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Summer's Here
Edition



The Rotary Banner

East Alton Rotary Club
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PROGRAM

TODAY

Dick Thompson
Katherine Rhodes

South Africa

NEXT WEEK

INSTALLATION
DINNER

BIRTHDAYS

Starting Healthy Small Businesses

David Craig of S.C.O.R.E. was Kevin's guest last week. His organization, Service Corps of Retired Executives, is committed to helping small businesses be the engine of the American economy.

SCORE helps entrepreneurs start businesses, helps business owners to expand, and helps people to get out of business with a profit. They have a goal of opening one million new businesses in America in seven years, beginning in 2009. Last year they helped fifty-five thousand new businesses open their doors.

SCORE volunteers serve as mentors and coaches for business owners. They offer a five-part training workshop for those contemplating opening a new business venture. Through the course, a business owner receives the equivalent of an MBA in practical advice and experience to create a business and marketing plan. The mentoring relationship is free and the classes cost only \$125. If you are interested in volunteering your services or receiving their services, see swillinois.score.org.

NEWS, NOTES, AND NONSENSE

Roast beast and cured pig were on the menu for our last meeting. Our solo guest was our speaker making our total 23. There were no make-ups.

Mark S. limped in, but "momma" Rhonda came to his rescue. Paul wandered in post-prayer and Eric was playing hookie while he can (probably visiting other clubs to steal all their best ideas).

Pres. Dave was wrong on Rick's aviation question regarding the most popular destination out of St. Louis. The correct answer is Denver. Roger's fine du jour dingged those who did not put their flag up at home. Kevin got his birthday song 3 weeks late and Larry got his "no song" six weeks early.

Charlie and Mark A. had their chance at the \$51. in the 50/50 pot. Their luck ran out at the ticket.

THE BANNER WILL BE TAKING THE SUMMER OFF. Check the website for snippets and updates. Check the blogsite to catch up on the speakers you

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 Mezcal

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).

Hats off to Dave
for his year of
leadership for the
club!

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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

June 24, 1999

-Pat announced that John Millican was our Paul Harris Fellowship recipient. John's health would not allow him to maintain his role as club Secretary (John Simmons would serve as his replacement). Rick was looking for a replacement.

-Two of the fines levied by SAA Tom was for not wearing a tie and double-snitching.

-Last week's program was about flag etiquette was presented by Bethalto Postmaster Donna Ashauer.

-Assistant District Gov. Rosemarie Brown will be visiting the July 8th meeting.

-Rick won the 50-50, finally.

-Mark's V. and S., Dick and Larry would have leadership roles during the 99-00 Rotary year.

-The Installation Dinner would be held next week at Sunset Hills CC. Weekly meeting would continue to be held at Wood River Township Hospital.

-Charlie announced that scholarship students Amanda Buck and Jason Huff would receive \$575 and \$775 respectively.

-Starting with the July 8th meeting, a greeter program would be instituted. Every member would be assigned the position on a rotating basis.

Rotary News Briefs

Austria

In August, Districts 1910 and 1920 (parts of Austria; Bosnia-Herzegovina) hosted 24 students and two Rotarians from Japan who were affected by the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami. Japanese and Austrian Rotarians covered the cost of the flights (Lufthansa provided discounted tickets), accommodations, and other expenses, and the governments of both countries offered additional financial support.

Canada

Members of the Rotary Club of Ladner, B.C., have been instrumental in a campaign to rid the province's coast of *spartina anglica*, or common cordgrass, a noxious weed that was planted to control erosion but whose

spread now poses a danger to wetland areas. This fall, club members put in 58 hours of work, hand-pulling 250 bags, or 5 tons, of the weed. They finished that stretch of shoreline in October.

Curaçao

The January 2010 earthquake in Haiti left thousands of people with injuries that required amputations. This October, members of the Rotary Club of Willemstad brought 10 amputees to Curaçao, where each patient was fitted with a prosthetic leg and underwent six weeks of physical therapy. The club worked with the Royal Netherlands Navy, which provided accommodations in its barracks, and with local companies Insel Air and ABC Bus Company, which covered travel expenses.

Pakistan

Rotarians in Karachi used a van emblazoned with messages in English and Urdu to share information about polio during Subnational Immunization Days in December. Club members also visited a school in the nearby town of Korangi, where they gave drops of vaccine to 238 children.

Just For Fun

Two elderly couples were enjoying friendly conversation when one of the men asked the other, "Fred, how was the memory clinic you went to last month?" "Outstanding," Fred replied. "They taught us all the latest psychological techniques: visualization, association, etc. It was great." "That's great! And what was the name of the clinic?" Fred went blank. He thought and thought, but couldn't remember. Then a smile broke across his face and he asked, "What do you call that flower with the long stem and thorns?"

"You mean a rose?"

"Yes, that's it!" He turned to his wife, "Rose, what was the name of that memory clinic?"