



# The Rotary Banner

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## PROGRAM HOSTS

### TODAY

Lori Palmer

Dave McDevitt & WWII  
Vet Marvin Shumway

### NEXT WEEK

Kyle Anderson

"MadCo Recorder of  
Deeds"

## BIRTHDAYS

None this week

## No Foolin' Edition

### Combo Meeting

Last week we met together at the annual combination meeting with the Wood River club hosting. The event was a wonderful time of fellowship with our sister-clubs of the area and the District Governors in the area. A big note of gratitude goes to the Wood River Club for hosting an excellent evening which raised \$1450 for the Fisher House. The Fisher House is a facility on the campus of Jefferson Barracks VA hospital which provides housing for families of veterans who are recuperating at the hospital.



## News, Notes, Nonsense and Nothings

Rotary on the Road Remote Report-Miami, Fl.-The photo is the view from the meeting place for the Coconut Grover Rotary club. This club has about 25 members. The meetings have a casual start, somewhere between 12:15 and 12:30 on Thursday. (That's the kind of start Paul would like.) Once the food line is set up, someone starts the through the line. The pledge and a patriotic song happen after lunch is finished. The club has no newsletter and almost no fines. (What a disappointment!) There is usually no program. (That is very unusual.) The discussion last week was about their wine and cheese booth at the recent Coconut Grove Art Festival. It was quite successful, even though the

booth space cost \$975. No February youth basketball event here, it's a spring sailing regatta for the young ones. This club, along with the Key Biscayne club, just sponsored a new area club. It's off to a great start with many young and enthusiastic members. The meeting concluded with rousing rendition of the 4-way test (along with a 5th point provided by the Coral Gables club.)-RH

### CLUB DIRECTORIES

Did you know that you can view and print a club directory directly from the club's website? The directory can even be printed with member photos! Just log in at EastAltonRotary.org and go to the Admin page to the My ClubRunner section. Club member information is securely stored right at



### MAKE UP SITES

#### MONDAY

##### NOON

- Wood River— St. John's 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

##### 7:00 a.m.

- Bethalto— Airport
- Goshen—LCCC Center, Edwardsville

#### THURSDAY

##### NOON

- Edwardsville—First Christian

To locate a club where you are visiting check:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/SiteTools/ClubLocator/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

your fingertips!

Since this information is readily available to all members with internet access hard copies of the directory will no longer be distributed unless you specifically request one. Please see Lori for a printed version if you don't have internet or if you have questions about logging on the website.

Thanks to Rick Hooks for caring for Banner responsibilities during my absence—  
Editor

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#### 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?

A woman is walking on the road and a voice shouts out, "Don't take a step further." She obeys and suddenly a ton of bricks fall on the place where she would have otherwise been. She thinks she imagined it and keeps walking until suddenly the voice calls out again. "Don't take a step further." She stops and a car skids past. Then suddenly she hears the voice saying "I am your guardian angel, and I will warn you before something bad happens to you. Now do you have any questions to ask me?" Yes! Shouts the woman, "Just where were you on my wedding day!"

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A psychiatrist's secretary walks into his study and says,  
"There's a gentleman in the waiting room asking to see you.  
Claims he's invisible."

The psychiatrist responds, "Tell him I can't see him."

Rotary District 6460 has funding for one \$26,000 Ambassadorial Scholarship this year. Last year we only had two applicants for this wonderful opportunity to study an academic year abroad - that is really good odds don't you think? Attached is the Fact Sheet on the basic requirements of the grants. The Peace Scholars are funded by Rotary International but we still need interested candidates to submit an application through a local Rotary Club and then the application should be forwarded to me for District interviews. The application forms are available on the website noted as well as the Rotary District 6460 website. Information was sent to all two and four year colleges in the District. However, we have found that the majority of the past candidates were solicited by a Rotarian. PLEASE - if you have anyone in your club with connections to any of the study institutions in the District, have them make contact with the school. The information was mailed to the Financial Aid Office, however, if your club members know any Department Heads they should contact them to make them aware of the opportunities.

This program is a very under-utilized wonderful opportunity.

## Literacy Driving Teens Up a Wall

Hauptschule Maistraße is an upper elementary school whose students range in age from 10 to 16. Many come from difficult family situations that can include drug addiction, violence, and chronic unemployment. The climbing wall provides an outlet for them and boosts self-confidence, coordination, and communication skills. In the words of one student: "Not only have I learned about my own physical potential, but I've also had the opportunity to make new friends whom I will always rely on."

The program uses a climbing wall at a nearby fitness center; the club raised €2,800 to purchase equipment and train teachers and other staff members in safe climbing techniques. The teachers donate their time to help students during weekly two-hour sessions. "We are highly impressed by the course's popularity and the positive effect it's had on our students' enthusiasm toward their classes," says teacher Bernd Günther.

More than 75 schools are benefiting from the district's literacy initiative, known as Schule: Sprungbrett in die Zukunft (School: Launching Pad to the Future). The district surveyed schools to identify their most critical problems and invited them to propose projects; the most promising ideas were recommended to Rotary clubs. "The response was enormous," Iblier says, noting that many clubs developed additional activities to complement the projects. See more at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)