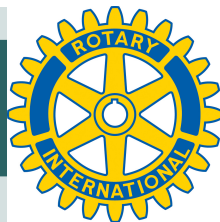


December 22, 2011  
Christmas, Edition



# The Rotary Banner

## **CLUB OFFICERS**

### **PRESIDENT**

David Miller

### **PRESIDENT-ELECT**

Eric Barger

### **SECRETARY**

Lori Palmer

### **TREASURER**

Cory Gallivan

### **DIRECTORS**

#### **CLUB SERVICE**

Paul Hoover

#### **VOCATIONAL SERVICE**

Brad Lavite

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Mark Allison

#### **INTERNATIONAL SERVICE**

Rod Croxford

#### **NEW GENERATIONS**

Rhonda Pluester

#### **SERGEANT AT ARMS**

Rick Hooks

#### **BANNER EDITOR**

Larry Lacher

#### **CLUB ARCHIVES**

Rick Hooks

## **FOUNDATION OFFICERS**

### **PRESIDENT**

Erin Phillips

### **TREASURER**

Mark Speciale

### **SECRETARY**

Rose Sebastian

## **PROGRAM**

### **TODAY**

Diane Dugger

### **NEXT WEEK**

No noon meeting

Jan. 5

Ron Eaton

## **BIRTHDAYS**

**East Alton Rotary Club**  
Chartered Oct. 28, 1971 District 6460  
[www.eastaltonrotary.org](http://www.eastaltonrotary.org)

## **WR Township Update**

Wood River Township Supervisor, Mike Babcock, was our speaker last week. Mike is a life-long area resident who was raised in Rosewood heights and received degrees from LCCC and SIUE in Electronics. He was elected to the office of Township Supervisor 2.5 years ago.

Make has made four commitments as supervisor and is making progress on all four.

1. Cut government spending.

Under Mike's leadership the township budget is balanced and running a surplus, even in a difficult economy. He has eliminated a lot of waste in the budget.

2. Reduce property Taxes

Under Mike's leadership the tax levy has been lowered 1.5%. It's not much, but it's a start.

3. Better Communication

Under Mike's leadership, the township checkbook is not viewable online as well as all county decisions. Check out the website at [www.toi.org/WOODRIVERTOWNSHIP/](http://www.toi.org/WOODRIVERTOWNSHIP/)

4. Job Creation

Due to the loss of manufacturing, the township is down by 20,000-30,000 jobs. In order to bring new jobs to the area, Mike is proposing a five part strategy to change the environment.

## **News, Notes, Nonsense, and Nothings**

Last week, Larry was back after a long December absence sans Banners, but did open with prayer. Pat pledged and Paul led in the four-way test. There were 26 others in the room enjoying Julia's turkey and fettuccini.

Paul Maley was our guest from Alton/Godfrey selling Christmas Pecans. Denny Webber was also back for a guest appearance. Mark Speciale brought a makeup from McKinzie, TN where he was visiting with Larry Allen, no doubt.

Nominations were received for President-Elect. Brad Lavite and Rhonda Pluester are on the list so far. Lori was nominated as Secretary for Life.

Denny was asked to draw the winning ticket for Wendel's Columbian emerald. Jerry McRae will have a very merry Christmas.

Our speaker drew his own ticket from the bucket (he had stuffed it like a ballot box). Diane's was the second drawn. Both left with shiny new cards.



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**

**12/29: No Noon Meeting**

**4/7/12: Lawn and Garden show**

## East Alton Rotary Club

P.O. Box 56  
East Alton, IL 62024

## 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

December 22, 2005

-Our Christmas party was held last week and under Lori's guidance it was a great success.  
-The guest speaker was Roger Werts. He told us about the upcoming need for occupancy permits in the village.  
-Paul offered some tips on dealing with holiday stress. For example-If everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane. It's the second mouse that gets the cheese. Never buy a car you can't push.  
-The SAA levied fines for all those members not sporting a holiday neckwear. (Some things never change!)  
-President Joe was seeking nominations for President-elect. This term would follow Debbie Brazier's.  
-Last week the clock moved from its storage location at Beall Mfg. (Mark's office, perhaps) to its installation site at the Village Hall.

### Board Notes

-Our bank balance at the end of November stood at \$1093.  
-Mark A. indicated that the new scholarship students have been notified and are now participating.  
-We will be hosting the combination meeting with the Wood River and Bethalto clubs next spring. Location will be at Julia's. Date TBA.  
-There is at least \$3750 in the Columbia school rebuilt account.  
-Rhonda reported that the Roxana HS Interact club has about 25 members. They will be raising funds for the school project in 2012. The club meets monthly.  
-The board voted to donate \$150 to the Lewis and Clark Boy Scout council.  
-The Riverbend Lawn and Garden Show scheduled for next April is in limbo.  
-Paul reported that the Wood River Shop 'n Save manager will be joining the club as a new member sometime in the new year.  
-Eric reported that he will be able to attend the Pre-PETS training, but

may not be able to attend the full PETS weekend scheduled in Chicago. He is working to reconcile his scheduling conflict.  
-Dave will be seeking nominations for President-Elect. This term would start in July 2013.

-A felt banner will be purchased and used to display the mini-club banners.

-Christmas flowers will be distributed on December 16th.

### X-MAS?

Next time you see x-mas used as an abbreviation for Christmas, remember that the Greek letter chi looks like a capital X and is the first letter of the Greek word *Christos* (Christ). It was a common abbreviation for Christ in the early Church.

The X is also the shape of the cross upon which Peter was crucified upside-down for his devotion to Jesus. It is also the shape of the cradle of Christ seen from an end-view.

X-mas unites the cradle and the cross in the person of Christ.

### Just for Fun

Why does Santa have 3 gardens?

**So he can ho-ho-ho.**

Why was Santa's little helper depressed?

**Because he had low elf esteem.**

What do you get when you cross an archer with a gift-wrapper?

**Ribbon hood.**

Why are Dasher and Dancer always taking coffee breaks?

Because they are my star bucks.

