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PROGRAM HOSTS TODAY Eric Barger: Marc Boegele, Generations"

NEXT WEEK Dick Propes: Alton Museum

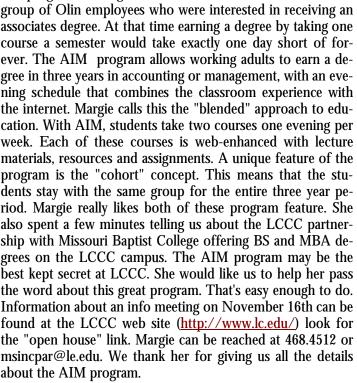
BIRTHDAYS Denny Weber: 10-27 Ron Eaton: 11-4

## 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





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 cochair. 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 trolly will depart from the Shop N Save parking lot around 6:30. Everyone is welcome to hop aboard. -Rod and Paul are ready for



Florida golf. 1 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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- Is it the Truth?
- Is it Fair to all concerned?
- Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
- Will it be Beneficial to All

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- 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 scribed in words," he says. "The 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 dejoyful faces, the grateful eyes, and the gratifying gestures are proba-bly 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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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?"