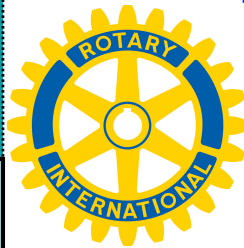


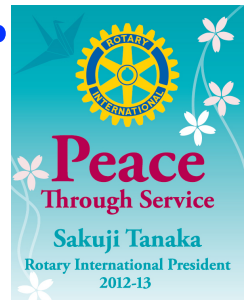
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# The Rotary Banner

East Alton Rotary Club  
Chartered Oct. 28, 1971 District 6460

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## CLUB OFFICERS

### PRESIDENT

Eric Barger

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#### FUNDRAISING

Allen Hale

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Rick Hooks

#### BANNER EDITOR

Larry Lacher

#### CLUB ARCHIVES

Rick Hooks

## FOUNDATION OFFICERS

### PRESIDENT

Erin Phillips

### TREASURER

Mark Speciale

## PROGRAM

### TODAY

Allen Hale

### NEXT WEEK

Chris Herzog

## BIRTHDAYS

9-20 Kelli Keller

9-21 Brad Lavite

## A Center for the Arts

Corey introduced his guest, Melissa Crockett, who talked to the club about the Jacoby Arts Center. The JAC offers a variety of programs in support of the arts in Southern Illinois including:

1. An art gallery featuring and promoting local artists. The gallery is open to the public and free.
2. Programming, including art classes in a variety of mediums for a nominal fee.
3. Performing arts concerts on the last Saturday of each month, featuring local artists.
4. Open mic. for literary arts-- poetry and other readings.
5. A music marathon Oct. 6.

The JAC is open Tues.- Sat from 10-5 and Thursdays until 8. They also rent out the space for parties and gatherings. Their annual fundraiser is the Arts & Champaign Gala which will take place on Sept. 22.

More information is available at [www.jacobyartscenter.org](http://www.jacobyartscenter.org).

## NEWS, NOTES, AND NONSENSE

Twenty-three Rotarians and guests dined in the front room on Ham and Mac&Cheese. Our lone guest was Bev Werts who was present celebrating her 26th anniversary with Romantic Roger. Pat B. offered a make-up from Florissant.

Chalie announced that he was ready for the second coming. Allen is not. Chris was finally playing with a full deck.

Eric the Red presided the meeting, but Brad missed most of it with an important call. Rose led the pledge, Paul led the test, and Red led the prayer.

Erin said that she would be looking for interviewers soon and Lori was looking to sell raffle tickets. Mark S. lugged a full mug while Rick introduced us to a super-calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis.

Charlie and Mark S. had their shots at the \$10 50/50 pot. Neither found the Joker. There are 50 cards plus the joker left for this week.

## 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—El Mezcal
- #### 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

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<http://>

[www.rotary.org/en/](http://www.rotary.org/en/)

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[ClubLocator/Pages/rid](http://www.rotary.org/en/ClubLocator/Pages/rid)

## Upcoming Events

10-18: 6:00 p.m.  
Family Steak Fry--  
Kendall Park.

10-19: Chili Dinner  
at EAWRHS

## East Alton Rotary Club

P.O. Box 56  
East Alton, IL 62024

## Service Above Self

### The 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?

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## Club Archives

Sept. 21, 1989

-Red was our Vice-President, Charlie our Secretary. We were breaking bread at Amelia's Restaurant.

-Next week's program, arranged by Charlie, would feature Johnny Jackson, Olin Deputy General Counsel. he would talk about being a lawyer in a large corporation.

-Last week we heard from St. Louis Regional Airport Manager Marion Richardson and Illinois Attorney General Neil Hartigan.

-The third annual Rotary Play, Rumpelstiltskin, would be held on November 14th.  
-It's not what we profess, but what we practice that makes us Rotarians. The Rotary theme was "Enjoy Rotary".

## **RYLA Accolades**

Steve Melton has been going to Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) events for almost two decades. A major in the U.S. Army Reserve, Melton has volunteered at the RYLA camp held by District 5810 (Texas) almost every summer since his own time as a RYLA participant.

**THE ROTARIAN:** What led you to RYLA?

**MELTON:** My high school counselor had me fill out an application. I had no idea what RYLA was. I was not going to go. I was a football player looking for a scholarship, worried about missing a week of working out. One of my friends had gone and she came up to me and said, "I heard you got picked for RYLA. You have to go – it's the greatest thing ever." It is one of the top three decisions I have ever made.

**TR:** What did you learn?

**MELTON:** That

everyone has something to bring to the table, and you only have to figure out what that is. One of the secrets to my success is putting the right people in the right position. I've used that in the military. Last year was my final year of command in the Army Reserve, and when I took over the group, the brigade commander pulled me out and said, "You're getting the worst we have." I applied the lessons from RYLA, and when I was done with my three-year command, the brigade sergeant major told me, "This is the best company in the brigade."

**TR:** How does RYLA work?

**MELTON:** RYLA, in our district, is a weeklong leadership seminar. It's complete immersion training. Every day is full of activities and speakers, and every day we have a theme related to different facets of leadership, such as ethics and community service. We do team-building exercises, including a challenge course with a 6-foot wall that everyone has to help each other over. We want to make the participants better leaders so that when they go back and become team captains and student council presidents, they can be examples for the groups they're leading.

## **Just For Fun**

Bill, Jim, and Scott were at a convention together and were sharing a large suite on the top of a 75-story skyscraper. After a long day of meetings they were shocked to hear that the elevators in their hotel were broken and they would have to climb 75 flights of stairs to get to their room. Bill said to Jim and Scott, let's break the monotony of this unpleasant task by concentrating on something interesting. I'll tell jokes for 25 flights, and Jim can sing songs for 25 flights, and Scott can tell sad stories the rest of the way. At the 26th floor Bill stopped telling jokes and Jim began to sing. At the 51st floor Jim stopped singing and Scott began to tell sad stories. "I will tell my saddest story first," he said. "I left the room key in the car!"