

THE ROTARY BANNER

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WHAT'S THAT SMELL?

LAST WEEK EAST ALTON POLICE

K-9 OFFICER ERIK BAILEYGAINES AND HIS DOG DEGEN WERE ON HAND TO TELL US ABOUT THEIR TRAINING. ERIK AND DEGEN HAVE BEEN UNDERGOING TRAINING FOR THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS AT STATE POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN SPRINGFIELD AND AT A PRIVATE FACILITY IN DECATUR. THERE ARE 7 DOGS ENROLLED IN THE 10



WEEK COURSE. DEGEN IS AN 18 MONTH OLD BELGIAN SHEPHERD. HE HAS A LIFE EXPECTANCY OF UP TO 14 YEARS, WITH THE POTENTIAL TO BE ACTIVE IN POLICE DUTIES FOR AS MANY AS 10 YEARS. SEVERAL STATE TROOPERS NETWORKED TO FIND HIM IN NORTHERN ILLINOIS. ERIK INDICATED THAT, ON THE WHOLE, THE BELGIAN SHEPHERD IS BETTER SUITED TO WORK IN EAST ALTON THAN THE MORE TRADITIONAL GERMAN VARIETY. THE DOG IS TRAINED TO RECOGNIZE THE SMELL OF 5 DIFFERENT DRUGS. THIS IS DONE BY EXPOSING TOWELS TO THE DRUG RESIDUE. THE TOWELS ARE THEN USED TO PLAY GAMES WITH THE DOG. ERIK SAID THAT VIRTUALLY ALL THE TRAINING IS PERFORMED AS A GAME OR TRICK WITH THE DOG. EVEN THOUGH DOGS CAN BE USED TO TRACK A SUSPECT, IT IS REALLY TOUGH TO BE SUCCESSFUL. THE ENVIRONMENTAL SITUATION MUST BE ALMOST PERFECT FOR THE DOG TO FIND A SUSPECT. IN MANY CASES IT'S THE POLICE OFFICERS AT THE SCENE THAT CONTAMINATE THE EVIDENCE THE DOG COULD USE FOR TRACKING. ERIK AND DEGEN LIVE AND WORK TOGETHER, DEGEN STAYS OUTSIDE IN A PEN. ONCE HIS TRAINING IS COMPLETE IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS, HE WILL PRIMARILY BE USED TO SNIFF FOR DRUGS. ERIK TOLD US ABOUT THE "FREE AIR SNIFF" THAT THE POLICE CAN USE TO FIND DRUGS WITHOUT INVOKING PROBABLE CAUSE. GOING FORWARD, DEGEN MUST BE RE-CERTIFIED EVERY YEAR AND HAVE 16 HOURS OF TRAINING PER MONTH. IT OBVIOUS THAT TAKING CARE OF THE DOG IS A LOT OF WORK AND REQUIRES A LOT OF TIME. ERIK IS PROUD TO TO DO SO AND LOOKS FORWARD TO BEING ABLE TO USE THE DOG TO PERFORM K-9 TASKS. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE DOG IS THE ONLY TOOL ON HIS BELT THAT HE CAN RECALL AFTER BEING DEPLOYED. THE DOG IS A TOOL, NOT A WEAPON. K-9 DOGS ARE NOT TRAINED TO BITE, BUT WILL RESPOND TO AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR. WE THANK ERIK FOR TAKING THE TIME TO SHARE HIS INSIGHTS AND WISH HIM AND DEGEN A LONG CAREER WITH THE EAST ALTON POLICE DEPARTMENT. A TWO PART VIDEO OF ERIK'S PRESENTATION CAN BE SEEN ON OUR BLOG-[HTTP://EASTALTONROTARY.BLOGSPOT.COM](http://EASTALTONROTARY.BLOGSPOT.COM)

