

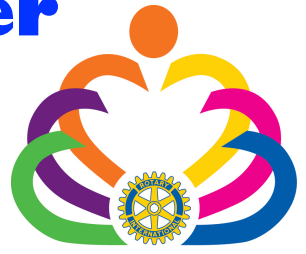
June 14, 2012  
Flag Day Edition



# The Rotary Banner

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

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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## PROGRAM

### TODAY

Kevin Stuby

David Craig

### SCORE

### NEXT WEEK

Dick Thompson

Katherine Rhodes

South Africa

## BIRTHDAYS

## Biofuels Are Making a Difference

Our speaker last week, John Calpert, was the guest of Mark S. and came from the national Corn to Ethanol Research Center at SIUE. This center opened in 2003 with a mission to facilitate the development on new technologies for the advancement of biofuels.

Current national policy calls for 36 billion gallons of renewable fuels to be produced nationally by 2020. This year, 14 billion gallons were produced, displacing 400 million barrels of foreign oil. The ethanol industry adds \$5 billion to the economy of Illinois annually and \$60 billion to the national economy.

The research center is funded through the private sector and has aided in the advancement of many research efforts in the biofuels industry. They have been the first to convert cellulose to corn alcohol, marking a breakthrough in the technology.

John made the point that our food supply is not reduced at all through use as biofuels and that our dependence on foreign oil has consistently been reduced through these efforts. He predicts a bright future for the American biofuels industry.

## NEWS, NOTES, AND NONSENSE

Twenty-five Rotarians and guests gathered around tables to dine on Julia's ham, BBQ chicken, salad and pie. Guests included Tyler Pitchford (president-elect of the Wood River club), Jim Speciale, and Mark Fultz. There were no make-ups.

As the meeting formally started, Dick pledged, Allen tested, and Red prayed. Brad L. was present and not limping, while Joe S. was complaining of severe back pain. Most of the ladies were missing in action. Eric and Tyler were early scooters.

Allen missed our right and wrong sports question. Apparently, the one thing he doesn't know is ponies.

Roger was celebrating the marriage of his youngest and Pres. Dave was plugging the Edwardsville Muny band. The lug was packed full by fines including Larry's fine du jour for those not reading today's blog. Joe S. received a standing "O" for his excellent softball season.

Joe and Dick also took their shot at the \$44. in the 50/50 pot. No one in the room was worried that the money would walk out given their luck.

## 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—El Mezal

#### 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

**6-28:** Installation Dinner, Julia's. (No Noon Meeting)

## East Alton Rotary Club

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### 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

June 14, 2007

-Brad P. was the Prez-elect, Lori the Secretary and Allen the Treasurer.

-The Installation Dinner was scheduled for June 28th at My Just Desserts in Alton.

-Wendell (AKA Mr. Manners) told us that chicken salad is eaten from the left side of the plate (who knew?).

-Lori reported that there were still 197 unsold Baseball Mania tickets. Cory has been the top seller.

-Brad was offering personalized ID's for access to the members section of our web site.

-Roger and Ron had a chance to win the jackpot. Guess what happened.

Larry used the FineDuJour to flush out the heathens. Yikes!

## Rotarian Helps Adults with Special Needs

Sharon Irving's 20-year-old son, Douglas, has developmental disabilities, but he doesn't want to be on the receiving end of charity all the time. "I notice this among people throughout the

The members elect their own officers, each of whom is paired with a mentor, and select their own projects. Their first, a spaghetti dinner in March 2011, raised \$1,000 for St. Jude Children's Hospital. They've also joined members of Irving's Rotary club to ring the bell for the Salvation Army and participate in a local parade.

"I've never seen a club where everyone shows up for every meeting and votes not 'yes' but 'yay!' for everything that's brought up to do," Irving says. "This gives them a chance to shine and to



show that they have as much to give as you and I." A bonus is increasing the public's understanding of Rotary. "If I died tomorrow, this project would be the one thing I could be the most proud of in my life," she says. "I did it as a tribute to Douglas."

special-needs community," Irving says. "They're thrilled to be the ones giving for a change. They need self-respect and self-esteem just like everybody else on the planet." In 2010, she started the Rotary Community Corps of Keon at a vocational center for adults with special needs; 25 people signed up.

## Just For Fun

Two explorers, camped in the heart of the African jungle, were discussing their expedition. "I came here," said one, "because the urge to travel was in my blood. City life bored me, and the smell of exhaust fumes on the highways made me sick. I wanted to see the sunrise over new horizons and hear the flutter of birds that never had been seen by man. I wanted to leave my footprints on sand unmarked before I came. In short, I wanted to see nature in the raw. What about you?" "I came," the second man replied, "because my son was taking saxophone lessons."