



Newsletter Date  
August 19, 2010

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Rose Sebastian

### PROGRAM HOSTS

#### TODAY

Allen Hale

Dave Miller and Joe Case—*St. Louis Regional Airport*

#### NEXT WEEK

Tour of Senior Services Plus

### BIRTHDAYS

8-20: Rose Sebastian

# The Rotary Banner

## Back to School Edition

### That Was Close!



Cory introduced us to Bill Hogaland last week who talked to the club about the L-15 Levee Project of 1973. In response to the floods of that year, the Corps of Engineers proposed building a levee from Portage des Sioux to St. Charles on the Missouri side of the river. At the time, the Levee District did not include anything on the Illinois side of the river.

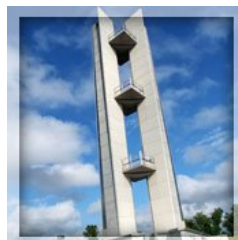
Catastrophe for our area was narrowly averted when Gordon Moore got wind of the idea and began a campaign against it. Had the levee been built, flood waters would have been diverted to the Illinois side of the river making the '93 flood catastrophic in scale. His presentation was a reminder to us that we must pay attention to what is built on the river upstream of us because this area is the choke point for 1/3 of the water that drains out of the country. Levees upstream increase the water depth and pressure here, especially in flood times.

### News, Notes, Nonsense and Nothings

Twenty-two Rotarians and guests enjoyed Bob's offering of Ham sandwiches on Croissant—a good lunch for a sweltering day. Our one guest was our speaker, an Alton-Godfrey Rotarian. There were no makeups. Around the tables we learned:

- Joe S. was a Baseball Mania winner, and has been again!
- A card was signed to Alli Scott, one of our former scholarship students.
- Paul announced the marriage of his oldest daughter.
- Dave Miller bought a standing O to Charlie on behalf of the scholarship program.

- Everyone who wasn't Rhonda got fined (apparently her creative excuse for being late made an impact.)
- Red and Allen were offered chances at the \$73 in the 50/50 pot, but left only with souvenir cards.



UP, UP AND...  
After lunch and business on September 16th we will be heading down highway 3 to go



## MAKE UP SITES

### MONDAY

NOON

- Wood River— St. John's 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

7:00 a.m.

- Bethalto— Red Apple
- Goshen—LCCC Center, Edwardsville

### THURSDAY

NOON

- Riverbend— Johnson's Corner Restaurant, Alton
- Edwardsville—First Christian

### FRIDAY

NOON

- Troy, Silver Creek—Pizza Man, 611 Edwardsville Rd., Troy

To locate a club where you are visiting check:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/SiteTools/ClubLocator/Pages/rid>

up in the Confluence Tower. The cost per person will be \$3. There will be no fines that day, so, your out of pocket "entertainment" expenses will be a wash. Rick will lead the tour at no charge. However, tips, destined for our treasury, will be gladly accepted. Family and friends are certainly welcome to join us. Plan to arrive at the tower as close to 12:40 as possible.

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## Return Service Requested

**SERVICE ABOVE  
SELF**

### 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?

A man enters his local bar holding a frog and an iguana. He sets them down on the bar and says to the bartender, "I bet you \$1000 that my frog here can sing any song you can think of." "Ok," says the bartender. "How 'bout 'Blue Moon'?" The man whispers something to the frog, and the frog starts singing blue moon. "That's amazing," says the bartender as he slaps down \$1000. "I'll bet ya another \$1000 that my iguana here can do that to." "Ok, I can believe a frog, but not an iguana. You're on. Have him sing the Star Spangled Banner." The man whispers something to the iguana and it sings the Star Spangled Banner. As the bartender hands over another \$1000, a businessman comes up and says, "I just saw that and I was amazed. I want to buy your iguana for \$100,000." The man said ok, and he exchanged the iguana for the money and the businessman left. The bartender said "What are you nuts?! You could have made millions with that iguana!" The man said "Oh, the iguana can't sing. The frog's a ventriloquist."

East Alton blog:

<http://eastaltonrotary.blogspot.com/>

online make-up: [http://rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_pdf/eclub\\_list.pdf](http://rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/eclub_list.pdf)

### From the Archives August 29, 2002

- We welcomed back Rose and Red.
- Wood River stalwarts Dick and "Uncle Leonard" paid us a visit. Leonard suggested that we change our name to the "wanderers".
- Cecil made-up in Bethalto.
- Joe was accepting nominations for President-Elect.
- Brad has returned to the club.
- Mark S. was the "King of Lakes". He and Sally were going to host a BBQ for the Busch stadium workers.
- Joe shared some universal truths about pigs and early risers.

### Parton and RI Team Up to Promote Early Childhood Reading.

Country music legend Dolly Parton says reading to a preschooler is the best way to prepare for the day when that child first heads off to school.

Parton was a speaker at the 2010 RI Convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada, in June, where she received Paul Harris Fellow Recognition and shared her appreciation for Rotary's efforts to promote literacy. RI News caught up with Parton in Montréal for an exclusive interview. Watch the

video above for the interview, and for more from her convention appearance.

Rotary International and the Dollywood Foundation's Imagination Library are collaborating to promote early childhood reading. The Imagination Library provides preschool children with a free book each month from birth until age five. The program has received support from more than 115 Rotary clubs and has grown from its base in Parton's home state of Tennessee, USA, to other communities in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom.

Read More at:  
[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)



### Coming Events

- 8-26: Club Visit to Senior Services Plus. 2603 N. Rodgers, Alton.
- 9-11: Soap Box Race of Fun
- 9-23: Visit by District Governor, David Parsons
- 10-14: Annual Steak Fry
- 10-22: Chili Dinner
- 10-28: Halloween Parade
- 12-9: Christmas Party