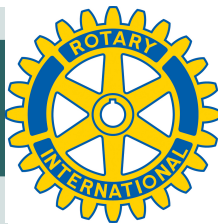


August 25, 2011  
What's Shakin'?  
Edition



# The Rotary Banner

## **CLUB OFFICERS**

### **PRESIDENT**

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#### **CLUB ARCHIVES**

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### **PRESIDENT**

Erin Phillips

### **TREASURER**

Mark Speciale

### **SECRETARY**

Rose Sebastian

## **PROGRAM**

### **TODAY**

Wendell Ross

### **NEXT WEEK**

District Governor  
Gordon Jumper  
Official Club Visit

## **BIRTHDAYS**

**8/20:** Rose Sebastian

**East Alton Rotary Club**  
Chartered Oct. 28, 1971 District 6460  
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## Paying too Much for Energy?

Our guests last week were Keith Allen and Mike Grimes who came at the invitation of Brad Pulaski. Keith and Mike work with Commercial Energy Consultants who work with energy brokers in Illinois to help businesses get the best price for energy.

Since deregulation in 1997, residents and businesses in Illinois are permitted to receive their energy from any vendor. Energy Brokers help companies to identify the best possible price for the delivery of electricity and natural gas by bidding your business' energy business to the cheapest bidder. The best thing about it is that nothing changes except your price.

Since Ameren has a variable rate for energy that rises during the summer months, most businesses can save from 25%-30% in their annual energy costs by choosing a different vendor.

95% of people in Illinois do not realize that they have a choice in energy providers. But, those who know will want to get a free quote at [www.greenfuelsave.com](http://www.greenfuelsave.com), or <http://www.illinoispowerswitch.com/>

## **News, Notes, Nonsense, and Nothings**

There were 25 Rotarians and guests gathered around Julia's pulled pork and teriyaki chicken. Prospective new member, Diane Dugger, was in the crowd. Both Brads were early and not scooting (some sort of record?). The men in black arrived together. Roger was the first post-prayer arrival and Paul was early at 12:10. Allen owes a scooter-buck since his wallet was bare.

Our president arrived without his boom box and read a generous thank you note from Aaron Saul. The club also rejoiced at the news that Michael Vaughn had returned home from the hospital.

East Alton Rotary has agreed to fill the display case at Village Hall for the months of September - November. If you have any items of interest that could be displayed please get them to Lori in the next week or so.

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

Larry named the fine du jour and claimed a buck from anyone who had not viewed the club blogsite to see the video of the Russian flipping off the swingset.

Red and Mark (once-again) A. drew cards from the 50/50 deck, leaving the \$158 pot behind. Mark is either the luckiest guy or the unluckiest guy in the room.



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## **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**

**9/1:** Board Meeting at 11:00 with Governor Jumper

**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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## 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

August 30, 1990

-We were meeting At DiRomero's. Red was our prez, Charlie our secretary. And let's not forget that Bud Hotson was the SAA.

-The program was presented by Girl Scout representative, Mary Griggs.

Last week Shell representative, Bill St. Peters, presented a program about the Community Awareness and Emergency Response Council.

-Ed Keller was working on a tour of the Shriner's hospital in St. Louis.

-Mark S. had info. about the GSE team heading for Argentina. He also had info. about short-term exchange students arriving around Christmas from Brazil.

-The next board meeting will be held at Peking Garden.

-Mike Peterson was looking for help with Project Business program at the Junior High School.

### District 9200 Provides Food for Kenya

Drought-stricken villages in northern Kenya received desperately needed aid this week from District 9200 (East Africa) and the Red Cross, which delivered more than 18 tons of food and water.

The hunger crisis plaguing the Turkana district in northern Kenya is a "stark example of what is happening to people in East Africa," says Geeta Manek, District 9200 governor-elect. The Horn of Africa's worst drought in 60 years has sparked famine conditions in Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia.

Manek, along with three Rotarians and the secretaries general of Kenya Red Cross and Canadian Red Cross, visited the village of Kaikor on 25 July.

"We witnessed horrific scenes of starvation and unimaginable poverty," says Manek, a member of the Rotary Club of Muthaiga, Kenya.

The drought in Africa has affected more than 12 million people including 3.7 million who are at risk of starvation, according to the United Nations. Tens of thousands of people have died in southern Somalia, including 29,000 children under the age of five.

Hundreds of thousands are fleeing Somalia to seek aid

in Ethiopia and Kenya.

While many international relief agencies are at the southern border of Kenya and Somalia, Manek says the nomadic villages of Turkana, including Kaikor, have received little aid.

"There are so many areas that have been totally forgotten, and Turkana is one of them," says Manek. "We [Rotary] must act quickly."

District Governor Eric Kimani says there is an alarming rate of malnutrition among children in Turkana.

"We are stunned by the scale of this devastation.

The exodus of malnourished children to feeding centers is shocking," Kimani says. "A rapid increase in emergency aid is required to stave off catastrophic starvation."

Kimani is appealing to Rotarians worldwide to help the district secure food and water for thousands of people still at risk in Turkana.

"While the entire region [Horn of Africa] has experienced prolonged drought, the situation has been exacerbated by political instability and climate change," says Kimani. "But we as Rotarians must find ways to address the hunger crisis first."

### Just for Fun

Two molecules are walking down the street; one bumps into the other and says:

"Oh, my fault, you okay?"

The Second Molecule says: "No, I'm not ok, I've lost an electron!" So the first molecule says: "Are you sure?" The second molecule answers, "I'm positive!"