



# The Rotary Banner

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## PROGRAM HOSTS

TODAY

Eric Barger:

Marc Boegele, Generations"

NEXT WEEK

Dick Propes: Alton Museum

## BIRTHDAYS

Denny Weber: 10-27

Ron Eaton: 11-4

## Spooktacular Edition

### AIM to Achieve



Last week, Margie Sinclair-Parish, Lewis & Clark Community College Accelerated Instructional Methods (AIM) Program Coordinator, gave us the low down on her program. It began in 2001 with a group of Olin employees who were interested in receiving an associates degree. At that time earning a degree by taking one course a semester would take exactly one day short of forever. The AIM program allows working adults to earn a degree in three years in accounting or management, with an evening schedule that combines the classroom experience with the internet. Margie calls this the "blended" approach to education. With AIM, students take two courses one evening per week. Each of these courses is web-enhanced with lecture materials, resources and assignments. A unique feature of the program is the "cohort" concept. This means that the students stay with the same group for the entire three year period. Margie really likes both of these program feature. She also spent a few minutes telling us about the LCCC partnership with Missouri Baptist College offering BS and MBA degrees on the LCCC campus. The AIM program may be the best kept secret at LCCC. She would like us to help her pass the word about this great program. That's easy enough to do. Information about an info meeting on November 16th can be found at the LCCC web site (<http://www.lc.edu/>) look for the "open house" link. Margie can be reached at 468.4512 or [msincpar@le.edu](mailto:msincpar@le.edu). We thank her for giving us all the details about the AIM program.

## News, Notes, Nonsense and Nothings

-Our solo guest was Jeff from Bethalto. He welcomed us to attend any Wednesday meeting at the airport restaurant. Meetings start at 7AM.

-No one had any make-ups, but Joe did get a bye for co-chairing the Chili Supper. Mark S. also receive one as the other co-chair. Hope he can use it somewhere in the Mediterranean!

-The star spangled flag made its inglorious return. Who stole the flag???

-Red and "birthday boy"

Wendell have less than fond

memories of wearing Snoopy and Charlie Brown paper mache heads during an early iteration of the Halloween parade.

-We are grateful that Red did not claim to be "thankful" for more rain during his prayer.

-Chris did n a fine job covering for our under the weather Prez.

-The Halloween parade is Oct. 29th (tonight). The trolley will depart from the Shop N Save parking lot around 6:30. Everyone is welcome to hop aboard.

-Rod and Paul are ready for



## MAKE UP SITES

### MONDAY

NOON

- Wood River— St. John's 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

7:00 a.m.

- Bethalto— Airport

NOON

- Goshen—LCCC Center, Edwardsville

### THURSDAY

NOON

- Edwardsville—First Christian

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<http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/SiteTools/ClubLocator/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

Florida golf. I wonder what kind of tee time Paul has?

-Has anyone seen Brad's purple long-sleeve Rotary short? Ron was in shorts (exterior), that's a good sign!

-The Christmas Party sign-up sheet is making the rounds.

-Chris and Dick have all their gauges in order just waiting for the Bambi season to open.

-Roger and Chris had their opportunity at the \$8 jackpot, with predictable results. Allen Hale cleaned out the pot on 10-15 and returned his winnings to the club foundation.

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### 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

East Alton blog:

<http://eastaltonrotary.blogspot.com/>

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[www.rotaryclubone.org/](http://www.rotaryclubone.org/)

The photographer for a national magazine was assigned to get photos of a great forest fire. Smoke at the scene was too thick to get any good shots, so he frantically called his home office to hire a plane. "It will be waiting for you at the airport!" he was assured by his editor. As soon as he got to the small, rural airport, sure enough, a plane was warming up near the runway. He jumped in with his equipment and yelled, "Let's go! Let's go!" The pilot swung the plane into the wind and soon they were in the air. "Fly over the north side of the fire," said the photographer, "and make three or four low level passes." "Why?" asked the pilot. "Because I'm going to take pictures! I'm a photographer, and photographers take pictures!" said the photographer with great exasperation. After a long pause the pilot said, "You mean you're not the instructor?"

## Coming Events

- Halloween Parade: Oct 29. Meet at 6:15 at EA Shop-n-Save
- District Convention: Nov. 13-14
- Rotary Day at the Rams: Nov. 15
- Christmas Dinner, December 3.
- Bell Ringing, Dec. 12. See Mark Vaughn

Rotary Medical Mission to the Congo touches 1600 lives.

The mission to Brazzaville, Congo Republic, in August included a team of 15 doctors from District 3080 (India), including three ophthalmic surgeons, three gynecologists, three anesthetists, two dental surgeons, two general surgeons, an orthopedic surgeon, and a public health expert. Saboo, District Governor Chetan Aggarwal, and four other nonmedical volunteers assisted.

The mission was funded in part by a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant. The medical team spent 11 to 12 hours a day for 10 days at two hospitals treating about 1,600 patients, who were prescreened by volunteers from

District 9150, which covers 10 countries in Central Africa and served as the host partner. The team also donated two incubators and 500 mosquito nets.

Saboo has organized a number of medical missions to various countries since 1998, including Ethiopia, Madagascar, Malawi, Nigeria, Swaziland, and Uganda. He said he has envisioned a mission to central Africa for a longtime, but because of a variety of obstacles, an opening emerged only recently. Even with much need in his own country, Saboo says these medical missions are vitally important.

"We are not only treating patients, but we carry on the transfer of knowledge," he says. "The doctors work side by side with

local doctors, imparting experience and knowledge.

"We do not live in our own needs," he continues. "I am not only looking out for my own country -- that I must do. But I must look even beyond that. In the process, we are building bridges of international friendship and understanding."

Gulshan Thakral, a dental surgeon and past governor of District 3080, says the mission has enriched his life.

"The experience can never be described in words," he says. "The joyful faces, the grateful eyes, and the gratifying gestures are probably the best gift one could ever receive. It has added yet another dimension in my approach to the suffering of fellow human beings on this earth."

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