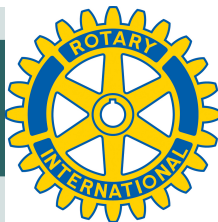


November 10, 2011
Tomorrow is your
Lucky Day, Edition



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Man About Town

Mark Allison was on tap both as our presenter and our program. He took the opportunity to introduce himself to the club. While he has represented Habitat for Humanity on three occasions to the club, this was our first opportunity to get to know the man behind the myth.

Mark was raised in Moro, Illinois when his parents moved to the area from his birthplace of Danville, IL because of his father being transferred with the railroad to Alton. His parents were married in Florida while his father was serving in the Army Air Corps during WWII.

As a child, Mark attended Edwardsville Schools and Roxana Church of the Nazarene. In High School, he played basketball, football, and ran track. When not at work or school, he delivered the Alton Telegraph from ages 8-16. He says his older brother was a great role model for his life.

Following HS, Mark went to Illinois College in Jacksonville and met and married Nancy, who was attending McMurray College. Following college, they returned to Moro where Mark finished degrees at LCCC and SIUE (BS and MA) while he was working for Shell Refinery. He remained with the refinery through all its sales and mergers and will retire on Jan. 10, 2012 after 39 years.

Mark and Nancy have two daughters, Jessica and Sarah. Mark has been involved in several business ventures and several community organizations over the years.



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

MAKE UP SITES

MONDAY

NOON

- Wood River—St. John 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 AM

- Bethalto—Red Apple

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

To locate a club where you are visiting check: <http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/SiteTools/ClubLocator/Pages/rid>

COMING EVENTS

11/17: 6:00 p.m. Rotary Social Night at *Jazz on Broadway*, Alton. (Bring your own food).

11/24: THANKSGIVING: No Noon Meeting

12/1: Christmas Party, N.O. Nelson Center, Edwardsville.

12/3: Bell Ringing.

12/15: Board Meeting at 11.

PROGRAM

TODAY

Eric Barger
Jeff Lauritzen
Long Term Care

NEXT WEEK

Pat Boyle
John Pearson
EAWR Foundation

BIRTHDAYS

11/15: Pat Boyle

News, Notes, Nonsense, and Nothings

23 Rotarians dined in the "dry room" on Julia's fried chicken and spuds. Larry Allen was our guest, if he can be called that. Eric was the bell ringer and master of ceremonies in the absence of Pres. Dave. Chris pledged, Allen tested, and Larry prayed. There was only one Red in the house this week.

Erin was late but made it in for her trifecta of attendance. SAA Rick put Larry to the test, but he passed it off the sake of all those who left him with their support.

Mark³ were present and accounted for. All three had something good to say.

The Turkey Fund can is going around for Operation Blessing. Let's give generously so that others can give thanks.

Diane D. and Paul H. had their shots at the joker. Diane has finally learned the agony of defeat. Paul is getting used to it by now.

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***Service Above
Self.***

FOUR WAY TEST

- Is it the Truth?
- Is it Fair to all concerned?
- Will it Build goodwill and better friendships?
- Is it Beneficial to all concerned?

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From the Archives

Nov. 9, 2000

-Mark V. was our prez,
Rose our treasurer.
-It was announced that
we raised \$1000 for the
scholarship fund that
would be matched by an
anonymous member.
-Dick and Carol would be
hosting the Christmas
party at their home on the
hill on Dec. 7th. We
would also have a noon
meeting on that day. So
there!
-To date, our Operation
Blessing Turkey Fund
has raised \$351.
-Charlie and Joyce were
looking for student
mentors and literacy
volunteers.
-Nominations for
President-Elect and
Treasurer would be
solicited soon.
-Cecil won the 50-50.
-We would be working a
Blues concession booth
on Dec. 5th.
-There are still a few
Entertainment Books
available for sale.

Board Meeting Notes

-Our checkbook
reflected an end of
September balance
of \$722.
-We have paid a
total of \$42,554 in
scholarship awards
since 2002.
-Interviews with six
Roxana and 14 East
Alton-Wood River
scholarship
applicants have
been completed.
The response rate
from EA-WR is
especially satisfying.
-Paul and Joe will
be meeting with a
potential new
member.
-There is about
\$4000 pledged
toward the school
rebuild project. Rod,
Wendell and others
are looking are
ways that RI may
make at least a
partial match.
-The Interact club at
Roxana is
conducting a food
drive. They would
appreciate all
donations.
-Look for a
Salvation Army bell
ringing sign-up list
soon. The Date is
Dec. 3rd.
-We will be hosting
the combined club
meeting next March.
-The EA-WR shop
students
responsible for
fabricating the new
banner stands will
be noshing with us
at the 17th meeting.
-The wheels on our
Soap Box racer will
be replaced.
-The option to
purchase t-shirts for
the Interact club is
being explored.
-A \$125 donation to
the Roxana After
Prom was
approved.
-The next board
meeting will be on
Dec. 15th.

Read more at:

Just for Fun

While sports fishing off the Florida coast, a tourist capsized his boat. He could swim, but his fear of alligators kept him clinging to the overturned craft. Spotting an old beachcomber standing on the shore, the tourist shouted, "Are there any gators around here?"

"Naw," the man hollered back, "they ain't been around for years!"

Feeling safe, the tourist started swimming leisurely toward the shore.

About halfway there he asked the guy, "How'd you get rid of the gators?"

"We didn't do nothing," the beachcomber said. "Wow," said the tourist.

The beachcomber added, "The sharks got 'em."