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**PROGRAM** <u>TODAY</u> Charlie Kunz Jeff Haferkamp The Changing Face of Agriculture

<u>NEXT WEEK</u> INSTALLATION DINNER No Noon Meeting

BIRTHDAYS

None this Week



# The Rotary Banner

*East Alton Rotary Club* Chartered Oct. 28, 1971 District 6460 www.eastaltonrotary.org

## Another Home for the Homeless

Larry's guest last week was Dani Robbinette, director of House of Hope in Cottage Hills. House of Hope is affiliated with the Community Hope Center, but operates independently as its own entity. It is located behind the Community Hope Center and is already built and furnished and ready for occupation. Dani is working to develop funding sources so that the facility can be opened as a homeless shelter for women and children with the goal of providing services that will enable these families to become reestablished as independent families.

Dani comes to the ministry with a personal history of homelessness. Her family was helped through a ministry to her family that enabled them to break the cycle of poverty and homelessness.

The model for House of Hope is an inter-city mission in Springfield, IL. 100% of the clients that enter that mission do not return to homelessness. That is the long-term goal of House of Hope.

While working on funding, HOH has opened its doors Monday-Wednesday for lunch (10-1). Anyone who comes at that time will be offered soup and an sandwich, no questions asked. Thus far, over 1400 sandwiches and 1200 bowls of soup have been served.

Additionally, HOH is sponsoring "A night of hope." The house is being opened in the evening if groups (five or six needed) will come to provide food and activities for those who need to stay (primarily women and children).

HOH has 16 beds, a full kitchen, a nursery, a large common area and bathrooms with showers. Dani can be contacted at hopeoverflows@yahoo.com

## News, Notes, Nonsense, and Nothings

Last week we had 20 Rotarians and guests dining on Julia's fried chicken and fixins. Guests included potential new member, Jenny Lewis, manager of First American Credit Union, guest of Rhonda P. and Paul Wilhoft of the Veterans Affairs, Healthcare for the Homeless, guest of Brad L.

Mark Allison thanked the club for the flowers and condolences sent on behalf of his father.

Prez. Chris sought a volunteer for missing SAA, Rick. Since no one felt worthy to fill Rick's shoes (or maybe they were afraid of catching something), Red announced general amnesty. In lieu of finage, bucks were collected to add to the Joplin relief effort. Larry offered a few reflections on his recent stop in Joplin when he introduced his speaker.

\$72. has stacked up in the 50/50 pot and Mark A. had two chances at the joker. His newby luck must be running out because he only pulled the beginning of a flush, which is what may have happened to his cards.



## MAKE UP SITES

#### MONDAY NOON

- Wood River—St. John UCC, WR
- Jerseyville—Peace United Church
  - 6 PM
- Alton-Godfrey—Alton
  Sports Tap

#### <u>TUESDAY</u>

- NOON
- Collinsville—Holiday Inn
  Granite City—Niedringhaus Methodist
- Highland—Michael's Restaurant

#### <u>WEDNESDAY</u>

- 7 AM • Bethalto-Red Apple NOON
- Goshen-LCCC Center, Edwardsville

#### <u>THURSDAY</u>

- NOON
  Riverbend—Mac's Time Out Lounge, 315 Belle St.
- Edwardsville—First Christian

#### <u>FRIDAY</u>

NOON • Troy, Silver Creek–Pizza Man

To locate a club where you are visiting check: <u>http://</u> <u>www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/</u> <u>SiteTools/ClubLocator/Pages/</u> rid

COMING EVENTS 6-30: Installation Dinner– Julia's. NO NOON MEETING

**7/21:** Rotary Social night at the Grafton Winery

East Alton Rotary Club

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## Service Above Self.

#### FOUR WAY TEST

- Is it the Truth?
- Is it Fair to all concerned?
- Will it Build goodwill and better friendships?
- Is it Beneficial to all concerned?

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#### From the Archives June 24, 2004

-Lou Zook attended his last meeting. He was moving to Quincy to minister to another flock.

-Our program was John Peason presenting a musical interlude. (Preceded, we trust, by apologies about the Cubs dismal season.) -Bob Dannenberg celebrated his 50th b-day and 30th anniversary of his marriage to Bonnie. -Dick just returned from a journey that included France, England and Italy. -Wendell was heading to St. martin.

-Joe can help with your golf game, for a nominal charge. -"Sir Speciale" read a note from our exchange student who will be arriving on August 25th. Her parents trust our club to take care of her. -Our newest member was Debbie

-Our newest member was Debble Brazier. -Paul reported that former

member Dick Hogan recently passed away. -Allen won the 50-50. -President Gregg Kirkland presided at his last noon meeting.

### Mensa Moment

Name the long-distance communication device invented by Francis Ronalds in 1816 and first designed and installed commercially by two other Englishmen, William Cooke and Charles Wheatstone.

## Just for Fun

Did you here about the guy who lost his whole left side?

He's alright now!

## Making A Lasting Difference Through The Rotary Foundation

During a trip to Niger on a Rotary Foundation grant, Ernie and Sally Montagne of Arizona, USA, saw firsthand how the Foundation's humanitarian efforts are helping to break the cycle of hunger and poverty.

"The Rotary Foundation is our vehicle of choice to enable ordinary Rotarians to make a lasting difference in the lives of thousands of villagers in Africa," says Ernie.

Contributions to the Annual Programs Fund through the Every

Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) initiative are the primary source of funding for Foundation programs, including those that helped support efforts in Niger. These programs cover more than 160 countries and geographical areas on seven continents.

Here is a small sample of projects made possible through EREY:

In the aftermath of Hurricane Mitch. Rotary clubs helped create Nueva Esperanza, (New Hope), a sustainable community in Honduras for poor families devastated by the storm. Using a Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grant. Rotary clubs in Honduras and California, USA, provided books,

computers, and medical equipment for Nueva Esperanza, helping families put their lives back together. With the help of a Rotary Foundation District Simplified Grant, the Rotary Club of West Jacksonville, Florida, USA, built a baseball field designed for local children with disabilities. The unique turf allows players using wheelchairs, walkers, and crutches to easily maneuver across the field with the help of an on-field "buddy" -a volunteer, parent, or friend.

A 3-H grant sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Calcutta Metropolitan, West Bengal, India, and Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada, helped establish a half-mile concrete walkway in Nabapally, India, that serves as an escape route for villagers during annual monsoons.

> Read More at: www.rotary.org

House of Hope Benefit Concert June 25, 2011 5-10 p.m. 9218 Snake Rd., Dorsey Music by "Under the Olive Trees" and the Jeff Higginson Band" Free Admission. Donations Only.