

# THE ROTARY BANNER

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## IT'S TIME TO FLY

LAST WEEK CIVIL AIR PATROL (CAP) 286TH SQUADRON COMMANDER MICHAEL THOMPSON WAS ON HAND TO TELL US ALL ABOUT THE CAP. BRAD INTRODUCED HIM BY SHARING SOME OF HIS INTERESTING EXPERIENCES AS A YOUTH MEMBER OF A GRANITE CITY UNIT. IN 1968 HE THUMBED A RIDE ON A TRAIN TO CHICAGO AND GOT TO EXPERIENCE FIRST HAND A BIDET AND THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION, BOTH FROM HIS HOTEL ROOM. IN 1969 HE GOT TO VISIT D.C., PANAMA, JAMAICA, SCORPIONS IN HIS SHOE, GOAT MEAT, THE PLAYBOY HOTEL AND HIS FIRST ROTARY CLUB MEETING. WHAT A TRIP. BACK TO MICHAEL. HIS DAY JOB IS IN THE LAB AT A BJC HOSPITAL. HE ALSO VOLUNTEERS WITH THE RED CROSS AND THE COTTAGE HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT. HIS GROUP IS BASED AT THE AIRPORT AND MEETS EVERY MONDAY AT 6:30 P.M. THE CAP WAS FOUNDED IN 1941 WITH OVER 150,000 MEMBERS. IT'S INITIAL MISSION WAS TO PATROL OUR COASTS AND WAS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE ARMY AIR CORPS. DURING WWII CAP PILOTS FLEW OVER 500,000 MILES IN COASTAL PATROLS, IDENTIFYING 2 NAZI SUBS IN THE PROCESS. IN 1946 THE CAP WAS ESTABLISHED AS AN ARM OF THE AIR FORCE. IN 1948 ITS PRIMARY MISSION WAS DEFINED AS AEROSPACE EDUCATION, CADET PROGRAMS AND ASSISTANCE WITH EMERGENCIES. EACH STATE HAS THEIR OWN WING THAT HAS A TOTAL OF 56,000 MEMBERS. ILLINOIS HAS 526 CADETS (YOUNG MEN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 12-20) AND 735 OFFICERS (THOSE OVER 21). MIKE'S UNIT HAS 8 CADETS AND 11 OFFICERS. THE CAP CONDUCTS OVER 90% OF INLAND AIR SEARCH AND RESCUES IN THE U.S. THEY ASSIST WITH AERIAL SECURITY FOR HOMELAND SECURITY. THEY HELP TRANSPORT TIME SENSITIVE MATERIALS AND HAVE THE LARGEST COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK IN THE COUNTRY. THE CADET PROGRAM PRIMARILY PROVIDES AEROSPACE EDUCATION AND FLYING EXPERIENCES FOR YOUNG MEN. THE PROGRAM ALSO HELPS TO KEEP THE CADETS PHYSICALLY FIT AND AIMS TO ASSIST WITH CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT. THE PROGRAM ALSO OFFERS SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES. ANY EXPERIENCED CADET JOINING THE AIR FORCE GETS AN AUTOMATIC 2 GRADE PROMOTION. THE CAP CADETS MAKE UP ABOUT 10% OF THE TYPICAL AIR FORCE ACADEMY CLASS. THE CAP ALSO PROVIDES NO COST CLASSROOM MATERIALS AND SUPPORT FOR ALL GRADE LEVELS. ANYONE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER CAN ATTEND ONE OF THE WEEKLY SESSIONS. MIKE SAYS THAT HE WANTS ANY POTENTIAL MEMBER TO ATTEND A COUPLE OF MEETINGS IN ORDER TO HELP THEM DECIDE THAT THE CAP IS RIGHT FOR THEM. HE CONCLUDED HIS PRESENTATION BY POINTING OUT THAT IT'S NOT THE SHINY EQUIPMENT THAT GETS THE JOB DONE, IT'S THE PEOPLE. WE THANK MIKE FOR THIS BRIEFING.



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## THE SKINNY

--SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING IS ON DEC. 13TH, 9-5. SIGN UP ON LINE OR AT THE MEETING.

--WE CELEBRATED PAT AND STEVE'S BIRTHDAYS WITH A BIRTHDAY SONG RENDITION AS FLAT AS COLUMBUS' WORLD.

--HOW ABOUT THE NEW CARPET. DON'T FORGET TO WIPE YOUR BOOTS BEFORE ENTERING AND KEEP YOUR LOSE CORN ON THE TABLE.

--IF YOU NEED PILLOWS AND TOWELS TALK WITH LARRY OR ALLEN.

--DOES ANYONE HAVE A NEW DONKEY FOR ALLEN? IT KEEPS BREAKING DOWN ON WEDNESDAYS.

--THANKS TO ROGER, WE NOW KNOW WHAT THE WORD DICTIONARY MEANS.

--LORI WILL BE ESTABLISHING A DATE IN DECEMBER WHEN THE DICTIONARIES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED.

--CAN ANYONE TELL RICK WHO THOSE TWO PEOPLE ARE? IT'S WORTH A BYE.

