

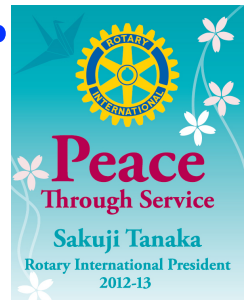
January 24, 2013  
Catch Up Edition



# The Rotary Banner

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

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Erin Phillips

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Mark Speciale

### SECRETARY

Rose Sebastian

## PROGRAM

### TODAY

Erin Phillips

Mike Crews

Hurricane Sandy

### NEXT WEEK

Rhonda Pluester

Monica Bristow

## BIRTHDAYS

## RBFM-- A Community Resource

Last week's speaker was Tammy Iskarous of River Bend Family Ministries. RBFM is located on Ferguson in Wood River providing a variety of services to help people to become self-sufficient.

Tammy says that most of their clients need their services because of drugs or abuse. RBFM offers them counseling, parenting classes, child advocacy (CASA), violence counseling (RAVEN), life-skill classes, and similar services. RBFM is also the home of Riverbend Youth on Fire and Options Now Peace Ministry.

No one at RBFM receives a salary, not even Tammy. They have six client service counselors plus the various service providers. Last year there were over 1700 clients served with 58,000 volunteer hours. 87% of all money raised goes directly to services provided.

Funding for RBFM comes primarily through donations and through fund-raising events like their annual Trivia night. They have a board of directors of community leaders and can be found online at [www.riverbendministries.com](http://www.riverbendministries.com).

## NEWS, NOTES, AND NONSENSE

Twenty-two Rotarians and guests broke bread (BBQ chicken) together last week. The speaker was our solo guest and there were no make-ups offered.

Larry and Dave, sitting together at the late table due to Dave's compassion on Larry, collaborated on the right or wrong question. The answer was Steak and Shake. The question was ???

Rick found the usual ways to generate fine dollars for the club. Returnees and those who had not signed up to work the BB Tournament were among those given an opportunity to enhance the club reserves.

The 50/50 pot has grown to \$148. Red and Lori only took home a shiny new card. After the draw, Rhonda checked to see if the joker was really there. Was there ever any doubt?

## MAKE UP SITES

### MONDAY

#### NOON

•Wood River—St. John UCC, WR

•Jerseyville—Peace United Church

#### 6 PM

•Alton-Godfrey—Alton Sports Tap

•Bethalto—Strykers

### 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

2-16: Basketball Tournament

2-28: Board Meeting

## 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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## Club Archives

January 24, 1991

-Red was our Prez and Charlie our Secretary. We were breaking bread at DiRomero's

-Next week's program will be "OskeeWowWow" the movie featuring commentary from Allen. - Our program last week featured the EA-WR High School Show Choir.

-The next board meeting would be held on February 5th at Lee Marc's.

-On April 6th we would sponsor the Pat Holt Singers at the EA-WR HS auditorium. May 7th would mark the date of our Bike rodeo.

-Bud Hotson and Mike McLaughlin were scheduled for upcoming programs. (I'll bet they were "interesting.")

-Mark S. had details about the Rotary Youth Exchange orientation package for students and parents.

## Free Money

Our guest two weeks ago was Illinois State Treasurer, Dan Rutheford. Dan has served as treasurer since 2011. Before that, he served ten years in the Illinois House of Representatives and two terms in the Illinois Senate.

Dan talked to the club about I-Cash. He said that \$1.6 billion of unclaimed money is held with the state treasurer. These funds come from many sources including estates that were not cleared and gift cards that were never cashed. About 20% of people who check with I-Cash will find that they are due something. \$21 million belongs to residents of Madison County. To check your status go to [www.treasurer.il.gov](http://www.treasurer.il.gov) and follow the link to I-Cash.

Dan also spoke to the club about the Illinois Debt Crisis. Illinois' debt crisis is the worst in the nation and its unemployment is the worst in the mid-west. The problem is due to the unfunded pension funds for the state creating an unmanageable liability. Dan says if something

does not change soon, the pension fund will soon absorb all state revenues. For instance, that last 67% tax increases did not go to pay unpaid bills, but to pay for public pensions. Dan says the State Legislature is not addressing the issue and should be held to account.

## Making Schools Green

On January 10, our guest was Ann Linenfelser who came at the invitation of Virgil Moore. Ann has been involved in Madison County as the recycling coordinator for Madison County Schools since 1990 which is now known as the Green Schools Coordinator.

Over the years, Ann has promoted recycling and sustainability in our schools leading to broad-based recycling including shoes, eyeglasses, keys, tab tops, aluminium cans, plastic bags, gift cards, holiday lights, milk and juice boxes, cell phones, and batteries.

The current initiative is to compost food left over from meals. East Alton is one of the pilot schools that signed on early and has developed a regular method for composting. "If it comes from the earth, it goes back to the earth."

## Just For Fun

An idiot decided to start a chicken farm, so he bought a hundred chickens to start. A month later, he returned to the dealer for another hundred chickens because all of the first lot had died. A month later he was back at the dealers for another hundred chickens for the second lot had also died. "But I think I know where I'm going wrong," said the idiot. "I think I am planting them too deep."