



The Rotary Banner

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PROGRAM HOSTS TODAY

Erin Phillips
Kyle Anderson—
Madison Co. Recorder of
Deeds

NEXT WEEK

Rhonda Plueter
Melissa Erker

BIRTHDAYS

None this week

Baseball's Back Edition

Honor Flights

In 2004, the memorial honoring the men and women who served in WWII was finally dedicated in Washington D.C. Those who it honored are now fifty-five years older than they were when the war ended and are just now receiving the recognition they deserve. Our speaker, Dave McDevitt became involved in what has become a national volunteer effort to take veterans of WWII to see their memorial while they are still around to enjoy it. We are losing WWII veterans at the rate of 1006 per day.



Freedom Flights was conceived by an Ohio man who believed that we should honor these veterans by flying them to D.C. to visit the memorial. It has become a national organization, with 85 hubs around the nation. The hub for Southern Illinois is in Effingham. Through that hub, last year 296 veterans were taken on twelve flights at no charge to spend the day in Washington D.C. visiting the memorials. The only qualification is that the person was a WWII veteran during the period of conflict.

Other volunteers pay for their own trip so that they can serve as escorts for the veterans. The trip takes a full day and costs about \$400. for each person. Funding for the program come entirely through donations. For more information, see: <http://www.honorflight.org/>.

News, Notes, Nonsense and Nothings

Last week we enjoyed BBQ chicken, salad, potatoes, and green beans ala Bob. Mark Speciale presented a make-up from Tennessee and our special guest was WWII vet. Marvin Shumway and his Freedom Flight escort, Vicky Price.

Joe and Roger both had their hand in the 50/50 pot, but came up empty. The

deck gets smaller and the pot gets larger. We will add to the \$144. this week. Chances of winning are getting good!

East Alton-Wood River Community High School Interact has elected former Junior Rotarian Tori Higason as president. Superintendent John Pearson said the group has nine active



MAKE UP SITES

MONDAY

NOON

- Wood River— St. John's UCC, WR
- Jerseyville— Peace United Church
- 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
- Goshen—LCCC Center, Edwardsville

THURSDAY

NOON

- 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/default.aspx>

members and plans to participate in local community projects.

Check our the recent ruminations of Rick at <http://eastaltonrotary.blogspot.com/>

March Attendance
average was 63.5%

P.O. Box 56
East Alton, IL 62084

Return Service
Requested

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 certain student was applying for admission to a graduate program at a prestigious school. As the interview progressed, the interviewer found this boy to be bright since he could answer all the questions correctly. The interviewer got impatient and decided to corner the boy.

"Tell me your choice," said he to the boy, "What's your choice: I shall either ask you ten easy questions or ONE real difficult. Think well before you make up your mind."

The boy thought for a while and said, "My choice is ONE real difficult question."

"Well, good luck to you, you have made your own choice!" said the man on the opposite side. Tell me: What comes first, Day or Night?"

The boy was jolted first but he waited for a while and said: "It's the DAY, sir."

"How?????" the interviewer was smiling ("At last, I got you!" he said to himself.)

"Sorry sir, you promised me that you will not ask me a SECOND difficult question!"

Admission for the course was thus secured.

East Alton blog:

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

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

Coming Events

District Conference— April
10, Springfield.

Board Meeting— April 22

From the Archives

April 5, 1990

-We heard from Rev. Roger Matson who had just returned from observing the Nicaraguan elections.

-Our garage sale was scheduled for May 12th at Fred Brights office.

-Red was organizing our contingent for the District Seminar in Springfield.

-Our rotary Invitational Horseshoe Tournament would be held in conjunction

with Village Days
1990 and project chair.

Tax Time Message

As this year's tax season draws to a close, I'd like to remind you that the AARP Tax Aide program is still available to anyone needing assistance completing their tax returns. There is no charge for the program and it is available to virtually everyone (you don't have to be old or an AARP member to participate. It's ok to be young and good looking).

Aide's will be available at the following locations:

East Alton library-
Monday and Tuesday
10-2:30, no appointment

Wood River library-
Thursday-10-3, no appointment

Bethalto library-Wednesday,
10-2

Senior Services Plus in Alton-Monday-Friday, 10-2:30-call for appointment (I'll be here next Friday)

If I can be of assistance, give me a call. 656-8835
Rick

Haiti Recovery, Phase 2

Rotarians in Haiti are laying the groundwork for the next phase of the recovery process: sustainable restoration projects that will enable long-term rehabilitation to begin.

The Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund, a donor advised fund set up by The Rotary Foundation, has raised US\$1.3 million to help rebuild the country's infrastructure, which was shattered by the 12 January earthquake that killed up to 300,000 people and left 1.2 million more homeless.

"We are now at the crossroads as we move from immediate relief mode to sustainable development," says Past RI Director Barry Rassin, an account holder for the fund. "What is important is that we work with the needs defined by Haiti and always keep in mind that our help should strengthen their economy and not detract from it." Read more at WWW.Rotary.org