help the client to determine what is the best wish in their circumstances.

Bret noted that the cancer rate for this age group is actually on the increase and is often detected late because the people in this age group do not frequent doctors or have no insurance.

Three little birds for life is an all-volunteer organization and they have a website at which a person can register his or her wish or gain information about cancer prevention. Check out 3littlebirds4life.org.

NEWS, NOTES, AND NONSENSE

Twenty-five attendees dined on ham, apples, and macaroni and cheese last week. Guests included Jeff Dyer of Bethalto, Dan Folkerts of Regions bank EA, and Sue Almeyer of Regions in WR.

Rhonda was still looking for a Foundation Board member to attend district conference and Brad L. is still looking for business of the year nominations. Rick was back and looking for \$\$ like a squirrel looking for nuts in January. The middle table was assigned a taxing "right or wrong." They were left two out of three times which was all they needed. Chris helped Rick get a buck from all non-RYLA attendees.

No one had good news or plugs, but Rick caught up on birthdays for Dick and Dave. It appears that the \$5 treatment does not buy what it used to.

The \$27 in the 50/50 pot was not enough to get Sue or Jeny to draw the Joker. Allen got the scratcher but said that he didn't know how to work it. Others suggested that he didn't want to have to tithe on his proceeds.

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 24, 1997

-Brad P. was our Prez, Larry our Money Man.
-Wendell introduced the program speaker, Gene Caldwell. He will tell us all about the internet.
-The previous Friday The Telegraph ran a photo of Tom Coles presenting the 'Silver Medallion Award for Academic Excellence' to Carole Thompson. No mention of Rotary was made in the photo cut lines.
-Next weeks' program will be presented by Beverly Farm Administrator Monte Welker.
-Everyone who arrived before Paul paid a \$.
-Dick and Larry won the 'haberdashery award' for their stylish ties.
-Charlie plans to set-up a shooting session at Olin.
-Growth Association employee Kristie Baumgartner was introduced as our newest member. Sue B. tendered her resignation due to job reassignment. (Does anyone remember her last name?)
-The only member achieving perfect attendance during the Winter quarter was Allen.
-The Steak Fry was scheduled for June 5th at the Westerner Club. John Millican and Charlie are in charge. The Installation Dinner would be held on June 26th at Moonlight. Mark S. is coordinating.

Just For Fun

Mo attends to a revival and listens to the sermon. After a while, the pastor asks anyone with needs to come forward and be prayed over. Mo gets in line and, when it's his turn the pastor asks, "Mo, what do you want me to pray about?" Mo says, "Pastor, I need you to pray for my hearing." So the pastor puts one finger in Mo's ear and the other hand on top of his head and prays for a while. He removes his hands and says, "Mo how's your hearing now?" Mo says, "I don't know pastor, it's not until next Monday."

Dubai Couple fights Pollution

When David and Theresa Wernery plan a road trip, they don't mess around. In early 2012, they quit their jobs – he as a lawyer, she as a merchant banker – packed up their modified Ford F-150, and headed out from their home base in Dubai on a journey across the Middle East and Europe.

Their aim: to educate people about the environmental effects of plastic pollution. They called it the Plastic Not So Fantastic Expedition.

They originally planned one epic, 18-month trip that would cover more than 110,000 miles through 55 countries. They later decided to split their itinerary into several stages – the first, five-month leg of which began this past May and took them across Iran and Turkey, through the Balkans and Central Europe, to the United Kingdom, then through Scandinavia, the Baltics, Russia, the Caucasus, and back home. They are now raising money for the second leg of their odyssey, slated for next year.

The couple learned about plastic pollution through David's father, Ulrich Wernery, the scientific director of the Central Veterinary Research Laboratory in Dubai. He has studied the role that plastic debris plays in the deaths of desert animals, finding that many species, including protected ones such as sand gazelles, die after ingesting plastic, either from choking or from blocked digestive systems. Even as plastic breaks down, the tiny particles pose a persistent threat to hungry, curious birds and other animals.

With the elder Wernery's help, David, a member of the Rotary Club of Jumeirah-

Dubai, and Theresa began giving local educational presentations and organizing cleanups at desert dump sites. When they started noticing a buildup of plastic trash at their favorite camping areas, the nature lovers decided to hit the road to share what they'd learned. "I was surprised when they told me they wanted to fight pollution globally, and extremely grateful and happy that they choose this way to make countries aware of this problem," David's father says.

As they planned their trip, the couple worked with several eco-minded companies. Fellow Rotarian Jan Willem Van Es donated a fuel additive distributed by his firm, Saham Global, to help increase their truck's fuel efficiency. "Sponsoring the expedition allowed David and Theresa to reduce their carbon footprint," Van Es says. GoalZero, which manufactures portable solar devices, helped the Wernerys set up solar power for their truck-turned-camper.

As David plotted their course, the couple contacted Rotary and Rotaract clubs along the way. David had been a Rotaract club president a decade earlier, while he was a university student in Bonn, Germany; he later served as the New Generations service director and Rotary Foundation chair for his Rotary club. In areas where the couple had no personal connection, they used the Rotary Club Locator app to find nearby clubs.

The Wernerys focused on documenting the impact of plastic pollution on the people and places along their route. At club meetings, they talked with Rotarians about the effects of plastic trash on local nature.