

March 6, 2014
Winter Warmup
Edition



The Rotary Banner

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

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Madison County Hilton

Brad Wells filled in for Sheriff Bob Hertz as Dwyann's guest last week. Brad is the Chief Deputy Major for the Madison County Sheriff's Office. He has worked in banking and in law enforcement in the county and served as the deputy commander for the major case squad.

Brad brought the club up to date on the heroine epidemic in Madison County. He reminded us that heroine is causing deaths in the county almost every week. "We are losing the war." The sheriff's office is working with every possible community resource to try to stem the tide. Brad reminded us to keep our medications under lock and key because prescription medications and marijuana are gateway drugs that lead to heroine.

Brad, then, switched the conversation to discussion of needed upgrades at the county jail. He said that the jail opened in 1980 and is in need of \$18-\$22 million in repairs and improvements. It has a capacity for 290 prisoners and is currently housing about 280.

A number of critical systems must be replaced in the jail including HVAC, plumbing, electrical systems, fire protection systems, and the roof. Additionally, a new prisoner transfer garage will be opened, adding to security and efficiency.

While it may seem that it might be cheaper to tear it down and build new, studies show that repair is the most cost effective option.

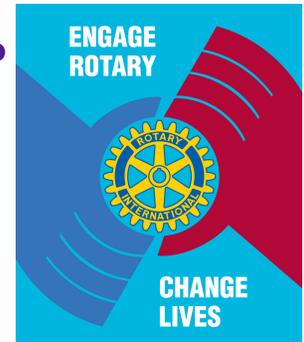
There will be a bond referendum on the next ballot that is critical to resolving these repairs. Passing the bonds does not create new debt, since the original bonds are retiring and the new money will actually reduce the interest rate being paid on current obligations.

NEWS, NOTES, AND NONSENSE

Tommie Meyers and Brian Archer were our guests last week, rounding out our attendance at twenty-two. Roast Beast was the fare. Mark S. brought in two make-ups and quite a winter tan. Sandy was officially given her name tag and a huge sense of belonging.

Joe handled SAA duties and honored first responders who march boldly into many horrific circumstances. Bill was thanking God and the community for their help with the funeral arrangements for Issac Thaxton. Larry proudly announced the coming of his name-sake: Arthur Marcus Cleveland. Rhonda got dingged twice for using surnames. Cory was our baseball trivia ace and we did well with Olympic trivia, too bad we cannot say the same about Virgil's birthday song. I guess if you want singing, you have to go to Wood River.

Rhonda said that the board voted to send two Roxana kids to RYLA this year. We will be having Baseball Mania again this year. The proceeds will support the Hartford Assembly of God backpack program. Our Applebee's day raised \$82. Not bad considering the weather. A donation was made to Roxana after-prom-- the usual. And, Sue Alhmeyer's resignation was officially received.



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PROGRAM

TODAY

Paul Hoover

NEXT WEEK

Mark Speciale

Dave Braasch

AMH Affordable Care

BIRTHDAYS

2-25: Erin P.

3-2: Dwyann I.

3-4: Dick T.

3-6: Dave M.

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

3-25: G.C. Prayer
Breakfast w/ Daryl
Strawberry

3-27: Board Meeting

3-28: WR Rotary Trivia
Night

4-3: Quarter Auction

4-12: Rotary Day at the
Ballpark

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- *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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**FROM THE ARCHIVES
March 4, 2004**

-Our officers included Lori as Secretary and Mark S. as Treasurer.

-The program was presented by ConocoPhillips' Melissa Erker. Her topic was refining 101.

-Paul is working with three potential new members and will be attending a "spring training" session for Busch Stadium concessions.

-Charlie announced that our scholarship students will be dining with us in April.

-A new (and less expensive) source has been identified for the centennial clock project.

-Lori has been busy retyping our most recent by-laws (circa 1998).

-Red was wintering in the Rio Grande Valley and reported that the grapefruit are the size of a small watermelon.

-We celebrated Dick's birthday.

FROM HOMELESSNESS TO INDEPENDENCE

Vazquez-Rowland has learned that there is no single approach to homeless services. Some clients were ready to move on to their own apartments but were shut out of the rental market because of bad credit or a criminal background. Some had difficulty finding a job after being released from prison. Others were families coming to the shelter for the first time because they'd lost their home to foreclosure after a job loss.

In response, A Safe Haven developed social enterprise ventures to employ its graduates. These include catering, landscaping, and pest control businesses.

"The services of A Safe Haven are free, but its clients commit to becoming self-sufficient. The reason it's so powerful here is because there are so many people in different stages of their development," Vazquez-Rowland says. "They're getting that pride back in their eyes, and the enthusiasm to take care of themselves."

While continuing to run A Safe Haven, Vazquez-Rowland spends three or four days a month at an office in Washington, D.C., meeting with leaders in government, business, and academia to promote her model nationally.

"We all want the same thing. We just don't agree on how to achieve it," she says.

In North Lawndale, one of Chicago's most poverty-stricken neighborhoods, A Safe Haven's headquarters serves as an oasis. Inside the building, a teenager explains how the organization helped reunite him with his father. An older woman who has finished the program says goodbye to the friends she's made at the shelter as she leaves for her first apartment. A young man approaches Vazquez-Rowland in the cafeteria to thank her for saving his life.

Vazquez-Rowland can't walk from one side of the building to the other without someone calling out her name and waving a greeting. She knows everyone by first name too.

Just For Fun

Two Marks were out golfing. As one was ready to take his shot, a funeral procession drove by the golf course. The man stopped what he was doing, put down his club, and took off his hat and placed it over his heart. His partner was moved by this and said, "That's the nicest thing I've even seen you do!" The man looked back at him and said, "Well, that's the least I could do after 40 years of marriage..."



**Our Newest Members:
Sandy Shaw and Sherry Tite.**