--AMONG THE CORRECT ANSWERS FOR THE SAA QUESTIONS WERE: \$3.50, WOULD YOU LIKE FRIES WITH THAT, SIR? ZOOT SUITS, JOPLIN, MAYFIELD AND HAWAII. ERIN HAD A GOOD DAY WITH GEOGRAPHY.

--CHRIS AND BIRTHDAY PAT EACH HAD A SHOT AT THE GROCERY MONEY. THERE ARE NO PEAS IN THEIR CUPBOARDS FOR THESE GENTS.

## WELCOME SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS

WE WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME OUR RECENTLY SELECTED SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS, CLASS OF 2010. FROM EAST ALTON-WOOD RIVER HIGH SCHOOL COMES **RENEE FRISSE** AND **JASON SPRINGMAN**. FROM ROXANA HIGH SCHOOL COMES **MIKE CALDWELL** AND **KYNDRA SIGNORELLI**. WE WISH EACH OF THESE FINE YOUNG FOLKS GREAT SUCCESS OVER THE NEXT 18 MONTHS AND HOPE TO SEE EACH OF THEM SEVERAL TIMES AT OUR EVENTS AND MEETINGS. ALSO, DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUR WEB SITE REGULARLY FOR UPDATES AND CLUB EVENTS- [WWW.EASTALTONROTARY.ORG](http://WWW.EASTALTONROTARY.ORG).

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY DEC 4, STARTING AT 6:00 PM. IT WILL BE HELD AT JULIA'S BANQUET CENTER AT ALTON SQUARE. (THERE IS AN OUTSIDE ENTRANCE NEAR MACY'S LOWER LEVEL ENTRANCE.) THE COST WILL BE \$25 PER PERSON. SPOUSES AND GUESTS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US. YOU CAN SIGN-UP ON LINE OR ON THE PASS AROUND SHEET. WE ALWAYS HAVE A GREAT TIME. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE. THERE IS NO NOON MEETING.

Wall Street Journal Book review of "Samuel Adams: A Life" by Ira Stoll

These days Samuel Adams is more likely to be known as a brand of beer than a revolutionary leader. While it is true that he ran his father's Boston malt house for a time, he was perhaps the most forceful single figure behind the American Revolution. He was also America's first great political operative, mastering the arts of spin and strategy in ways that future generations of David Axelrods and Lee Atwaters could profitably emulate. In his time, Adams needed no such help. He was the famous Adams, an elder cousin of John and a man so reviled by the British that two months after the shots fired at Lexington and Concord the top British general in America offered a "gracious pardon" to all colonists willing to put down their arms "excepting only Samuel Adams and John Hancock, whose offenses are of too flagitious a nature to admit of any other consideration than that of condign punishment. "Samuel Adams: A Life" makes it abundantly clear why the British so detested Adams. He started talking independence more than a decade before the Declaration and did more than anyone to organize opposition to colonial taxes and to make "no taxation without representation" a rallying cry. On March 5, 1770, a lone British private guarding the customs house found himself taunted by unruly Bostonians. Several British soldiers came to protect him. The crowd grew larger and started pelting the soldiers with snowballs. One of the soldiers was knocked down, and, as he came up, fired into the crowd. In the confusion, other shots were fired and, by the time the smoke cleared, 11 colonists were shot, five of them fatally. For Samuel Adams the incident demonstrated the tyranny of British rule, and, as importantly, provided an opportunity to galvanize support for the revolutionary cause. The facts surrounding the incident are still in dispute, but, writes Mr. Stoll, "what is certain is that Adams pressed immediately and aggressively to wring every possible bit of political advantage from the bloodshed." He started by giving it a name: the Boston Massacre. Adams wasn't merely a rabble-rouser, however. In November 1772, he created a "committee of correspondence" to organize the first collective opposition to British policies. A document composed by the committee, as Mr. Stoll notes, provided a framework for the Declaration of Independence, enumerating the rights of the colonists: "First. A right to Life; secondly to Liberty; thirdly to Property." Adams's next major move was to instigate what turned out to be the Boston Tea Party, a protest against yet another British tax. Adams publicized the episode in a way that would, once again, maximize support for the cause of independence. He pointed out -- in public letters and newspaper columns -- that the ships themselves were not harmed, only the tea. One delegate at the Continental Congress in Philadelphia said that Adams, a fellow delegate, used "fiction, falsehood and fraud" to "incite the ignorant and vulgar to arms." But even he conceded that Adams "drinks little, sleeps little, thinks much, and is most decisive and indefatigable in the pursuit of his objects." In national politics he was a Republican rather than a Federalist like his cousin. Shortly after Thomas Jefferson was sworn in as president, in 1801, he wrote to Samuel Adams to say that, while crafting his inaugural address, "I often asked myself, is this exactly in the spirit of the patriarch of liberty, Samuel Adams? Is it as he would express it? Will he approve of it?" Jefferson lamented that the 81-year-old Adams could not serve in his administration, but, he wrote, "give us your counsel my friend, and give us your blessing." Adams died two years later.

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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  
CONCERNED?

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