

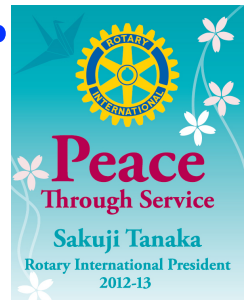
April 25, 2013  
High Water  
Edition



# The Rotary Banner

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

[www.eastaltonrotary.org](http://www.eastaltonrotary.org)



## CLUB OFFICERS

### PRESIDENT

Eric Barger

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Rhonda Pluester

### SECRETARY

Lori Palmer

### TREASURER

Cory Gallivan

### DIRECTORS

### CLUB SERVICE

Paul Hoover

### VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Brad Lavite

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Mark Allison

### INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Rod Croxford

### NEW GENERATIONS

Rhonda Pluester

### NEW MEMBERSHIP

Paul Hoover

### FUNDRAISING

Allen Hale

### SERGEANT AT ARMS

Rick Hooks

### BANNER EDITOR

Larry Lacher

### CLUB ARCHIVES

Rick Hooks

### FOUNDATION OFFICERS

#### PRESIDENT

Erin Phillips

#### TREASURER

Mark Speciale

#### SECRETARY

Rose Sebastian

## PROGRAM

### TODAY

Don Brandt

Loretta Goebel

Flesh-eating Disease

### NEXT WEEK

Rod Croxford

Bo Jackson

Western Military Academy

## BIRTHDAYS

4-27: Eric Barger

4-28: Paul Hoover

## It's Time to Ride!

Pat introduced us to Amanda Villioco of Madison County Transit who talked to the club about the 115 miles of bike trails that have been developed since 1993 using the old railroad corridors. The Madison County Bikeways offer seven loops of varying lengths, from 10- 31 miles. They are connected to bus routes as well, so they are accessible to anyone in the county. All the busses carry bike racks on the front, so bikers can always access the trails.

The trails are safe for riders. The system includes forty-six bridges and twenty-seven tunnels so that there are as few "at risk" road crossings as possible. Most of the bikeways are paved.

The bikeway system does not include the bike paths that are developed in many communities to gain access to the trails. Madison County Transit is willing to work with all communities to help to develop bikeway connections.

Most of the available rail beds have been developed. Some are being improved to pavement, but the system is almost fully developed stretching as far out as Marine and Sorrento.

For more information and maps, see [mcttrails.org](http://mcttrails.org).

## NEWS, NOTES, AND NONSENSE

Twenty-five Rotarians and guests shared fried poultry and fixins last week. Guests were in abundance including Tom Coles, Tommie Meyers, John Pierson, and Ron Wenzel. No one had make-ups to offer.

Lori and Rhonda enjoyed attending RYLA with two Roxana students. Brad L. is still looking for Business of the Year Nominations. Wendell was wrong, costing those who trusted in him, which were not many. He paid them back by designating the fine-du-jour to pay for a new pair of hole-less shoes. Tom C. picked up right where he left off and started passing the bucket around. Lori paid for her "no-song" treatment-- a wise choice.

Today we welcome the new RHS Interact Officers. Make them feel at home.

The chances at the \$41 in the 50/50 pot went to Allen and Charlie, who both come up joker-less. Tom C. got the scratcher and left itchin' for some \$\$.

## 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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<http://>

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

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## Upcoming Events

**5-23:** Board Meeting

**6-27:** Installation Dinner

## 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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## FROM THE ARCHIVES

April 24, 2008

-Brad P. was our Prez, Roger was Prez-elect, Lori our Secretary and Cory our Treasurer.

-Three Roxana scholarship students were in the house.

Laura thanked us for sending her to RYLA.

-Lori was hopeful that we could sell 500 Baseball Mania tickets. We net \$7 per duckett. Drawings commence the 1st week of June.

-The guest speaker was Madco honcho Alan Dunstan. Her told us about the plans to upgrade the levee system.

-We helped Paul celebrate another birthday.

-Question-do Roman nurses refer to IV's as 4's?

## Eco Clubs-- A New Kind of Rotary.

Eco clubs are a new phenomenon in Rotary. Though "eco" is not an official designation, Rotary allows clubs that plan to have an environmental focus to include the word in their name. In 2010, Deepa Willingham, then governor of District 5240, decided to start such a club. She wanted her district to be the first on the West Coast to set up a nontraditional club that was more about action than meetings. "I was looking for a way to make Rotary more attractive to young people – Gen X and Gen Y – who care about the environment and who want to be involved in hands-on projects," she says.

Willingham turned to John Weiss, a member of the Rotary Club of Morro Bay, for help. He wasn't sure where to begin, but he did know one thing: He wanted Newton on board. Newton, who studied ecology and systematic biology with a concentration in botany at California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo, had moved to Morro Bay in 2005, at age 27, to establish Newton Cultivation, a grounds management company.

Shortly after he started his business, a group of young men began hanging out at the attached nursery. Newton recruited them to help plant trees in empty tree wells on downtown sidewalks, and the group became known as the Guerrilla Gardening Club. As Newton gained legitimacy – he was invited to join the city's tree committee and was hired to renovate the landscape of city properties – so did the Guerrillas, who joined him in planting native flowers and grasses on the grounds of the police department, city hall, and community center.

Newton decided to join Rotary in part because of the Guerrillas: He thought it would provide an opportunity for his gardeners to network with successful professionals. The Rotarians, in turn, could tap into the Guerrillas' manpower to help implement their projects. Together, they have adopted a 3-acre city park, regularly trimming its trees and clearing its paths. During city events, they handle recycling collection. They also helped a local golf course make compost, which it uses instead of traditional fertilizers.

Like Newton, most Morro Bay Eco club members were new to Rotary and were drawn to the club's environmental emphasis. Trina Dougherty, who works for a local video production company, is a good example. "I probably wouldn't have joined a club that's for businesspeople," she says. "This is more up my alley. I think it appeals to people like me who are not the traditional Rotary type, but who want to do service."

The Guerrilla Gardening Club, meanwhile, has blossomed into a group that helps young people learn new skills, make friends, connect with mentors, and find work. Newton listens to their ideas, refers them to homeowners who need gardeners, hires them for his own company's projects, and helps them find jobs in the community. In return, he requires that they spend some of their time volunteering.

About half of the gardening club's 35 members have had some run-ins with the law. One of them, Mike Leach, credits the club with keeping him on the straight and narrow. "It's an opportunity to occupy your time so you're not just sitting and thinking about things and getting in trouble," he says. "It keeps you busy."

## Just For Fun

This police officer sees an old lady driving and knitting at the same time so after driving next to her for awhile he yells to her, "PULLOVER." She replies, "No a pair of socks."

Two strands of DNA were walking down the street. One says to the other, "Do these genes make me look fat?"