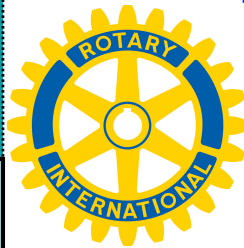


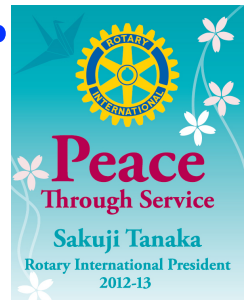
May 16, 2013
What Happened
to Spring?
Edition



The Rotary Banner

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

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Bo Knows WMA

Mississippi Valley Christian School is located on what was once the campus of Western Military Academy (WMA). About the only thing left of the original site, is the wrought iron fence. Bo Jackson, whose great-grandfather was a teacher at WMA knows about all that can be known about WMA and shared much of that information with the club, whose graduates included Allen Hale's father and grandfather. It was established in 1879 and closed in 1971.

The original school burned in 1903 and was rebuilt in 1904. Col. A.M. Jackson was instrumental in rebuilding the school, which became a fixture in Alton until after WWII. Once known as the West Point of the Midwest, WMA was an honor school. WMA provided officers for WWII, having provided both famous and infamous graduates. Hundreds of men graduated from WMA earning multiple awards for their service.

With the impending sale of the Mississippi Valley Christian School, a monumnet is being placed on the grounds to commemorate the history and influence of WMA. The monument will be dedicated on May 25 at 10:00 a.m.

NEWS, NOTES, AND NONSENSE

-Eric rang the bell at 12:15 and requested Chris, Mark V. and Dave take care of the pledge, 4-Way and invocation. All performed in a sterling fashion.

-We welcomed the scholarship students from EA-WR High School. seniors McKinzie and Katlin and juniors Jordan and Ryan. Erin gave each student the opportunity to tell us a bit about themselves.

-For the 2nd week in a row, fried chicken was the featured entree.

-Eric has dropped the "c" from the end of his name. He will now be addressed as "Eri". He thinks it sounds more sophisticated. Your thoughts?

-Lori was seen sporting her ho-down boots and a Wood River make-up. (Brad had some sort of secret make-up.)

-Joe was "acting" treasurer. It was noted by one wag that our treasury balance is a rounding error for the village.

-Can you name all the kids from the Brady Bunch TV program? Erin can!

-Dave has a restaurant space available. Wendell may be interested.

-Eric gave us a a Rotary quiz. The table of Pat, Allen, Red and Charlie claimed they got 51 correct. Price-Waterhouse needs to audit those results!

-It's last call for Business of the year nominees.

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Mark Speciale

SECRETARY

PROGRAM

TODAY

Cory Gallivan

Brett Stawar

Alton Regional CVB

NEXT WEEK

Allen Hale

BIRTHDAYS

NONE THIS WEEK

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

5-23: 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

May 8, 2003

-Joe was our Prez, Lori our Secretary and Paul our Treasurer

-There will not be a noon meeting next week. We will be working a Cardinals concession stand. We worked a stand last week that grossed over \$6000. Thanks to these folks: Lori, Sally, Joe, Ron, Marks' S and V, Red and Rick.

-Joe and Mark were sending out info about the scholarship golf tournament.

-Joe was looking for a project to recognize the Rotary centennial in 2004.

-The Installation Dinner would be held at Moonlight on June 19th.

-Mark V. was soliciting nomination for the Paul Harris Award.

Backpack Beds for Homeless

During Australia's colder months, emergency shelters often fill to capacity. Many homeless people searching for a warm bed are turned away, handed a piece of cardboard and a blanket for the night.

Tony Clark, an IT entrepreneur, 1992 Rotary Youth Exchange student, and the founder of the Melbourne-based nonprofit Swags for Homeless, offers an alternative.

In the past year, his organization has distributed more than 3,000 swags, or portable sleeping units, to charities and shelters throughout Australia, New Zealand, Germany, and the United Kingdom. The Backpack Beds, which Clark and his wife, Lisa, designed, are made of a lightweight fabric and have a built-in, 6-foot foam mattress and mosquito netting. But most important, they offer warmth with their waterproof, windproof design. The entire assembly weighs only 6.5 pounds and rolls

into a backpack.

Clark was inspired to start the nonprofit when he questioned why so many shelters didn't provide homeless people with proper outdoor bedding. He immediately began working on designs for the versatile bed.

"I thought to myself, 'How would I like to be treated if I slept on the street?'" Clark says. "Homeless people suffering from frostbite, hypothermia, and trench foot are common in wealthy countries. A Backpack Bed is an interim crisis measure – one that can save the lives of those without shelter."

The bed, which can be purchased with a \$68 donation, has won four international honors, including the Australian International Design Award and the German Red Dot "Best of the Best" award – one of the most prestigious accolades in the product design world.

The innovative beds offers more than physical comfort, say those who have used them – they also provide a renewed sense of dignity.

Just For Fun

TEACHER: What is the chemical formula for water?

SARAH: "HIJKLMNO"!

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

SARAH: Yesterday you said its H to O!

Dolphins are so intelligent that within a few weeks of captivity they can train a man to stand on the edge of their pool and throw them fish three times a day.