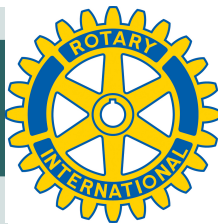


September 29, 2011  
Wild Card, Edition



# The Rotary Banner

## **CLUB OFFICERS**

### **PRESIDENT**

David Miller

### **PRESIDENT-ELECT**

Eric Barger

### **SECRETARY**

Lori Palmer

### **TREASURER**

Cory Gallivan

### **DIRECTORS**

#### **CLUB SERVICE**

Paul Hoover

#### **VOCATIONAL SERVICE**

Brad Lavite

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Mark Allison

#### **INTERNATIONAL SERVICE**

Rod Croxford

#### **NEW GENERATIONS**

Rhonda Pluester

#### **SERGEANT AT ARMS**

Rick Hooks

#### **BANNER EDITOR**

Larry Lacher

#### **CLUB ARCHIVES**

Rick Hooks

## **FOUNDATION OFFICERS**

### **PRESIDENT**

Erin Phillips

### **TREASURER**

Mark Speciale

### **SECRETARY**

Rose Sebastian

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## Preserving our Green-space

Last week Mark S. introduced his guest, Alley Ringhausen, who is the executive director of the Great Rivers Land Trust. The trust is "dedicated to preserving scenic beauty and preserving wildlife habitat for future generations." The Land trust came into existence in 1992 and Alley has been the director since 2000. Its focus is on the confluence region, including the Illinois, Missouri, and Mississippi rivers and the surrounding habitat.

Through the trust, acreage is acquired through various means and given protected status. Over 4000 acres of land along the rivers is protected, meaning that they cannot be used for development. Often these lands are donated back to a landowner who will preserve their status for future generations. These lands are often used for recreational or research purposes, but are kept in their natural state.

Private foundations have donated all the money used for the purchase of lands. Through the trust, several projects have been completed which have preserved or restored the lands adjacent to the rivers in order to retain their unique beauty. Among those projects has been restoration of a lake at the boy scout camp and purchase of property near Raging Rivers known as the Palisades.

## News, Notes, Nonsense, and Nothings

There were 19 Rotarians last regular meeting to dine on Julia's beef stroganoff. We had neither guests nor makeups.

Mark S. led the pledge, Joe led the test, and Dick led us to the Lord.

Brad P. arrived in time to be last in line for lunch. Rod was present to receive his \$5. birthday song along with Brad L. who claimed ignorance of the custom. Dave led the singing for the unexplained absence of Allen H.

In support of the Columbian school rebuilding project, we are hosting a raffle of a .75 carat Columbian emerald. Tickets are \$10 a piece. Only 100 will be sold. To date (09/20/2011) 43 tickets have been purchased. To buy your ticket(s) and to support this worthy cause contact Wendell via email-redd@newssor.com

The sign-up for the chili dinner went around. Tickets were also given out. You will be expected to sell your tickets and provide a dessert for the event. Also, save gallon ice cream tubs for leftovers.

There was \$223 in the 50/50 pot. Mark A. had the first ticket drawn, but he deferred to Red who found the Joker. A new deck is opened today.



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**

**10/15:** District Conference, Jacksonville.

**10/21:** Chili Dinner—Roxana

**10/27:** Board Meeting

**10/27:** Halloween Parade

**4/7/12:** Lawn and Garden show

## **PROGRAM**

### **TODAY**

Kevin Stuby

Brad Winn

Lewis and Clark  
Interpretive Center

### **NEXT WEEK**

Joe Silkwood

Dr. Greg Hewitt

SIUE Athletic Director

## **BIRTHDAYS**

**None this week**

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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**

Oct. 2, 2003

-New District Governor Rod Buffington will make his presentation today. We have sold 128 Entertainment Books to date.  
-Mark S. reported that we sold all the chili that the Roxana cooks had prepared. He also informed us that former exchange student Angela Rose was now in your sophomore year at Seaton Hall University.  
-Paul reported that there should be no problem finding volunteers for post-season Cardinal concession work.  
-Ed Keller won the 50-50 and donated it back to the club.  
-The program at last weeks Steak Fry was presented by world traveler Gig Gwin. He presented his personal top 10 placed to visit.  
-The Operation Blessing donut sale will be held on Nov. 14th.

### **Board Notes**

(Lacking a quorum, no official business was conducted)  
-The end of August bank balance was \$1855. Foundation balance was \$94,188, with an accrued scholarship liability of \$6550.  
-Prez Dave was pleased with the attendance mix for both the Soap Box Race and Family Steak Fry.  
-Dave and Lori will be attending the District Conference.  
-Our Salvation Army bell ringing shift will be held on December 3rd, 9-5. You may sign-up on line now, with a hard copy list to follow.  
-Feb. 12 (happy birthday Abe) is the tentative date for the basketball tourney.  
-Dave distributed a generic event planning punch list

of potential tasks for the Home and Lawn Show. The committee will be meeting again in a couple of weeks.  
-The purchase of an additional felt banner to display the mini-banners was proposed. We will need 4 poles to display the large banners during our meetings. Brad L. has an idea about fabricating these devices.  
-Dave is looking for volunteers to provide "classification talks" in lieu of a regular program.  
-Mark. A. provided an update on the scholarship program. Interviews are scheduled for both high schools.

### **Just for Fun**

A man walks into the psychiatrist's office with a zucchini up his nose, a cucumber in his left ear, and a breadstick in his right ear. He says, "What is wrong with me?"

The psychiatrist replies, "You are not eating properly."