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BIRTHDAYS



THE SKINNY

--WE HAD NO VISITORS OR MAKE-UPS LAST WEEK.
--THE EAST ALTON-WOOD RIVER SCHOLARS WILL BE JOINING US FOR LUNCH TODAY. PLEASE GIVE THEM A WARM WELCOME.
--NOMINATIONS FOR OUR NEXT PAUL HARRIS FELLOW WILL BE ACCEPTED THRU TODAY'S MEETING. THE COMMITTEE WILL MEET IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING.
--THE DEADLINE FOR SELLING BASEBALL MANIA TICKETS IS RAPIDLY APPROACHING. THE EVENT BEGINS IN EARLY JUNE. THIS IS A CRITICAL FUNDRAISER FOR US, PLEASE SELL AS MANY TICKETS POSSIBLE.
--ALLEN WAS LATE TO THE FOOD LINE LAST WEEK AND WAS EATING HEALTHY UNTIL HE GOT TO THE C-STRIPS. JUST HOW MUCH WEIGHT CAN ONE OF THESE STYRO PLATES HOLD?
--WHO WANTS TO BRING DESSERT?
--SOME OF THE TOPICS COVERED ON OUR BLOG RECENTLY ARE: STRAWBERRIES, POLIO, MARDI GRAS, MOTHER'S DAY, STAR TREK, SALTY FOODS, ROTARY FUTURE VISION AND A BUNCH OF WAY TO SAVE MONEY. CHECK IT OUT: [HTTP://EASTALTONROTARY.BLOGSPOT.COM](http://EASTALTONROTARY.BLOGSPOT.COM)
--THE 50-50 VICTIMS WERE RON AND ALLEN. BETTER LUCK THIS WEEK!

OUR HISTORY IS OUR LEGACY

THE NEXT DATE IN OUR HISTORY PROJECT WILL BE JUNE 4TH. THE BOARD HAS DETERMINED THAT THERE IS NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT TO START TO CAPTURE OUR HISTORY VIA A DIGITAL RECORDER. THE FORMAT IS A WORK IN PROGRESS. NOW IS THE TIME TO GET OUR MEMORIES AND OBSERVATIONS DIGITIZED. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE ARCHIVED AND AVAILABLE TO ALL MEMBERS.

ESCAPED FROM HITLER

AT OUR LAST MEETING IN APRIL, PAUL INVITED RUTH ROSENBERG TO TELL US ABOUT HER ESCAPE FROM NAZI GERMANY. SHE GREW UP IN A JEWISH FAMILY DURING PRE-WW II GERMANY. SHE FLED WITH HER FAMILY TO ST. LOUIS WHEN SHE WAS 15. SHE BECAME A U.S. CITIZEN AT THE AGE OF 21. MANY OF HER RELATIVES WERE KILLED IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS. RUTH SPENT A FEW MINUTES TELLING US ABOUT DISCRIMINATION IN GERMANY AND IN OUR COUNTRY. ABOVE ALL, SHE IS PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN.

MAY ROTARIAN

IN YOUR CURRENT ROTARIAN MAGAZINE YOU CAN FIND ARTICLES COVERING A BROAD RANGE OF TOPICS. AMONG THOSE ARE: THE WAR ON POVERTY, TWITTERING, A PERSONAL MEDICAL FILE, THE MOTORCYCLE DIARIES, BILL GATES AND TALKING TO ROTARIANS. TIME TO GET READING.

INSTALLATION DINNER

OUR INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS DINNER WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 25TH AT THE MOONLIGHT RESTAURANT. FELLOWSHIP BEGINS AT 6, DINNER AT 6:30. THE COST IS \$20 PER PERSON. SPOUSES AND GUESTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. YOU MAY SIGN-UP ON LINE OR AT A WEEKLY MEETING. THERE WILL NOT BE A NOON MEETING THAT WEEK. PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS FUN EVENING AND BE THERE TO CONGRATULATE KEVIN AS HE ASSUMES THE REIGNS OF OUR FINE GROUP.

today's word-howdy-it's a contraction of "how do you do?". it began life as a southern expression and was taken west by confederate civil war veterans. it was first recorded in 1840.

