



The Rotary Banner

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PROGRAM HOSTS

TODAY

Brad Pulaski

Don Green

NEXT WEEK

Wendell Ross

BIRTHDAYS

None this Week

April Showers Edition

C/P Update

Melissa Erker paid a visit to the club last week to give us an update on the refinery. Melissa's is the Director of Government/Community Relations for Conoco-Phillips Wood River refinery. Since she has visited the club so often in the past, she wanted to offer an "informal" update without all the slides and handouts. She informed us that the construction continues at the refinery, despite the fact that crude prices make the upgrade marginally profitable. Nevertheless, the major construction is nearing completion with startup anticipated in spring 2011.



At the peak, the refinery was employing over 6000 construction workers, both in new construction and in the upgrading of the older units. The refinery will retain 2000 to 2500 construction workers through fall 2010. The new large addition viewable from Hy 143 is the coker unit. The size of these massive units is difficult to appreciate from a distance. Standing beside them, is the only way to really appreciate their size.

The large crane is still on the property anticipating one more huge lift of the vacuum-flasher tower. Other heavy hauls continue to rumble their way in from the river, but that will come to an end soon.

Although US fuel demand is declining, world demand for fossil fuels continues to grow, especially in India and China. Refineries in the US are shutting down, while new refineries are being built where environmental standards are lower. So while these are exciting days, they are also challenging days for Conoco-Phillips which continues to reorganize to be more profitable and efficient.

News, Notes, Nonsense and Nothings

Last week a paltry 18 members and guests enjoyed Bob's fried chicken. Dave brought a make-up from Wood River where he says the guest speaker was especially compelling and good looking. We were happy to meet guest and potential member Missy Walsh, the

branch manager of Olin CU, East Alton.

—RYLA what held last weekend at Bradley University where we were represented by Dani Wilson from Roxana and Kerri Johnson from Wood River.

—Dave announced that the district is seeking sponsor



MAKE UP SITES

MONDAY

NOON

- Wood River— St. John's 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

7:00 a.m.

- Bethalto— Red Apple

NOON

- Goshen—LCCC Center, Edwardsville

THURSDAY

NOON

- Riverbend— Johnson's Corner Restaurant, Alton
- Edwardsville—First Christian

FRIDAY

NOON

- Troy, Silver Creek—Pizza Man, 611 Edwardsville Rd., Troy

To locate a club where you are visiting check:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/SiteTools/ClubLocator/Pages/rid>

families for four exchange students for the coming school year.

—Lori has baseball mania tickets for each club member to sell, sell, sell.

—50/50 chances were drawn for Charlie and Roger who let the \$161 soak for another week.

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SERVICE ABOVE
SELF

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?

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honor thy father and thy mother," she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?"

Without missing a beat one little boy answered: "Thou shall not kill."

East Alton blog:

<http://eastaltonrotary.blogspot.com/>

online make-up: http://rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/eclub_list.pdf

Coming Events

THINGS YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT BASEBALLMA- NIA BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK:

1. What is BaseballMania? It is an exciting sweepstakes based on pro baseball with 6 weekly and 2 grand prizes. Each ticket has pre-determined teams for each week's contest.
2. How much are tickets? \$10
3. When does the 'season' start? July 26th. This year's program is the last 10 weeks of the season.
4. Last year it was a 17-week season. What's the difference? The prize winnings have increased for the shorter season.
5. What are the prizes? Stated on the front of the tickets are the prize amounts ranging from \$25 to \$250 weekly with grand prizes of \$150 and \$300 at the end of the season.
6. Is there a guaranteed winner again this year? YES! If we do not have a paid weekly prize winner, then one of our sold tickets is guaranteed to win \$10 each week.
7. What are the odds of winning? Each ticket has a 1 in 66 chance of winning a posted weekly prize. This does not include the guaranteed \$10 weekly winner. That will be based on how many tickets the club sells.
8. Is there anything new? YES! This year with the purchase of each ticket you receive one free music download from www.CharityStudio.com.
9. How does one play? When a ticket is purchased you can either follow along at the www.CharityMania.com website to see how your pre-assigned teams are doing through the week or the purchaser can do absolutely nothing. Either way a check will be sent to the 'registered' holder of the winning ticket. Registered holder being the name/address on the stub that is returned.
10. Why should I bother buying or selling BaseballMania tickets? To raise money to support our ongoing 8 scholarships at East Alton-Wood River and Roxana High Schools. Our club receives \$6.50 of every \$10 ticket sold. This is a HUGE profit in the fundraising world! If every ticket is sold we can raise \$3250!!! AND...it beats doing Cardinals concessions!
11. What's my part of the selling process? Return the completed stubs and ticket money to BaseballMania chair, Lori Palmer before the deadline. She will take care of the rest. That's it. Painless!
12. I don't participate in sweepstakes, is there a way I can still participate? YES! Some have 'bought' their tickets and made the East Alton Rotary Club Foundation as the recipient of any prize winnings. The cost of the tickets and any prize winnings are tax deductible since proceeds benefit the East Alton Rotary Club Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization.
13. Don't see your question here? Just ask!

From the Archives

April 27, 2006

-Joe arrived just ahead of the bell and answered the Paul Harris Fellows question correctly.
-the scholarship golf event was set for Sept. 9th @ Belk Park.
-3 of the EA-WR high school scholars joined us for lunch.