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PROGRAM HOSTS

TODAY

District Governor,
Larry Thompson

NEXT WEEK

Rose Sebastian— Behavioral Health Alternatives

BIRTHDAYS

Keith Lee: 8/28

Welcome DG Larry Thompson

Born and raised in Indiana, Larry attended Indiana University majoring in Chemistry, Biology, and Secondary Education. Larry came to Alton to begin his teaching career in 1965 at Alton High School. Larry received his Master's degree in Education at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.



Larry taught Chemistry, Biology, and Computer Science during his 30-year career in education. Larry started a business in 1992 as a technology consultant in education and worked with area schools to implement technology plans.

Larry served on committees representing the Alton School District. He was President of the Men's Club at St. Ambrose School in 1979 and served on the parish council in 1980 -1982 where he was president of the St. Ambrose Parish Council in 1982. Larry is a member of the Godfrey Knights of Columbus.

In 2004, Larry was elected as a precinct committeeman in Godfrey Township. He is also helping to organize the Riverbend Cycling Club. Larry was elected to the Alton Godfrey Rotary Club in 1995. Soon after becoming a member of Rotary, Larry became the editor of the club's newsletter, The Ratdhet, and webmaster of the club's website, www.altongodfreyrotary.org. Larry was elected to the board of directors in 2000, treasurer and secretary in 2002, vice-president and president-elect in 2003, and club president in 2004-2005. In 2006, Larry was appointed as District 6460 Assistant Governor.

Larry and Judy attended the Rotary International Centennial Convention in Chicago in June 2005 with 24 delegates from the Alton Godfrey Club.

Larry and Judy were married in 1969 and have a daughter and son. Their daughter, Jennifer, is married to Scott Weiner. Jennifer is employed by AT&T. She and Scott have three children, Garrett, Lauren, and Allie. Larry and Judy's son, John, is a partner with Trabue-Kaiser Landscape Architects in Nashville, Tennessee.

Larry and Judy live in Godfrey, Illinois where they enjoy vegetable gardening, bicycling, camping and visiting with their grandchildren.

News, Notes, Nonsense and Nothings

President Kevin has information on Rotary with the Rams, if anyone is interested.

Rhonda Pluester is looking for crossing guards for the Soap Box Race, Sept 12.



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— Airport
- NOON
- Goshen—LCCC Center, Edwardsville

THURSDAY

NOON

- Edwardsville—First Christian

To locate a club where you are visiting check:

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

Allen Hale is getting a count for our Steak Fry Oct. 1.

Mark Speciale is looking for helpers for the Chili Supper Oct. 23.

A new dessert list will be passed around for September. See Lori if you are willing to bring dessert.

Our 50/50 pot continues to grow as Mark S. and Paul H. both left the joker in the deck and the money in the bag next week.

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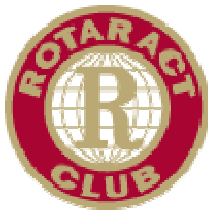
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FOUR WAY TEST

- Is it the Truth?
- Is it Fair to all concerned?
- Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
- Will it be Beneficial to All

East Alton blog:
<http://eastaltonrotary.blogspot.com/>
online make-up:
www.rotaryclubone.org/

Little Johnny's kindergarten class was on a field trip to their local police station where they saw pictures tacked to a bulletin board of the 10 most wanted criminals. One of the youngsters pointed to a picture and asked if it really was the photo of a wanted person. 'Yes,' said the policeman. 'The detectives want very badly to capture him. 'Little Johnny asked, 'Why didn't you keep him when you took his picture?'



Rotaract is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young men and women ages 18 to 30. Rotaract clubs are either community or university based, and they're sponsored by a local Rotary club. This makes them true "partners in service" and key members of the family of Rotary.

As one of Rotary's most significant and fastest-growing service programs, with more than 7,000 clubs in about 163 countries and geographical areas, Rotaract has become a worldwide phenomenon.

Indonesian Club helps 2000 Children with Cleft Palates

Syahrul Gunawan looked in the mirror and touched the reflection of his nose and lips.

The seven-year-old boy, who had received surgery for clefts on both sides of his upper lip, smiled at his mother and exclaimed how handsome he was. Thalca Hamid from the Rotary Club of Surabaya Central, Indonesia, recalls how the boy's mother told Hamid she had given her son a normal life.

"At times I feel like crying when I hear about these children," Hamid says, "because friendships from all over the world can change a child's

life."

Gunawan was among the first children in 2001 who received cleft lip or palate surgeries through the efforts of Hamid and the Surabaya Central club. Since then, 2,000 children have undergone surgery with help from Australian, Dutch, and Indonesian Rotarians, among others.

Two Matching Grants have aided this effort, the most recent of which was cosponsored by District 1610 (The Netherlands). This second, US\$45,000 project provided surgeries to 149 impoverished children in 2006-07.

Hamid, an orthodontist, and two other Surabaya Central Rotarians arranged patient transportation, educated parents about postsurgical care, and provided children with books and toys. Rotarians also recruited local villagers to talk to rural families who may not realize the benefits of the surgery.

"The children and their families have unbelievable pressure and stress because many feel that such defects are a curse," Hamid says. "Previously, few in our community realized how complicated this defect is."

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