IT HAPPENED TODAY

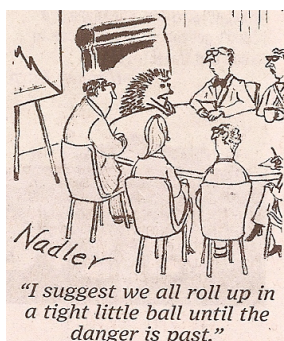
1494: Columbus discovers Jamaica
 1787: Delegates began gathering in Philadelphia for a convention to draw up the U.S. Constitution.
 1804: The Lewis and Clark expedition to explore the Louisiana Purchase left St. Louis.
 1878: The trademark name of Vaseline was registered by Robert A. Chesebrough - of Chesebrough-Pond's
 1904: The Olympic Games were held in the United States, at St. Louis, Missouri.
 1919: Henry John Heinz, U.S. food manufacturer, died;
 1998: Frank Sinatra died at a Los Angeles hospital at age 82.
 1998: The hit sitcom "Seinfeld" aired its final episode.

Special hut promotes peace in West Africa

In the small border town of Jendemah, Sierra Leone, Richelieu Allison is known as "the peace hut guy." It's a title he's earned: Months of weather delays, poor road conditions, building material shortages, and even a snake bite haven't kept Allison from constructing a peace hut for this community of 10,000. Now the focal point of a special park, the palaver hut was built with help from the Rotary Club of Freetown, Sierra Leone, and The Rotary Foundation. Allison, a 2006 Rotary World Peace Fellow, hopes it is only the first of several huts linked by a caravan that he envisions as a "cross-border, people-to-people movement for peace." In West African culture, a palaver hut is where town chiefs and elders settle conflicts. "The construction of these huts will provide a permanent forum not only for the local people to settle disputes but also to discuss issues relating to development," Allison says. Jendemah connects Sierra Leone and Liberia by way of the Mano River Union Bridge. Constructed along a major trade route in 1973, the bridge was meant to be a symbol of regional prosperity. But people on both sides have endured decades of mutual fear and distrust. The civil war that broke out in Liberia in 1989 degenerated into a conflict that spread to Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, and Sierra Leone. The war officially ended in 2003, but the bridge didn't reopen until 2007. "There is still a need to ensure that the people continue to reconcile their differences," Allison says. A native of Liberia, Allison knows the horrors of war. "I saw summary executions. I witnessed the recruitment of some of my friends who, as young as eight, were sent to the battlefield," he recalls. Determined to restore peace to his country, in 2001 Allison helped found the West African Youth Network, which trains young West Africans in peace-building and other humanitarian endeavors. In 2006, he became a member of the inaugural class of the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies certificate program at Chulalongkorn University, in Bangkok, Thailand. Soon after, he began envisioning a peace caravan. Once he secures funding and materials, Allison plans to construct seven more palaver huts along historically troubled borders in the region. Each hut, which costs \$5,200 to build, will have The Four-Way Test inscribed on it, he says. Allison, along with local Rotarians and members of the West African Youth Network, will then travel to each palaver hut to conduct conflict resolution workshops and hold peace vigils. The hut in Jendemah has already had an impact. "The construction process helped people to focus and think about the importance of peace," Allison says. "It has brought together chiefs and elders, immigration and law enforcement officers, young people and traders, on both sides of the border."

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"Although prepared for martyrdom, I preferred that it be postponed."-
 Sir Winston Churchill

CLUB ARCHIVES
 May 18, 2000
 We were looking for
 "business of the year"
 nominees, the golf tourney
 would be held on 8-12, Cecil
 won the 50-50 and Cardinal
 concessions were next week

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?

MAKE-UP OPPORTUNITIES

MON. NOON-WOOD RIVER
 ST. JOHN'S UCC
 NOON-JERSEYVILLE
 REACE UNITED CHURCH
 6PM-ALTON-GODFREY
 CASTELLI'S @ 255
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