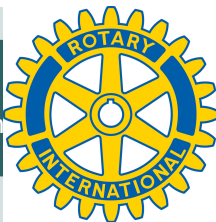


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PROGRAM TODAY

Brad Pulaski

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Ameren Energy
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NEXT WEEK

Wendell Ross

BIRTHDAYS

8/20: Rose Sebastian

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Washtee

Last Week, Rhonda introduced us to her brother-in-law, Thomas Garmen. Thomas is a 3rd generation Blackfoot Indian from Montana who dressed in an Indian heritage outfit and shared with the club about his Indian heritage.

Thomas, aka, "Three-Feathers" told us something about his personal journey to discover himself through exploring his heritage. That journey was represented by a beaded staff that he carried. He said that his Indian culture has taught him to be a person of healing. His culture is an "open-hand" culture seeking to do good for and to others.

His culture holds elders in high regard. A person who reaches the age of 50 is considered an elder. Until then, a person is still developing personally and spiritually. His culture also holds women in high esteem because they are the bearers of children. Women are considered the most important people in their society.

As individuals they seek to live in harmony with the heartbeat of Mother Earth. The drum beat often heard in Indian ceremonies is a reminder of the heartbeat of the earth and that the earth is a living thing. Thomas' complete presentation is available at <http://eastaltonrotary.blogspot.com/search?updated-max=2011-08-12T21%3A12%3A00-05%3A00&max-results=15>

News, Notes, Nonsense, and Nothings

28 Rotarians and guests dined on Julia's fried chicken last week. Guests included Bill Drake (not "the" Bill Drake), Larry Allen, and prospective-new-member Diane Dugger of the Boy's and Girl's Club of East Alton. Wendell presented a makeup from the Granite City club.

Allen H. proved that he was a "real man" with his pink button up. Dave brought the Karaoke machine. Brad L. and Brad P. traded placed about 12:20 and Mark V. was in the house with hopeful news about his son, Michael, and his leukemia battle.

Jenny (future president) Lewis arrived post-bell with Joe (bad influence) Silkwood, but was still presented her official name badge. Brad L. has agreed to take on the reigns of the Vocational Service Director.

Lori is facilitating orders for Rotary Shirts. Orders are due by 9/1.

SAA Rick collected fine bucks from all who ate chicken and any who arrived post-Rhonda who arrived pre-bell, and it wasn't even a board meeting week.

Brad P. and Mark (not you again) A. drew cards from the 50/50 deck, leaving the \$139 pot behind.



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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—Red Apple
- #### **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>

COMING EVENTS

8/25: Board Meeting at 11:00

9/1: Visit by District Governor, Gordon Jumper

9/10: Soap Box Race of Fun

9/15: Family Steak Fry at Kendall Park. 5:30-8:30

East Alton Rotary Club

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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

Aug. 16, 2001

-Rod was recovering from heart surgery.
-SAA Dick fined folks for long term absences and excessive clothing, but not for being late.
-Pat won the 50-50.
-Rick reported that If we sell 146 Entertainment books, we will net almost \$800.
-District Governor Susie Smith will be in the house on September 13th.
-Paul reminded us that our next Cardinal concession gig will be on August 28th.
-Habitat for Humanity Chapter Director Brad Martens told us about the new house being constructed at 198 Goulding.

Rebuilding Joplin with Rotary

Many of you have asked how you could assist mitigating the effects of the Joplin Mo. Tornado disaster. Dist. 6110 Governor Danny Mitchell advises below there are work days scheduled for Joplin Mo. This is a great Opportunity to Pursue your Passion for Humanitarian Service through Rotary , right near your home. If you are interested in helping please contact : Valerie Searcy (vsearcy@unitedwayswmoosek.org) directly. This will help coordinate volunteer efforts for best utilization.

There has not yet been established a matching grant through the Rotary Foundation , but arrangements are being made to accept contributions.

As you know, Joplin, Missouri is recovering from the tornado that ripped through their town. With the assistance of the Joplin Rotary clubs, they have arranged a list of work days, once a month from now through December. These dates are listed below in an email from one of the Joplin Club past presidents. We would welcome any Rotarians from your District to join us on our Rotary workdays.

On behalf of both Joplin clubs, I want to thank everyone who came to our first official Joplin workday on July 30th. We had over 100 Rotarians knocking down damaged houses, sorting debris and moving a clothing distribution center. We feel Here is the tentative schedule for future Rotary work days:

September 17th,

October 22nd,

November 12th,

December 3rd

We just can't thank you enough for all of your kind words, thoughts and prayers. And thank you for helping us to show the rest of Joplin what Service Above Self really means.

Best Regards,
Jenny Hocker
Joplin Daybreak Rotary
Immediate Past President

And the Winner Is...

The ballots have been tabulated by our crack accounting firm, Dewey, Chetum and Howe. The most popular program during the 2010-11 year was Steve Nonn, Madison County Coroner. That program was named on an impressive 86% of all ballots. Tied for second was

Just for Fun

Dear Dad,

\$chool i\$ really great. I am making lot\$ of friend\$ and \$tudying very hard. With all my \$tuff, I \$imply can` t think of anything I need. \$o if you would like, you can ju\$t \$end me a card, a\$ I would love to hear from you.

Love,

Your \$on