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Holy Week
Edition



The Rotary Banner

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

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PROGRAM

TODAY

Joe Silkwood

Dr. Randy Rogalski
Arthritis & Joint Pain

NEXT WEEK

Lori Palmer

Ann Lamb

Jamacian Dental
Mission

BIRTHDAYS

Defending the First Amendment

Rick introduced his guest, Tad Armstrong, founder of ELL Constitution clubs who was here to talk about the First Amendment.

Tab has written a new book on the subject, "It's OK to Say God."

Tad said that the sixteen words of the first amendment have produced three to four hundred Supreme Court opinions. Tad has discussed these opinions in his book and draws three conclusions for us.

1. We have to challenge ignorance. There is no "freedom from religion" in the Constitution.
2. We must celebrate Christ. Freedom of religion is the bedrock upon which this nation was established.
3. We must choose our battles carefully. Let Christ win, not Christianity. We should keep religious symbols out of government since letting one in means that we have to give place to all.

You may hear more from Tad at <http://www.ellconstitutionclubs.com/>



News, Notes, and Nonsense

A sparse crowd of twenty-one dined on Julia's pulled pork and green beans last week. We had neither guess nor make-ups

The board was dutifully scattered while Eric practiced his presidential skills. Paul was the first to wander in post-bell and Brad P. arrived significantly early at 12:05. The room seemed subdued, but Eric still had difficulty bringing the group back to order for the meeting portion.

Eric announced that there are three club members attending the District Conference on April 14 and that others could join the group. Otherwise, you might want to join the Rotary day at the ballpark by signing up on the district website.

Rick recruited Kelly as his lug-meister and offered Rod the opportunity to remember the name of Earl Scruggs. Rod, however, was not up on his bluegrass, costing many a buck. Larry announced the good news of his daughter's engagement.

50/50 tickets were drawn for our speaker and for Diane. Both left with nothing but shiny new cards, however, they are somewhat short of a full deck.

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

4-14: District Conference

4-26: Board Meeting

4-26: Combined Meeting. 6:00 p.m. at Julia's

NO NOON MEETING

East Alton Rotary Club

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East Alton, IL 62024

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 April 4, 1991

-Red was our President and Charlie our Secretary and we were breaking bread at Di Romero's Restaurant
-Last week's our program was presented by Anette Davis and Mary Spaulding from the LCCC Continuing Education Department
-Rick was inducted as our newest member (and things haven't been the same since.)
-The Pat Holt singers will be appearing at the EAWR High School Auditorium on Saturday. Everyone was asked to be there to lend a hand.
-Our annual Garage Sale would be held on April 27 at the old Kroger building. It will run from 7AM-noon.
-Our Bicycle Rodeo would be conducted on May 4th, Larry Ringering was in charge.
-Joe (then the Assistant Parks Director) and Greg Mortland (then working with Olin Security) were listed as a prospective member.
-We would be celebrating Don Brandt's birthday on April 18th. (note-Don has since moved it to September 29th.)

SHELTERBOX

Rotary International and ShelterBox, a grassroots disaster relief organization, signed a project partner agreement this month, allowing the two organizations to collaborate more closely to provide relief and temporary shelter to survivors of natural disasters.

"Project partner" is a special status RI gives to groups started or managed by Rotary clubs. The agreement will build on the strengths of both organizations in responding to disasters all over the world.

"Our Rotary friends have always been there ready to assist – from generous donations to direct operational support on the ground Rotary has always been part of our DNA," said Tom Henderson, ShelterBox CEO. "I feel like we have 34,000 ShelterBox offices around the world working together to help those who have lost everything when they need us the most."

Saving lives

RI General Secretary

John Hewko said the agreement will enable Rotary club members to have an immediate, lifesaving impact in communities hit by natural disasters. "ShelterBox will be able to ensure that local Rotarians are provided an opportunity to participate in the distribution of ShelterBox containers," he said.

Each ShelterBox typically provides a tent designed to withstand extreme weather conditions, stove, water purification kit, blankets, tools, and other necessities to help a family survive for six months or more after a disaster.

Henderson, a civil engineer and former search-and-rescue diver for the British Royal Naval, founded ShelterBox in 2000. Its response teams of trained volunteers have brought lifesaving supplies to victims of more than 175 disasters in nearly 80 countries.

Just For Fun

A woman in her eighties made the evening news because she was getting married for the fourth time. The following day she was being interviewed by a local TV station, and the commentator asked about what it felt to be married again at that age and would she share part of her previous experiences, since it seems quite unique the fact that her new husband was a funeral director. After a short time to think, a smile came to her face and she proudly explained that she had first married a banker when she was in her twenties, in her forties she married a circus ring master, and in her sixties she married a pastor and now in her eighties, a funeral director. The amazed commentator asked her why she had married men with such diverse careers. With a smile on her face she explained, "I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go."