

**MAY 3, 2012**  
**Blues Rally Cap**  
**Edition**



# The Rotary Banner

East Alton Rotary Club  
Chartered Oct. 28, 1971 District 6460  
[www.eastaltonrotary.org](http://www.eastaltonrotary.org)



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

## **CLUB OFFICERS**

### PRESIDENT

David Miller

### PRESIDENT -ELECT

Eric Barger

### 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

#### 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**

Rhonda Pluester

Kyle Napp

Madison Co. Judge

### **NEXT WEEK**

Brad Pulaski

**Somtech**

Electronics Recycling

## **BIRTHDAYS**

4-27: Eric Barger

4-28: Paul Hoover

## Madison County Fun Facts



Erin's guest two weeks ago was Madison County Clerk, Mark Von Nida who talked about one aspect of his job and a bit of history of Madison County.

Mark is in his fifth term as County Clerk and faces reelection every four years. One of his important duties is to serve as the Chief Elections Official for the county. Each election, local, state, or national,

requires him to mobilize 1200 temporary employees who work in 189 locations among the 225 "branch offices" that service the election. These workers will begin their day at 5 a.m. and finish after the ballots are balanced and reported sometime after the polls close at 7 p.m.

There are 10,000 election jurisdictions in the United States, each having to perform its work flawlessly to certify an election. Madison County was one of the first to abandon the old punch card system which had an error rate of 7% and to embrace the optical readers which has an error rate of less than .5%.

Mark also noted that Madison County will celebrate its Bicentennial on Sept. 12 of this year. The county is actually older than the state of Illinois and is the site of a great deal of interesting history, including the beginning of the Lewis and Clark venture and the Indian massacre of 1814.

### News, Notes, and Nonsense

23 members were in the house for the April 19th session. Teriyaki, mixed veggies, smashed potatoes and slaw salad were on the menu.

-Were were joined by our Roxana HS scholarship students.

Seniors Danielle and Jared. Juniors Taylor and Megan.

-Mark S. was prepared to have guest Larry walk back to work.

Allen came to his rescue with a ride offer.

-Brad L. is seeking Business of the Year nominations. He has the form, you have the suggestion.

-Allen and Mark A. spent a moment comparing Weight Watchers notes. Mark also had a chicken story from Mrs. Sanders of KFC fame.

-Dave announced that a sports themed restaurant/bar would be opening at the airport sometime this summer.

-Wendell is the new "repo man"

-Paul was early and wound up sitting with the "ladies" anyway.

-Mark S. and Wendell made a valiant attempt to locate the joker. Doesn't it seem like Mark gets to draw just about every other week?

## **MAKE UP SITES**

### MONDAY

#### NOON

•Wood River—St. John UCC, WR

•Jerseyville—Peace United Church

#### 6 PM

•Alton—Godfrey—Alton Sports Tap

### TUESDAY

#### NOON

•Collinsville—Holiday Inn

•Granite City—Niedringhaus Methodist

•Highland—Michael's Restaurant

### WEDNESDAY

#### 7 AM

•Bethalto—Red Apple

#### 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**

**5-17: (6 p.m.)**

Rotary Social

Night-- Chez

Marilyn, Alton

**5-24: Board Meeting**

## 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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## Club Archives

April 29, 1999

- Larry was our Prez, Rick the VP. Mark V., Allen H., Mark S. and Paul were all serving on the board.
- Our newest member was Dennis Mapes. (The first person to tell the SAA who he was wins the prize.)
- Our Installation Dinner would be held on July 1st at Sunset Hills CC.
- The program was presented by Illinois State Trooper Ralph Timmons.
- Charlie offered a make-up from Davie, FL.
- Mark V. was seeking Small Business of the Year award nominations.
- In honor of visiting Rotarian Pat D., The Dick Bell Memorial Fine was levied by SAA Tom Coles. He also assessed a snitching fine.

## BOARD NOTES

- Our bank balance at the end of March was \$835. The foundation balance was \$91,000, which included \$11,000 in accrued scholarship liability. The foundation committee recently revoke one scholarship that was earned four years ago.
- \$125 will be donated to the EA-WR After Prom committee.
- Lori offered some membership retention/growth suggestions that she picked up at the District Conference. She, Dave and Rhonda represented the club at the conference.
- Lori reported that we reached 90% attendance at the April 12th meeting. Well done!
- Details of the como meeting were discussed.
- The next board meeting will be held on May 24th.

new avenue of service for Rotary in an effort to focus on youth and to combine some programs that Rotary was already doing under one banner. New Generations unites Youth Exchange, RYLA, Rotoract, and Interact.

Kathy and her husband have been hosts to two Youth Exchange students in past years. She has seen it extend her family and give her an international connection that is very dear to her.

RYLA is a leadership development program for Rotary which is a premiere program that all clubs should take advantage of.

Interact is designed for High School students and provides a means for students from all backgrounds and talents to work together in service.

Rotoract involves college students in service. A new Rotaract club is beginning at SIUE soon.

Kathy challenged the three clubs to host Youth Exchange students and to send them out. Perhaps we could work together to support some students. Kathy said that by doing so we will promote growth within the club, growth within the community, and growth within the "family."

## Combo Meeting

Our speaker at our tri-club combination meeting was the Kathy Littleton-Wahl, daughter of our own Marvin (Red) Littleton. Kathy is the **New Generations** chairperson for our district. She is a second-generation Rotarian.

New Generations was begun in 2010 as a

## Just For Fun

Little Emily was complaining to her mother that her stomach hurt. Her mother replied, "That's because it's empty. Maybe you should try putting something in it." The next day, the pastor was over at Emily's family's house for lunch. He mentioned having his head hurt, to which Emily immediately replied, "That's because it's empty. Maybe you should try putting something in it."