

THE ROTARY BANNER

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THE SCIENCE OF BEING GREEN

LAST WEEK WE HAD THE HONOR OF HEARING FROM LONG TIME SCIENCE EDUCATOR SUSAN BARKER. SHE BEGAN HER PRESENTATION BY FLATTERING US, SAYING THAT IT WAS NICE



TO TALK TO A GROUP OF FOLKS SHE HAS RESPECT FOR. IT WORKED! SUSAN WANTED TO TEST OUR GREEN IQ BY PASSING OUT A NO FAIL QUIZ. (OUR FAVORITE.) HERE ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE QUIZ: VIRTUALLY ALL RAW BAUXITE (ALUMINUM) HAS TO BE IMPORTED AND IT COSTS 95% MORE TO

MAKE A CAN FROM RAW RATHER THAN RECYCLED ALUMINUM. 95% OF THE ENERGY USED IN AN INCANDESCENT BULB GOES TO PRODUCE HEAT, NOT LIGHT. ONE COMPACT FLUORESCENT BULB THAT PRODUCES THE EQUIVALENT OF 100 WATTS OF LIGHT CAN SAVE ALMOST \$60 A YEAR IN ENERGY COSTS. MANY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS HAVE INSTALLED LONG LIFE/LOW ENERGY USE LED LIGHTS IN MANY TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES. THE CITY OF BRANSON HAS CONVERTED ITS CHRISTMAS DISPLAYS TO LED LIGHTS AND IS SAVING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS A YEAR ON ITS ELECTRIC BILL. THE WORLD'S MOST ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDING WAS BUILT BY THE ALBERICI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY OF ST. LOUIS. WAL-MART IS SAVING \$26 MILLION A YEAR BY ADDING SMALL GENERATORS TO ITS OVER THE ROAD FLEET TO POWER AIR CONDITIONERS IN THE TRUCK WHILE THE DRIVER SLEEPS, AND THE ENGINE IS OFF. WAL MART IS ALSO INSTALLING SKY LIGHTS IN SOME STORES SO THAT ARTIFICIAL LIGHTS CAN BE TURNED OFF ON SUNNY DAYS. SUSAN ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THEY ARE WAYS THAT ENVIRONMENTALISTS AND BUSINESS FOLKS CAN LIVE IN HARMONY. SHE POINTED OUT HOW THE SPOTTED OWL CONTROVERSY WAS SETTLED BY ALLOWING THE MOST RUGGED OF HILLS TO REMAIN UNTOUCHED BY THE LOGGERS. SHE ALSO TOLD US ABOUT THE PACIFIC YEW. IT'S A SMALL TREE THAT IS USELESS TO LOGGERS, BUT PRODUCES THE CHEMICAL TAXOL THAT IS USED TO TREAT SEVERAL TYPES OF CANCERS. A SIGNIFICANT PERCENTAGE OF OUR MEDICINES COME FROM ANIMALS OR PLANTS. SUSAN TOLD US AN AMUSING TALE ABOUT A GREEN TAVERN OWNER IN WATERLOO WHO IS REALLY NOTHING MORE THAN A TIGHTWAD BUSINESS PERSON. SHE SHARED WITH US HER GREEN SCIENCE GUIDELINES: ALL OF THE THINGS WE NEED TO SURVIVE COME FROM THE ENVIRONMENT. ALL THINGS ARE CONNECTED. BECAUSE ALL THINGS ARE CONNECTED, ONE CHANGE CAN TRIGGER OTHER CHANGES AND CAUSE UNINTENDED PROBLEMS. ON EARTH, EVERYTHING IS RECYCLED. IT TAKES ENERGY TO GET ENERGY. EVERY TIME YOU CHANGE ENERGY FROM ONE FORM TO ANOTHER, YOU LOSE MOST OF IT. WE ARE NOT DESTROYING THE EARTH. WE ARE HARMING THE THINGS WE NEED TO SURVIVE. WE MUST FIND WAYS TO WORK WITH NATURE INSTEAD OF AGAINST IT. SHE CONCLUDED BY TELLING US NOT TO LET OLD MYTHS KEEP US FROM MOVING FORWARD AND CHANGING OUR HABITS TO MAKE LIFE BETTER. WE THANK SUSAN FOR SHARING HER THOUGHTS.

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BIRTHDAYS
DENNY WEBER
OCT. 27TH



THE SKINNY

--PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL OF OUR GUESTS AND CONTAIN THE TABLE CHATTER TO THE APPROPRIATE TIMES.
--WE WELCOMED PHIL FROM AIRPORT BOWL AND TOM WITH THE JACKSON HEWITT TAX SERVICE AND TENNESSEE LARRY. (SHAMELESS PLUGS-PHIL HAS PARTY/MEETING ROOMS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT AND TOM IS LOOKING FOR TAX SEASON EMPLOYEES FOR THE NEW EAST ALTON OFFICE.)
--CAN SOMEBODY GIVE ALLEN SOME GEORGIES.
--ROGER GAVE SOME LATIES A BREAK BY WAITING 2 MINUTES TO RING THE BELL.
--DAVE SEZ-THE SHORTER THE NOTICE, THE LONGER THE PRAYER. AMEN?
--MARK V. WAS IN THE CROSS FINES SPOTLIGHT FOR HIS RETIREMENT AS THE BUNKER HILL FIRE CHIEF.
--THE ANSWER IS DAVE O'NEAL, NOW WHAT WAS THE QUESTION?
--CHARLIE AND DICK (FOR THE UMPTEENTH TIME) EACH PULLED A CARD FROM THE DOUBLE DECK WITH PREDICABLE RESULTS.

