

February 20, 2014  
Think Spring  
Edition



# The Rotary Banner

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

## Comptrol Freak!

Last week, Chris introduced the club to Matt Rice from the state comptroller's office. The Illinois state comptroller is Judy Barr Topinka and she is the chief financial officer for the state. The primary responsibility of the comptroller's office is to pay bills for the state and to oversee the fiscal integrity of the state.

Currently, there are about 120,000 bills backlogged in the comptroller's office amounting in about \$5.2 billion in obligations. Payments from the state are delayed about ninety days which is an improvement on their 120 day tradition.

Chris talked about several initiatives that Judy's office has championed to amplify efficiency and transparency. Using direct deposit for state checks saves the state \$1 mill. annually. The website also gives anyone access to 'the ledger' so that we can see how our dollars are spent. We can also see there quarterly financial reports for the state and financial statements for all state entities in the "warehouse."

The comptroller's office offers several programs targeted at improving the financial health of the state. They offer Consumer Affairs presentations to High Schools and other groups to discuss budgeting, credit cards, and identity theft. They also work with local governments to help with collections of delinquent bills. The Power Program helps minorities and small businesses to connect with state contracts including women, veterans, and minority-owned business. All this and more can be accessed at their website:  
[www.illinoiscomptroller.com](http://www.illinoiscomptroller.com).

## NEWS, NOTES, AND NONSENSE

Twenty-two members and guests ate pasketti together last week. The large guest pool included Sherry Tite, Sandy (prospective new member) Shaw, Tyler (seeking co-citizenship) Pitchford, Tommie (I'm better, but still no appetite) Meyers, Tim Turner, and Denny (who dat?) Webber.

Paul and Brad arrived at the normal time and Mark V. was our scooter. Cory is still no where to be found, so Allen took the bucks. Rick is still working on his tan, so Paul SAAed, fining all those who came in before him (Of all the nerve! Wise guy eh? Why I oughtta...!)

Rhonda began the meeting in due time. Throwing caution to the wind, she had Bill pray.

Lori still has a couple of spots to fill for the WR Rotary table. Maybe we can fill two.

The kitty has grown to \$70, but still not rich enough for Bill P. and Sandy S. to find the joker. Sandy also got the scratcher, which paid \$20. Those multi-ticket purchases pay off! One for \$1, three for \$2. How about, 'as long as your arm' for \$10?

### CLUB OFFICERS

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Rhonda Pluester

#### PRESIDENT -ELECT

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##### NEW MEMBERSHIP

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##### CLUB ARCHIVES

Rick Hooks

##### FOUNDATION OFFICERS

###### PRESIDENT

Erin Phillips

###### TREASURER

Mark Vaughn

###### SECRETARY

Jeny Lewis

### PROGRAM

#### TODAY

Rod Croxford  
Great White  
Wilderness

#### NEXT WEEK

Dwynn Isringhausen

### BIRTHDAYS

2-8: Virgil Moore

2-25: Erin Phillips

ENGAGE  
ROTARY



CHANGE  
LIVES

### 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

3-20: Board Meeting

3-28: WR Rotary  
Trivia Night

4-3: Quarter Auction

4-12: Rotary Day at  
the Ballpark

## East Alton Rotary Club

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## Service Above Self

### The 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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## MARY VAUGHN BUNKER HILL

Mary Lucile Vaughn, 70, died at at 6:55 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 14, 2014, at Eunice Smith Nursing Home in Alton.

She was born Aug. 25, 1943, in Alton, Ill., to Dr. George Hess and H. Lucile (Gehring).

She married William E. Vaughn on Sept. 26, 1964, at the Berean Baptist Church in Bunker Hill, Ill.

Mary was a 1964 graduate of Alton Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. She was an RN and a homemaker. Mary was a member of the Berean Baptist Church.

She is survived by her spouse, William "Bill" Vaughn of Bunker Hill; daughters, Carol (Craig) Franklin of Bunker Hill, Judy (Rodney) Thompson of Brighton;

**son, Mark (Jennifer) Vaughn of Bunker Hill;** grandchildren, Megan (Wesley) Edwards of Godfrey, Eric Franklin, Philip Franklin, and Matthew Franklin, all of Bunker Hill, Brian Thompson, Steven Thompson, Allen Thompson, Aaron Thompson, and Nathan Thompson, all of Brighton, and Michael Vaughn, Katherine Vaughn, Jeffrey Vaughn, Timothy Vaughn, and Kristen Vaughn, all of Bunker Hill; brother, George (Marcia) Hess of Urbana, Ill.; sister, Jane (Douglas) Lightly of Peoria, Ill. Mary was preceded in death by her parents.

Friends may call from 4-8 pm. Thursday, Feb. 20, at Berean Baptist Church Bunker Hill, where funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 21, with Rev. Dennis Pycraft officiating. Burial: Bunker Hill Cemetery.

## MEET OUR PRESIDENT

Elected for the 2013-14 term, our president, Ron D. Burton, has been a member of the Rotary Club of Norman, Oklahoma, USA, since 1979. Obviously, Burton is passionate about Rotary or he wouldn't be where he is today. "Rotary isn't like anything else in our lives. It offers incredible potential to change lives, to help others, to be better people." Burton's equally passionate about involving the family in Rotary. Early in his Rotary career, Burton and his wife, Jetta, took their two children to meetings and conventions. "It opened their eyes, it opened their minds, and it opened their hearts." Burton believes that if you get your family involved in Rotary, "it expands to the world, that's the family of Rotary—that's community service."

## MEET OUR TRUSTEE CHAIR

Dong Kurn Lee serves as trustee chair of The Rotary Foundation for 2013-14. Lee, who is a member of the Rotary Club of Seoul Hangang, grew up in post-war Korea. He saw firsthand how international aid can help people who are suffering. And he wanted to return the favor. "Now our economy is booming, and we want to give back some of what was given us. That's why Rotary in Korea is growing." As trustee chair, Lee hopes to instill the same spirit of pride and giving he feels about Rotary and The Rotary Foundation in all Rotary members: "The greater our Foundation's resources, the greater our ability to meet the needs of our communities."

## MEET OUR GENERAL SECRETARY

John Hewko has served as Rotary International's general secretary since 2011. For many people, managing a staff of 800 in eight offices worldwide would be enough in itself. But Hewko, a charter member of the Rotary Club of Kyiv, Ukraine, is so committed to Rotary's mission that he takes things a step further. He's immunized children against polio in India, represented Rotary at the World Economic Forum, and bicycled 111 miles to raise money for polio eradication during both the 2012 and 2013 El Tour de Tucson in Arizona. Hewko and Rotarians raised \$730,000 for polio eradication during this year's ride, which was dedicated to Hewko. "It was an incredible honor to accept the 2013 Dedication Award on behalf of Rotary and friends."

## Just For Fun

Why do seagulls fly over the sea?  
If they flew over the bay, they'd be bagels

Why did the woman only change her baby's diaper once a month?  
On the package it read "good for up to 15 pounds."

A guy called a budget airline to book a flight. The operator asked, "How many people are traveling?" "How should I know?" said the man. "It's your plane!"