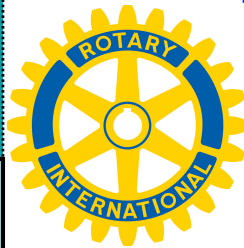


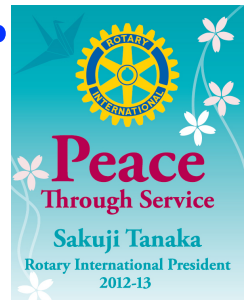
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PROGRAM

TODAY

Wendell Ross

NEXT WEEK

Rose Sebastian

BIRTHDAYS

I've Done It All!

Andy Yakstis came as the guest of Brad P. last week to talk about his career in journalism. Andy has had a distinguished career, having been nominated for the Pulitzer prize twice and having interviewed six presidents, from JFK to both Bushes. While interviewing Kennedy in Alton, Andy treated him to a Coney dog. Later he was asked his opinion about President Kennedy's famous line, "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country."

However, Andy's most life-changing moment was the day he met Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The year was 1965 and Andy was reporting for AP. He had gone to Alabama to report on the march to Selma. Early one morning, before the march began, Andy approached the prayer circle of leaders. He was instantly drawn in and welcomed by Dr. King himself.

Later, Dr. King said to him, "Bro. Andrew, it's my prayer that your life will be a spiritual journey to help others-- to make a difference in the lives of others." Andy said that has been his goal all of his life. He said his greatest satisfaction is in knowing that he has written stories that have helped people.

You will want Andy's new book, You Can't Kill the Dream.

NEWS, NOTES, AND NONSENSE

Roast beef was the fare for the twenty-four members and guests last time. Our guest list included Wood River Rotarians, Tyler Pitchford and John Pierson. With both John and Virgil present, we were well-superintended. They invited us to the WR Rotary Trivia night at Joe's pizza where \$120 gets you a table and some adult beverages. There were no make-up presented, but our web page indicates that Rick has been making up in Ft. Lauderdale. Paul arrived promptly at 12:20 and got to sit at the late table with Dave.

Joe subbed as the SAA and coaxed contributions out of our ladies, those without Rotary shirts on, those not signed up for the RBFM Trivia night, and those who thought Eric might be right. Roger added to the outpouring by fining anyone who had not recently (within the past ten minutes) talked to the EPA.

Virgil wanted the \$5 birthday song, although someone suggested that he wanted a "spankin."

Charlie and Cory went after the \$178 in the 50/50 pot. Lady luck had walked out on both of them.

MAKE UP SITES

MONDAY

NOON

•Wood River—St. John UCC, WR

•Jerseyville—Peace United Church

6 PM

•Alton—Godfrey—Alton Sports Tap

•Bethalto—Spirit Hall

TUESDAY

NOON

•Collinsville—Holiday Inn

•Granite City—Niedringhaus Methodist

•Highland—Michael's Restaurant

WEDNESDAY

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

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Upcoming Events

2-16: Basketball Tournament

2-28: Board Meeting

4-20: District Conference

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- *Is it Fair to all concerned?
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- *Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

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Valentine's Day Origins

Most scholars believe that this St. Valentine was a priest who lived around 270 AD in Rome and attracted the disfavor of Roman emperor Claudius II who ruled during this time.

In opposition to the order of Claudius II, Valentine was performing secret marriages for soldiers in the Empire, whose marriages had been forbidden so that they would not be distracted from their duty to protect the Empire.

Valentine was arrested, imprisoned and executed on February 14.

Before long, young Romans began observing the day to celebrate their love in honor of the Saint but it was Chaucer who first linked the day with Romance in the 14th century.

By the 18th century, gift-giving and exchanging of handmade cards was common in England. This tradition was adopted by the American colonies, but it wasn't until 1840 that cards began to be commercially made.

Valentines Fun Facts

More than 36 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolate are sold for Valentine's Day each year.

On average, men shell out \$130 each on candy, cards, jewelry, flowers and dates. That's more than double what women commit to spending.

About 8 billion candy hearts will be produced this year; that's enough candy to stretch from Rome, Italy to Valentine, Arizona 20 times and back again.

About 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are exchanged in US each year. That's the largest seasonal card-sending occasion of the year, next to Christmas.

Worldwide, over 50 million roses are given for Valentine's Day each year.

Women purchase 85% of all valentines.

In order of popularity, Valentine's Day cards are given to teachers, children, mothers, wives, sweethearts and pets.

73% of people who buy flowers for Valentine's Day are men, while only 27 percent are women.

Men buy most of the millions of boxes of

candy and bouquets of flowers given on Valentine's Day.

In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who their valentines would be. They would wear these names on their sleeves for one week. To wear your heart on your sleeve now means that it is easy for other people to know how you are feeling.

The Italian city of Verona, where Shakespeare's lovers Romeo and Juliet lived, receives about 1,000 letters addressed to Juliet every Valentine's Day.

Richard Cadbury invented the first Valentines Day candy box in the late 1800s.

Alexander Graham Bell applied for his patent on the telephone, an "Improvement in Telegraphy", on Valentine's Day, 1876.

The oldest surviving love poem till date is written in a clay tablet from the times of the Sumerians around 3500 BC.

In Medieval times, girls ate unusual foods on St Valentine's Day to make them dream of their future husband.

Just For Fun

Girl: "I can't be your valentine for medical reasons." Boy: "Really?" Girl: "Yeah, you make me sick!"

What do farmers give their wives on Valentine's Day?
Hog and kisses!

What did the painter say to her boyfriend? "I love you with all my art!"

What did the man with the broken leg say to his nurse?
"I've got a crutch on you!"

Did you hear about the romance in the tropical fish tank?
It was a case of guppy love.

What do you call two birds in love? Tweethearts!