PARADE TIME

THE ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 30TH. ERIN IS HANDLING THE ARRANGEMENTS. THE TROLLY WILL BE NEAR SHOP N SAVE. ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 6:30. MEMBERS, FAMILY AND SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AND TOSS CANDY TO THE GATHERED THROGS. LET'S FILL IT UP.

STEAK FRY

THE FRY IS SET FOR NOVEMBER 6TH AT KENDALL PARK. THE COST WILL BE \$12 PP. GATHERING TIME IS 6 PM. STEAK FRY MENU: STEAK, CHICKEN BREAST, BAKED POTATO, FETTUCCINI ALFREDO, CALIFORNIA MEDLEY, ITALIAN SALAD, TABLE SETTINGS, CONDIMENTS, COFFEE AND TEA WILL ALL PROVIDED BY HARTFORD RIB'S. WE'LL ALSO HAVE A MIX OF SODAS. ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE THOMAS SITZE ON BANJO. EVERYONE IS ASKED TO BRING A DESSERT. YOU MAY SIGN-UP ON-LINE OR WITH THE PASS AROUND LIST. THERE IS NO NOON MEETING THAT DAY.

KUDOS FOR OUR CLUB

(From the Sept. District Governor newsletter)
I cannot praise enough the Quincy Rotary Club' gift of 480 turkeys to needy families during the Holidays, The Land of Goshen Club's adoption of an orphanage in Reynosa, Mexico, of 45 orphanages in the city of Reynosa, East Alton's awarding cash credits for Scholarships for "C" students which rewards the student beginning their Sophomore year in High School, for earning "As" and achieving Honor Roll status, Jacksonville Sunrise Club Rotary bringing Miller Brother's circus to their city..... the list goes on. Your Rotary Clubs do amazing service projects for your communities and for people in need throughout the world.

Today's phrase: best boy-Seen in film credits, simply means the main gaffer, the electrician's chief assistant, on a movie set.

HISTORY

1783: George Washington resigned as commander-in-chief of the Army and retired to his home at Mount Vernon, Virginia.

1788: Maryland voted to cede a 100-square-mile area for the seat of the national government; about two-thirds of the area became the District of Columbia.

1823: The poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas" by Clement C. Moore ("Twas the night before Christmas...") was published in the "Troy (New York) Sentinel."

1913: The "Federal Reserve Act" was signed into law by President Wilson.

1928: The National Broadcasting Company established a permanent coast-to-coast radio hookup.

1941: During World War Two, American forces on Wake Island surrendered to the Japanese.

1947: Scientists at Bell Laboratories in New Jersey achieved a major breakthrough with an invention called a point-contact transistor, which paved the way to a new era of miniaturized electronics.

1954: The classic movie, "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea", was released.

1986: The experimental airplane "Voyager," piloted by Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, completed the first non-stop, round-the-world flight without refueling.

1999: The Nasdaq composite index briefly crossed 4,000 and closed at a record high for the 58th time in 1999

SMILE

Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

RI BOARD ADOPTS ZONE REALIGNMENT

In June, the RI Board of Directors adopted a realignment of zone boundaries designed to ensure fairness in the selection of RI directors from Rotary's 34 zones. Because RI directors are nominated from zones, the RI Bylaws require having approximately the same number of Rotarians per zone. Accordingly, the Board must conduct a comprehensive review of zones at least every eight years. Membership demographics have changed significantly since zone boundaries were last adjusted in 1995. For example, Rotary club membership in Austria, Belarus, Czechoslovakia, Germany, Hungary, Romania, and Slovakia increased 48 percent between 1996 and 2006. At the same time, Japan saw membership decline roughly 25 percent, while most regions of the United States had a slight decline. In 2002, the Board began discussing the zone structure and appointed committees of current and past RI directors and past RI presidents to study the issue and make recommendations. The Board presented a proposal to the 2007 Council on Legislation that would have added an additional director and maintained the current zone boundaries. The Council rejected this proposal and instead referred a resolution to the Board requesting it to realign the zones. In June 2008, the Board closed the comment period on proposed changes and voted to adopt the zone realignment. The zone realignment takes effect 1 July 2009 and will be used to select members of director nominating committees in 2008-09. Governors-elect in 2008-09 will attend governors-elect training seminars (GETS) based on the old zones structure. In 2009-10, governors-elect will attend GETS according to the new structure.

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who presented (his) radio
bloopers

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?

"The only function of
economic forecasting is to
make astrology look
respectable."-
John Kenneth Galbraith

MAKE-UP OPPORTUNITIES

MON.	NOON-WOOD RIVER ST. JOHN'S UCC NOON-JERSEYVILLE REACE UNITED CHURCH 6PM-ALTON-GODFREY MOONLIGHT
TUE.	NOON-COLLINSVILLE HOLIDAY INN NOON-GRANITE CITY NIEDRINGHAUS METHODIST NOON-HIGHLAND MICHAEL'S RESTAURANT
WED.	6:30AM-BETHALTO SR CITIZENS CENTER NOON-GOSHEN LCCC CENTER-EDVILLE
THU.	NOON-EDWARDSVILLE FIRST CHRISTIAN