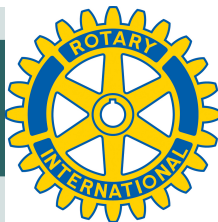


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August Rush, Edition



The Rotary Banner

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PROGRAM

TODAY

Erin Phillips

Dawn Gilbreath

& Victoria Schiber

United Way

NEXT WEEK

Rhonda Pleuster

Thomas Garman

Indian Heritage

BIRTHDAYS

None this week

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Storm Alert

John Nell was our speaker last week, a guest of Dave Miller. John is the local head of Skywarn. Skywarn is a program of the national weather services established to offer weather watches and warnings in a timely manner. It is made up of a network of trained volunteers who serve as the "eyes and ears" of the weather service. These "spotters" offer ground-level information on developing severe weather systems to supplement the information that is gained through weather stations and satellite.

To become a spotter, one must be trained by the weather service. In that training, a person will learn how to identify characteristics of cloud formations and how to understand when severe weather is developing. The National Weather Service map for the St. Louis area can be found at <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/lx/>.

John's suggestions for weather safety included:

- Educate yourself about mechanisms that are at work in a storm cloud.
- Purchase a weather radio to keep yourself aware of alerts.
- Download the weather radio app for your smart phone.
- Never drive into water flooding across the roadway.

News, Notes, Nonsense, and Nothings

Twenty-two Rotarians and guests dined on Julia's pork cutlet, stuffing, and noodles last week, leading to an afternoon of siestas. Red prayer, Allen pledged and Wendel returned with make-ups in his pocket from Granite City and Riverbend.

Rhonda will be putting the list together for the soapbox race volunteers. We could still use a racer if anyone has a child or grandchild who meets the specifications.

Be on the lookout for the Rotary sign to "suddenly appear" in the eastern parking lot.

Genie Keller was present with Pat Heitzig and a box of Ed's Rotary memorabilia. Ed began his life as a Rotarian in Alton, but the East Alton club "was his favorite." It was a pleasure to have Ed back for a meeting, if only in our hearts.

Rick picked our pockets faster than usual due to the extra time taken to share in Ed's memories. In so doing, he was still able to shake a substantial amount from the generous members of the club.

Lori reminded us to keep the Vaughn family in our prayers. Mark's son, Michael, is battling leukemia.

Chris and Rhonda the scooter had shots at the 50/50 pot. They both left no richer for their efforts.



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

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 3, 1995

-Our guest speakers were Kyle Hacke and Matt Stimac, the new middle school football coaches.

-Last week Governor Rich Federer made his annual pilgrimage to East Alton. Our district has 1400 Paul Harris Fellows. Hopefully, polio will be eradicated by the year 2000.

-Mark S. has invited new Boy Scout executive Don Kinney to speak to us next week.

-The Steak Fry will be held in September.

-A GSE group from France will be visiting the district and they need host families.

-Charlie was still accepting suggested changes for the scholarship program.

-Our 25th anniversary will be celebrated next October. President Greg is looking for program and project ideas to mark this milestone during Brad's term as president. (Our 40th anniversary is this October. Do we have any special plans???)

Board Notes

-The end of June checkbook balance was \$1057. A review of the previous fiscal year's balance sheet was conducted and approved by the board.

-The Foundation account balance at the end of June was \$99,000. About \$10,000 of that is committed to scholarships.

-Mark A. has accepted the position of Community Service chair. President Dave is looking for a person to accept the Vocational Service chair position.

-Rhonda will coordinate the Soap Box event. We do need a driver.

-The Steak Fry needs a chairperson.

-Roger and Kevin will co-chair the Chili Supper.

-The Salvation Army bell ringing event need a chairperson.

-It looks like Joe had been "volunteered" to take care of the basketball tourney.

-The Lawn and Garden Show committee will meet for lunch in the near future.

-Cory files IRS form 990-N yearly to make sure that we maintain or

non-profit status.

-Wendell provided an update on the Columbia school rebuilding project. To date he has visited six clubs. Three of them are interested in making a donation toward the project. The new school construction will cost something north of \$23,000.

Wendell is trying to establish a firm figure. He would like to get the project underway this Rotary year. RI will not grant funds for new building construction, but may be involved in a rest room rehab or school furniture purchase.

-Joe and Denny are working on putting up the new meeting location sign near the shopping center entrance.

-The district Governor will visit on September 1st.

-Rhonda reports that The Roxana Interact club will be involved with Community Christmas this year.

Just for Fun

A police recruit was asked during the exam, "What would you do if you

had to arrest your own mother?"

He said: "Call for backup."

Mensa Moment

The mensa moment will be taking a break.