

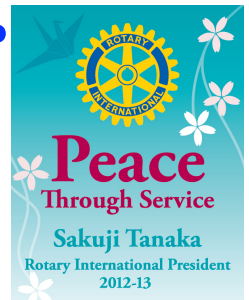
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PROGRAM

TODAY

Allen Hale
Randy Nelson
EAFD Chief

NEXT WEEK

Chris Herzog

BIRTHDAYS

NONE THIS WEEK

"It All Begins with a Visit"

Brett Stawar was our speaker last week, introduced by Rhonda on behalf of Cory. Brett is the director of the Alton Visitor's Bureau. The AVB has a service area covering 2.5 counties, Jersey, Calhoun, and the Riverbend area of Madison. There are twenty board members from all segments of our area and the Bureau is primarily funded by local dollars with a budget of nearly \$1 million supporting six full-time employees. Brett has been there nine years.

The Bureau is responsible for local and international tourism promotion. They coordinate with tour groups coming from all over the country and the nation to attract \$412 million in annual tourism dollars spent in their service area.

The center is open 362 days per year and serves as a clearing house for all local activities. They can be accessed at www.visitalton.com.

Some upcoming highlights include a summer concert series at the Alton amphitheater, including a performance by Jimmy Buffett. Brett also noted that parasailing is coming to Grafton and the new harbor at Pere Marquette is opening. There are a number of sports tournaments taking place over the summer as well.

NEWS, NOTES, AND NONSENSE

Our weekly meeting began with a bang (on the bell) as Allen led the pledge, Mark S. led the four-way test, and prayer was offered by Dave. All were in fine form. Meanwhile, Joe was trying not to soil his suit.

Julia served tortellini. Twenty-three Rotarians joined around tables including John Crawford, a guest of Pat B., proving that there really is a Florissant club. Eric, in fact, made up there, as did Pat. Pat introduced Eric to his sub-club to welcome him to his new position on the west side of the river. Mark S. brought his make up from Hong Kong, a little further west. It was good to have Mark back so that he could sub as the treasurer for the day.

Mark A. reported on his visit to EAWRHS presenting scholarships to our students. He said that two hours was worth it. Brad was present and looking for final nominations for Business of the Year.

Rick needed no substitute. He readily filled the bucket with cheerful donations from club members (or something like that).

Donations were also made by Paul H., Allen H., and Chris H. who had tickets drawn for the 50/50/Scratcher (A good day to be an H.). The \$79 in the pot rolls over to this week and Chris got scratch.

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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Upcoming Events

6-27: Installation
Dinner at Julia's.
cost: \$25 ea.
Spouses/ dates are
welcome.

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- *Is it Fair to all concerned?
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Rotarians in Côte d'Ivoire took part in National Immunization Days (NIDs) beginning 26 April. They joined thousands of health workers and volunteers in mobilizing public support, ensuring the safe delivery of the oral polio vaccine, and administering the life-saving drops to more than 3 million children. The nation's last case of polio occurred in July 2011. The NIDs also provided vitamin A supplements and de-worming tablets to children to expand public health benefits, which is another objective of the new polio endgame strategic plan.

Just For Fun

TEACHER: What do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

PUPILS: A teacher.

Q: If a one L-ama is a Tibet monk (Lama), and a two L-ama is a South American pack animal (Llama), What is a three L-ama?

A: A really big fire.

Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategic Plan 2013– 2018

The Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategic Plan 2013–2018 is a comprehensive, long-term strategy that addresses what is needed to deliver a polio-free world by 2018.

The plan was developed by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) in consultation with national health authorities, global health initiatives, scientific experts, donors and other stakeholders, in response to a directive of the World Health Assembly.

The Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategic

Plan 2013–2018 addresses the eradication of all polio disease, whether caused by wild poliovirus or circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus, while planning for the backbone of the polio effort to be used for delivering other health services to the world's most vulnerable children.

The Plan has four objectives.

Detect and interrupt all poliovirus transmission

Strengthen immunization systems and withdraw oral polio vaccine

Contain poliovirus and certify interruption of transmission

Plan polio's legacy