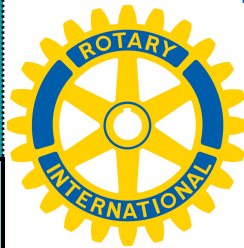


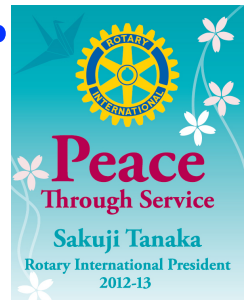
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PROGRAM

TODAY

Mark Allison

NEXT WEEK

Eric Barger

Jerre Kent

Three Little Birds

BIRTHDAYS

None this week

A Library is More than Books

The Director of the East Alton Public Library District, Rich Chartrand, shared with the club last week about how things have changed in the library over the years.

The library is led by an elected library board of citizens and has improved to serve the needs of the community.

Besides books, the library offers over 7000 e-books which can even be checked out online.

They offer digital services that are especially helpful for the neighborhood including access to wi-fi 24 hours a day, even in the parking lot, access to computers and training in their use. Help in creating resumes, making use of online services, and, even, tax help. They offer one-on-one assistance to their patrons.

They are finding that they have to do more with fewer dollars as tax valuations for their primary contributors goes down. There are primarily three partners in tax revenue for the library, housing, Olin, and the water plant.

Rich is always on the lookout for better ways to serve the community and welcomes any input or suggestions.

NEWS, NOTES, AND NONSENSE

Board Notes

- There was no financial report (Cory is in tax crunch mode).
- Rod indicated that the \$13,000 collected for the cleft palate program is now in the hands of the Columbian clinic where the surgeries will be performed. The cost will cover 30 operations. Thanks to all who donated and especially to Wendell for providing the project leadership.
- Please submit your Business of the Year nomination forms ASAP. Brad L. is the coordinator.
- Rhonda reports that new officers have been selected for the Roxana HS interact club.
- Allen proposed a Trivia Night fund raiser. Maybe at Joe's Pizza in Wood River. Lori and Rhonda offered suggestions.
- The District Assembly will be held on the 20th. The club must have three members certified, including one for the foundation.
- The installation Dinner will be held at Julia's on June 27th.
- A donation request from the village of Hartford (for a park pavilion) was postponed (not tabled). A request from the Boy Scouts was approved. A request from the Oiler Booster Club was denied.

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

To locate a club where you are visiting check:
<http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/SiteTools/ClubLocator/Pages/rid>

Upcoming Events

4-20: District Conference

4-25: Board Meeting

6-27: Installation Dinner

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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 19, 1979

-We were meeting at the Lewis & Clark restaurant. Mark S. was serving as Treasurer, Allen and Pat were serving on the board of directors.

-Last weeks' program was presented Civic Memorial Airport air traffic controller Steve Hobbs.

-Mark S. has invited Al Mewes from the Illinois Department of Agriculture to talk about gasahol.

-Dick is responsible for the May 3rd program.

-Everyone was asked to start gathering items for the rummage sale.

March 4, 2004

-Lori was the Secretary and Mark S. the Treasurer

-Charlie was scheduling an upcoming meeting for all the scholarship students could attend.

-Paul was planning on attending a Busch Stadium concession training session.

-Mark S. reported that John Simmons had agreed to host a long-term exchange student.

-Ron had found a less costly source for the centennial clock.

ROTARY AROUND THE GLOBE

Craig Alford, a member of the Rotary Club of Armadale, Australia, rode more than 400 miles across Western Australia, from Perth to Kalgoorlie, on a Hustler Super Z lawnmower last spring, raising close to US\$70,000 along the way.

Proceeds benefited Australian Rotary Health for Mental Illness Research and Wheels of Hope, a nonprofit provider of modified vehicles for families with disabilities in Western Australia. Alford rode for six days, arriving at the Kalgoorlie Golf Course in time for the District 9465 Conference.

Côte d'Ivoire

Since 2004, the Rotary Club of Jerez de la Frontera, Spain, has vaccinated more than 50,000 children under age 10 in Côte d'Ivoire against meningitis B and C and typhoid fever. Twenty-five clubs have joined the effort and raised close to US \$262,000 for immunizations in the West African nation. During a regional meningitis outbreak early last year, Côte d'Ivoire had the highest fatality rate among the affected countries.

FYR Macedonia

The Rotary clubs of Clearwater Beach, Fla., USA, and Bitola Shirok Sokak, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, worked together to promote peace and express creativity in September for the United Nations International Day of Peace. The clubs worked with Rotary Youth Exchange participants and local high school students

to paint messages of peace in their towns. In Clearwater Beach, students decorated storefront windows. In FYR Macedonia, the paintings went to a school for children with special needs, along with crayons, paints, and other art supplies.

Great Britain

Roll Out the Barrel is a charity that provides women and children in developing countries with rolling barrels that they can use to transport water. The rugged 30- and 50-liter barrels, which can be pushed or pulled, are manufactured in the United Kingdom and cost about US\$50 each. Bill Leslie, of the Rotary Club of Ellesmere Port, Wirral, and Adrian Brewer, of the Rotary Club of Vectis Sunrise (Newport I.O.W.), run the organization with help from women's and church groups, schools, and other Rotary clubs. The barrels are already helping families in Kenya, Uganda, Zambia, and Sierra Leone.

Mexico

When it comes to spreading the word about polio eradication, District 4170 Rotarians aim high. To celebrate the start of the 2012-13 Rotary year, District Governor Ernesto Benitez and José Clemente Álvarez Soto, president of the Rotary Club of Teotihuacán, flew over the historic Pyramid of the Sun in a hot-air balloon emblazoned with the End Polio Now logo. The pyramid, one of the largest buildings in Mesoamerica, and surrounding archaeological sites are popular tourist destinations.

Just For Fun

From a passenger ship one can see a bearded man on a small island who is shouting and desperately waving his hands.

"Who is it?" a passenger asks the captain.

"I've no idea. Every year when we pass, he goes mad."