

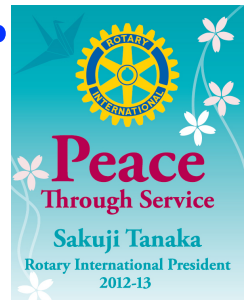
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The Rotary Banner

East Alton Rotary Club
Chartered Oct. 28, 1971 District 6460

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PROGRAM

TODAY

Brad Pulaski

Andy Yakstis

My Career in Journalism

NEXT WEEK

Wendell Ross

BIRTHDAYS

2/4 Mark Speciale

2/8 Virgil Moore

Growing the RiverBend

Rhonda introduced us to Monica Bristow of the Riverbend Growth Association last week. Monica is responsible for general oversight and for Economic Development. She is one of five employees from the Association and has been with them for ten years. The Growth Association has nearly six hundred members working together to enhance the business environment of the eleven communities that it serves through networking, resourcing, and attracting new businesses.

The RBGA focuses its efforts on attracting businesses, not on retail, reasoning that businesses will attract retail. Retail businesses have very specific requirements built on their own marketing and business models and there is little that the RBGA can do to alter their requirements.

The Association can provide marketing for small businesses and can help prospective business to identify facilities or properties in the area based on their specific needs. A list of available sites is maintained on their website. The challenge is that Illinois has a poor perception and that our competition is national. However the new Interstate extension is creating some interest in the area.

NEWS, NOTES, AND NONSENSE

There were only twenty-one Rotarians and guests at our last meeting. Julia served chicken and rice. We had no guests, but Dave had a make-up from Granite City where they have "outstanding" speakers, but few details-- no SAA, fines, 50/50, nada.

Rhonda and Eric have completed PETs training. Now they are dog-tired.

Joe says the BB tournament will have three girl's teams in each division and four boy's teams. Joe also served as the sub-SAA and lugmeister. Chris was right, but those missing their name badge were sorry.

Brad L. says, "Don't let Illinois tax your internet purchases."

Red and Paul went after the \$166 in the 50/50 pot. As, expected, the pot grows on.

MAKE UP SITES

MONDAY

NOON

•Wood River—St. John UCC, WR

•Jerseyville—Peace United Church

6 PM

•Alton—Godfrey—Alton Sports Tap

•Bethalto—Strykers

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

To locate a club where you are visiting check:

<http://>

www.rotary.org/en/

[AboutUs/SiteTools/](http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/SiteTools/)

[ClubLocator/Pages/rid](http://www.rotary.org/en/ClubLocator/Pages/rid)

Upcoming Events

2-16: Basketball Tournament

2-28: Board Meeting

4-20: District Conference

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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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Club Archives

Jan. 13, 2000

-Rick was the Prez, Mark V. Vice-Prez and Rod was the Treasurer.

-Mark V. was looking for Business of the Year nominees.

-Paul was going to submit our name for four Cardinal concession dates this summer.

-Rick was looking for someone to coordinate the spring Steak Fry.

-A free meal at the Installation Dinner was being offered to anyone/everyone who has a year of perfect attendance.

-\$50 was donated from our Community fund to the EAWR afterprom committee.

-Our speaker was Rebecca Graham who talked about the problem with dealing with 350,000 Romania orphans and the orphanage she was working with.

-The Trivia Night was scheduled for March 5th.

-The President declared that anyone wearing Rams colors were exempt from all fines. (What a softie.)

Rotary Around the Globe

India

More than 80,000 children in India have congenital heart defects that require medical intervention, but only 8,000 to 10,000 of them are treated each year. Rotary clubs from districts 3240 (India) and 5340 (California, USA) raised money to sponsor children whose families could not afford lifesaving operations. A Rotary Foundation Global Grant of over US\$54,000 is helping to fund Heart to Heart, a project that provides surgeries for children with congenital heart disease in India and Pakistan. In 2010, District 3240 partnered with Korean districts 3630 and 3660 to establish Heart to Heart and received a \$70,000 Foundation grant. That money, along with additional funds, benefited 56 children that year. The new grant will help the effort reach its goal of providing surgeries for 100 children.

Mozambique

A primary school outside the capital, Maputo, needed an updated sanitation system for its 2,500 students and staff. Bathrooms were in disrepair, and the school lacked running water. The Rotary clubs of Maputo and Skanderborg, Denmark, received a US \$55,100 Rotary Foundation Global Grant to build bathrooms, a well, and a 5,000-liter water tank. School officials maintain the sanitation system and tank, which were designed to require little upkeep.

New Zealand

The Rotary Club of Wellington is providing students with a platform for telling New Zealand leaders about the role science will play in the country's future. The club organized the inaugural Eureka Symposium, at which 12 finalists under age 25 gave presentations on a scientific topic and its impact on the economy and environment. The finalists will also join government officials and business representatives in a science forum.

Philippines

In February, a team of eight optometrists, an optician, and three Rotarians from Great Britain visited the Philippines, where they tested the eyes of 2,700 children and adults and supplied free eyeglasses to those who needed them. Four primary schools in Bromsgrove, England; several businesses; and Rotary clubs in districts 1060 and 1210 helped raise funds for the trip and secure donations of children's glasses. The Rotary clubs of North Worcestershire, England, and Tanauan, Philippines, led the US\$16,950 project, which received support from a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant.

USA

A grant from the Rotary Club of Seattle funded the launch of the Seattle Rotary Genomic Blood Typing Program last year. The club awarded its 2011-12 \$100,000 Large Community Grant to the Puget Sound Blood Center to implement the effort, which will use new technologies to ensure accurate matching of blood products between donors and patients.

Just For Fun

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5, Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait.'"

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"