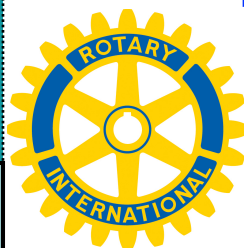


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PROGRAM

TODAY

Rod Croxford

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Western Military Academy

NEXT WEEK

Ron Eaton

BIRTHDAYS

"I Like Lemonade"

If you missed Don Brandt's program last week, you must go online and listen to it. Anything said here will pale in comparison to the powerful story and testimony provided by Loretta Gobel. She was introduced by Vicky Bennington who authored a book about Loretta titled, *A Life in Parts*.

Loretta was wrapping Christmas presents on December 11, 2001 when she managed to hit her hand against a post. By bed-time that night, she was feeling ill and had a fever. By December 16, she made her second trip to the hospital and was near death with a BP of 40/20. By December 19, in need of a miracle, the family was being called in.

The miracle came on Christmas, when she began to recover from strep toxic shock. However, the treatment that saved her life, had restricted blood flow to her extremities. By February 22, her lower legs had to be amputated. By April, her hands had to be amputated.

In spite of all that has happened to Loretta, she has learned to live life to the fullest. Her path has crossed with other amputees, such as Heather McCartney and Cindy Crawford. What started out to be evil, God turned to good. Get some tissue and listen to her presentation at EARotary.org.

NEWS, NOTES, AND NONSENSE

The room was chock-full of Rotarians and guests last week including Jeff Dyer of Bethalto and Terry Lammers of Highlands, which just celebrated its 75th anniversary. Our RHS Interact officers were present with their sponsor Kathy Wittich. They are Katie Kreutztrager, Ginger Lankford, and Jasmine Montaldo. We enjoyed hearing their greetings.

Rhonda gave a quick recap from the District Assembly. There were many Rotarians there, but not many from the club. Brad is still looking for Business of the Year nominations.

Larry got the question right regarding presidential libraries and promptly fined those who had not visited either one in the states housing more than one. Rick fined Dave, just because he could. Those who did not attend District Conference or aren't going to China contributed a buck as well.

50/50 was at \$51. Mark A. and Chris could not pull the joker. Speaking of joker, Rick got the scratcher.

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

5-23: Board Meeting

6-27: Installation Dinner

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- *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 May 7, 2009

- Roger was our Prez, Lori and Cory were doing their usual fine jobs.
- Charlie reported that the EAWR students would attend the May 14th meeting.
- The District Conference was scheduled to be held in Macomb on May 29-30.
- In board news, Paul and Charlie voted to increase the weekly meeting charge to \$7. A donation of two "spring toys" from the park district was tabled until the next meeting. The new signs at the Shamrock & Main intersection would be installed within the next fortnight.
- Rick reported that he recently established a club blog site. It will be used to link to the weekly program speaker's audio recording.
- Lori was looking for internet "friends" to add to our club web site email list.

Just For Fun

A brilliant magician was performing on an ocean liner. But every time he did a trick, a talking cat in the audience would scream, "It's a trick. It's not magic. You're a big phony!"

Then one night during a storm, the ship sank while the magician was performing. And who should end up in the same lifeboat together, all alone, but the talking cat and the magician! For three days, they glared at each other, neither one saying a word to the other. Finally the cat sighed and said, "All right, smart-aleck. You and your darn tricks. What did you do with the ship?"

Polio Eradication Within Reach

The 2013-18 Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategic Plan and about US\$4 billion in funding commitments took center stage at the Global Vaccine Summit in Abu Dhabi 24-25 April.

Developed by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), the plan is designed to interrupt transmission of the wild poliovirus by the end of 2014, strengthen routine immunization, lay the groundwork for securing a lasting polio-free world, and transfer the eradication initiative's assets to other public health efforts.

The GPEI estimates the new plan will cost about US\$5.5 billion. Governments, nongovernmental organizations, foundations, and other donors announced the commitments during the vaccine summit. They also called upon additional donors to commit the additional US\$1.5 billion needed to ensure eradication.

The Global Vaccine Summit was hosted by Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, in

partnership with United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

"This plan isn't just a polio eradication plan, it's a global immunization plan with the goal of ending polio while improving efforts to protect all children, including the most vulnerable, with life-saving vaccines," said Gates. "Successful implementation of the plan requires a significant, but time-limited investment that will deliver a polio-free world and pay dividends for future generations."

Rotary International, along with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, are global partners in the GPEI. One of Rotary's chief responsibilities in the worldwide effort is advocacy. In addition to contributing more than US\$1.2 billion to the GPEI, Rotary has helped secure over \$9 billion from donor governments since the initiative began in 1988. It is estimated that polio eradication could save the world US\$40-50 billion by 2035.