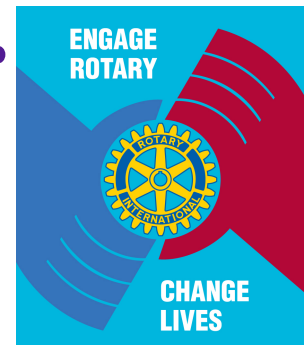


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# The Rotary Banner

East Alton Rotary Club  
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## PROGRAM

### TODAY

Don Brandt

Treehouse Wildlife Refuge

### NEXT WEEK

Rick Hooks

Pam Jacobs

Uofl Extension

## BIRTHDAYS

1-16: Rick Hooks

1-16: Charlie Kunz

## What's Up at the Airport?

Last time, our own Dave Miller was the speaker giving us an update from the St. Louis Regional Airport which he manages. Dave introduced the club to the airport board (by picture) and explained that there are seven members appointed to the board. Four are appointed by the mayors of municipalities (Bethalto, East Alton, Alton, and Wood River) and the other three are county appointments.

Dave was excited to say that there are two large development projects in the works at the airport. West Star Aviation has broken ground on a new 43,000 s/f hanger. West Star has several facilities, but their headquarters is here in East Alton. They have a backlog of work and need more space to service their clients.

The other exciting project has to do with property that the airport owns across 111 (behind Walgreens). J.G. Bruey is developing the property and has gained approval for a commercial development (yet to be revealed) Rumor has it that a supermarket is in the works.

## NEWS, NOTES, AND NONSENSE

### MLK facts:

- 1) His name was originally Michael, not Martin. His father was also Michael King, hence why Martin Luther King Jr. was originally named Michael King Jr. However, after a trip to Germany in 1931, Michael King Sr. changed his own name in homage to historic German theologian Martin Luther. Michael King Jr. was two years old at the time and King Sr. made the decision to change his son's name to Martin Luther as well.
- 2) At the age of 12, he seems to have tried to commit suicide. It was May of 1941 when his grandmother passed away after a heart attack. At the time of this event, King Jr. was off disobeying his parents by going to watch a parade when they told him not too. When he came home and learned his grandmother had died, he went upstairs and jumped from the second story window of his house.
- 3) King Jr. skipped two grades in high school, 9th and 11th, and entered college (Moorehouse College) at the tender age of 15 in 1944. By 19, he received a bachelor's degree in sociology.
- 4) He almost didn't become a minister. After graduating from college, he still had serious doubts about Christianity and the Bible and told his father (who was a Baptist minister, as his grandfather had also been) that he didn't want to be a minister and instead was considering becoming a doctor or a lawyer. He later decided that the Bible had "many profound truths which one cannot escape" and chose to become a minister, entering seminary at Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania. He graduated with his PhD at the age of 25.

## MAKE UP SITES

### MONDAY

#### NOON

•Wood River—St. John

UCC, WR

•Jerseyville—Peace

United Church

#### 6 PM

•Alton—Godfrey—Alton

Sports Tap

•Bethalto—Spirit Hall

### TUESDAY

#### NOON

•Collinsville—Holiday

Inn

•Granite City—

Niedringhaus

Methodist

•Highland—Michael's

Restaurant

### WEDNESDAY

#### 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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## Upcoming Events

1-23: Board Meeting

2-1: Basketball Tournament

## East Alton Rotary Club

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## 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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## FROM THE ARCHIVES January 22, 1987

-Paul was our Prez, Mark S. our Treasurer. We were meeting at Amelia's restaurant.

-Last weeks meeting was a presentation by Mark Heepke on his Rotary (GSE perhaps) sponsored trip to Brazil. He had a fantastic time and thanked the club for making it possible.

-A proposal was made to assess these fines: If a member did not call the Banner editor 9 days prior to their scheduled program date they would be assessed 50¢. In addition, a 25¢ per phone ring fee and a 25¢ per secretary fee should be imposed until the member answers the phone.

-It was also noted that all workers (100 million) were required to file a new W-4 prior to October 1, 1987. (There must have been some sort of change in the tax law affecting withholding.)

## India Celebrates Three Years without Polio

Throughout India and around the world, Rotary clubs are celebrating a major milestone: India has gone three years without a new case of polio. The last reported case was a two-year-old girl in West Bengal on 13 January 2011.

To mark this historic triumph -- reached after a decades-long battle against polio -- Rotary clubs illuminated landmarks and iconic structures throughout the country with four simple but powerful words, "India is polio free."

The three-year achievement sets the stage for polio-free certification of the entire Southeast Asia region by the World Health Organization. The Indian government also plans to convene a polio summit in February to commemorate this victory in the [global effort to eradicate polio](#).

The challenge now is to replicate India's success in neighboring Pakistan, one of three remaining polio-endemic countries, along with Afghanistan and Nigeria.

Rotary leaders in India are working with their

Pakistani counterparts to share best practices and lessons learned during India's successful anti-polio campaign. Rotary was particularly effective in obtaining the support of influential religious leaders in India's Islamic communities. Pakistani Rotary leaders are playing a similar role to counter rumors and misinformation about polio vaccinations that keep some Muslim parents from immunizing their children.

Meanwhile, [National Immunization Days](#) continue in both countries. During these large-scale drives, Rotary volunteers join health workers to vaccinate every child under age five against polio.

"We must now stop polio in Pakistan to both protect Pakistani children and to safeguard our success in India and other countries where we have beaten this terrible disease," says India PolioPlus Committee Chair Deepak Kapur. "Until polio is finally eradicated globally, all unvaccinated children will remain at risk of infection and paralysis, no matter where they live."

## Just For Fun

During a robbery, one of the robbers mask slid down.

He looked at a man and asked. Did you see my face?

The man said yes! The robber shot him.

Then he asked a woman. Did you see my face?

She said no, but my husband over there did.