

Rockford East Rotary Club

Clock Tower Resort & Conference Center
7801 E. State Street, Rockford, IL 61108

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WE MISSED YOU!!

Amy Donahue, Tracy Eastment, Robert Eichman, Jerry Flaming, Gary Hamburg, Charles Lindstrom, Nicholas Meade, Bill Mohr, Marcia Mueller, Dee Premo, Christ VanSickle, Jack Ward, Chris Weber

GUESTS

Nancy del Castillo – Jon Whitlock
Joe Clinton – Scott Johnson
Dr. Bircholder – Ingrid Dohm
Beth Arvidson – Peg Wilkerson
Keith Tunison – Peg Wilkerson
Dale Johnson – Craig Klaas

ANNIVERSARY / BIRTHDAYS

COMING EVENTS

10/20 – A Panel discussion by Appellate Court Judges Kathryn Zenoff, Mary Schostok, and Ann Jurgensen. Their topic of discussion will be: “So the trial’s over, now what?”
Board Meeting after the Regular meeting

10/27 – Dr. Helen Laib, Circle of Love Foundation

SPEAKER’S NOTES

State Representative, Ron Waite was our speaker this morning. He represents about 105,000 people in the upper northwest corner of Illinois. His background is quite varied. He has two Masters degrees (accounting and education) and a JD with work experience in accounting, teaching, law and farming. He is the longest serving Republican in the Illinois House, and because of his education and professions has served on many committees, both locally and in his capacity as a Representative.

He will be going back to Springfield tomorrow and one of the issues that will be coming before the House will be the Monetary Award Program for college students. He hopes there will be an amnesty program for the second semester for the students who received aid during the first semester.



The financial situation in the state of Illinois is of the utmost concern for the legislature in the coming months. There are 2.9 billion dollars of bills to pay. (This is 1.1 billion dollars more than in 2008.) We need to increase the revenue dollars and eliminate spending. Pensions are a very large part of this deficit. One of Rep. Waite’s solutions is to make the state employees switch from a defined benefits pension plan to a defined contributions one. This would apply to all new hires, and would not be made retroactive. Another way is to raise the state income tax, which no party wants to do.

Ron left us with a secret—he is announcing at noon today that he will be running for resident circuit judgeship in

Boone County.

Rotary International Motto
“Service Above Self”

THE FOUR WAY TEST

- First, is it the truth?
- Second, is it fair to all concerned?
- Third, will it build goodwill & better friendships?
- Fourth, will it be beneficial to all concerned?

The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- 1st** - the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- 2nd** - high ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian’s occupation as an opportunity to serve society.
- 3rd**- the application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian’s personal, business, and community life
- 4th**- the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

ROTARY MAKE-UP LOCATIONS:

Monday:	12:00 pm 05:45 pm	Four Seasons Banquets, Freeport Ellwood House, DeKalb
Tuesday:	12:00 pm 12:00 pm 12:10 pm	Loves Park Civic Center Rochelle Country Club Jimmy’s Patio Grill, Harvard
Wed:	07:00 am 11:45 am 12:00 pm 12:00 pm 12:00 pm	Steam Factory, Belvidere Maxon’s Manor, Oregon Stonewall Cafe, Pecatonica Carl’s Fargo, Sycamore YMCA, Belvidere
Thursday	07:00 am 12:00 pm	Four Season Banquets, Freeport Memorial Hall, Rockford
Friday	11:45 am	DeSota House Hotel, Galena

Online Make-up at: www.rotaryclubone.org

The Four Avenues of Service

Based on the Object of Rotary, the four Avenues of Service are Rotary’s philosophical cornerstone and the foundation on which Club activity is based:

Club Service focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the effective functioning of the Club. The committee organizes social activities for the Club, maintains and order supplies, promotes Club involvement and friendships.

Community Service covers the projects and activities the Club undertakes to improve life in its community. The committee supports the effort of the Club to achieve community understanding by developing projects, assisting in community efforts and supporting the continued overall improvement of the community.

International Service encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary’s humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace. The committee raises money for the Rotary Foundation which supplements Club and District projects to improve the quality of life, provide health care, clean water, food, education and other essential needs primarily in underdeveloped nations.

Vocational Service encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards. The committee provides opportunities for members to learn more about other vocations through weekly guest speakers, member vocational talks and community service tours.

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