

THE ROTARY BANNER

THAT'S A WRAP EDITION

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GOING YOUR WAY

LAST WEEK S.J. MORRISON, DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND PLANNING FOR MADISON COUNTY TRANSIT(MCT), TOLD US WHAT IS CURRENTLY GOING ON WITH THE TRANSIT AGENCY. THERE WAS A QUIZ TOO! MCT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FOUR TYPES OF TRANSIT SERVICES. THEIR PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY IS PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION FOR THE 23 FIXED BUS ROUTES THAT SERVE 19 MADCO COMMUNITIES. THEY USE THE HUB AND SPOKE SYSTEM THAT START AND TERMINATE AT THE VARIOUS TRANSIT STATIONS. THE WOOD RIVER STATION IS THE CLOSEST TO US. THESE BUSES CARRY AN AVERAGE OF 8000 RIDERS PER DAY. MANY OF THESE PASSENGERS ARE FOLKS THAT RIDE FOR FREE. FOLKS OVER AGE 65 AND THOSE THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE'S "CIRCUIT BREAKER" PROGRAM QUALIFY FOR THIS FREEBIE. A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO MCT STARTED SELLING SUMMER PASSES TO STUDENTS IN GRADES 7-12. THE RECEPTION WAS LUKEWARM. LAST SUMMER THE DISTRICT GAVE THE PASSES AWAY AND SAW 68,000 STUDENTS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE PROGRAM. S.J. POINTED OUT THAT THIS PROGRAM IS A GREAT WAY TO INTRODUCE YOUNG FOLKS TO PUBLIC TRANSIT. THE MOST POPULAR ROUTES ARE THE EXPRESS ROUTES THAT GO TO DOWNTOWN ST. LOUIS. THE LOCAL EXPRESS ROUTE DEPARTS EVERY 15 MINUTES FROM EASTGATE BETWEEN 5:30-8:00AM. THE BUSES MAINTAIN A SIMILAR RETURN SCHEDULE IN THE AFTERNOON. AS A BONUS, ALL THESE BUSES ARE EQUIPPED WITH FREE INTERNET WI-FI. ANOTHER POPULAR TRIP IS THE FRIDAY EVENING RUN TO THE MUNY IN ST. LOUIS. \$3 WILL GET YOU TO THE MUNY ENTRANCE. S.J. ALSO NOTED THAT THE BUS FLEET WILL SOON BE EQUIPPED WITH ELECTRONIC FARE BOXES THAT WILL ACCEPT PRELOADED FARE CARDS. THE CARDS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE IN A VARIETY OF LOCATIONS. NO FUMBLING WITH CASH EVERY TIME YOU BOARD. SWEET. PLANS ARE ALSO IN THE WORKS TO REPLACE THE BUS FLEET WITH A MORE EFFICIENT MODEL. MCT ALSO PROVIDES THE "ACT RUNABOUT" SERVICE. THIS IS THE DOOR-TO-DOOR PARATRANSIT SERVICE FOR THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED. HE IS PROUD OF THE FACT THE THE SERVICE PROVIDED BY MCT EXCEEDS THE LEVEL OF SERVICE MANDATED BY THE D.C. GANG. A CUSTOMER CAN PAY AS LITTLE AS \$2 FOR THIS SERVICE. THE DISTRICT ALSO ADMINISTERS THE "RIDEFINDERS" PROGRAM FOR THE 8 COUNTY METRO AREA. THIS IS THE FREE RIDE-MATCHING SERVICE FOR CARPOOLERS AND VANPOOLERS. S.J. LIKENED IT TO "DATE MATCHING". THE DISTRICT ALSO MANAGES THE 100 MILES OF BIKE TRAILS THAT CRISSCROSS THE COUNTY. THESE TRAILS FORM A SERIES OF 7 LOOPS THAT RANGE FROM 10-31 MILES IN LENGTH. DID YOU KNOW THAT ACCESS TO BIKE/WALKING TRAILS IS THE #2 AMENITY SOUGHT BY NEW HOMEBUYERS? IT IS. THIS PROGRAM IS PART OF THE "RAILS-TO-TRAILS" PROGRAM THAT CONVERTS UNUSED RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY TO BIKE/HIKE USE. MCT GOT INVOLVED IN 1990. IF MONEY EVER BECOMES AVAILABLE, SOME OF THESE TRAILS MAY BE USED TO EXTEND THE METROLINK LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM TO MADISON COUNTY. THE TRAILS HAVE 31 BRIDGES AND 18 TUNNELS THAT HELP TO KEEP THE RIDERS/HIKERS SAFE BY SEPARATING THEM FROM HORSELESS CARRIAGE ROADS. WE THANK S.J. FOR TAKING THE TIME SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH US. WE JUST HOPE HE MADE IT TO THE BUS STOP ON TIME. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HEAR HIS PRESENTATION GO TO OUR BLOG OR DOWNLOAD IT FROM ITUNES.



JUNE 18, 2009

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BIRTHDAYS

THE SKINNY

-ROGER LED US IN THE PLEDGE AND THE 4-WAY, RED WAS THE LEADER OF THE GRACE.

--WE WELCOMED TWO OF WOOD RIVER'S FINEST MEMBERS- "SUPER" JOHN AND TOMMIE. THEIR 'RODENT RACE' WAS SUCCESSFUL. MARK V. HAD A MAKE-UP FROM BETHALTO. HE GOT A FINE BYE, BUT NOT FOR HIS BIRTHDAY.
NICE TRY.

-THE SIGN PROJECT IS FINISHED. A SHOUT OUT TO DENNY AND HIS CREW FOR THE PROFESSIONAL INSTALLATION. DRIVE BY AND TAKE A GANDER.

- YOU MAY CONTINUE TO SELL YOUR BASEBALL MANIA TICKETS. AS OF LAST WEEK LORI REPORTED THAT ONLY ABOUT 260 OUT OF 500 HAD BEEN SOLD. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS FUNDRAISER SUCCESSFUL! THANK YOU!
- RICK FOUND HIMSELF "OUT-STANDING" (BUT NOT IN TROUBLE) LAST WEEK.

.ONE WAG POINTED OUT THAT IT'S HARD TO HIDE WHEN NOBODY'S HERE. THE LATE ARRIVING CROWD FILLED THE SEATS.

-THE "BUSINESS OF THE YEAR" WILL BE ABERT SIDING.

-ALLEN'S MOTTO IS "HAVE FORK, WILL EAT."

-SOME OF THE TOPICS COVERED ON OUR BLOG THIS PAST WEEK INCLUDE: PONG, FAST FOOD RATINGS, LIGHTNING, KISSES, ROTARIANS-PAUL/ROD/WENDELL/KEVIN, STATUE OF LIBERTY AND CLASSIC AD CAMPAIGNS. GO AHEAD AND CHECK IT OUT: [HTTP://EASTALTONROTARY.BLOGSPOT.COM](http://EASTALTONROTARY.BLOGSPOT.COM)

-KEVIN AND WENDELL EACH HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO CLAIM THE \$92 JACKPOT WITH PREDICTABLE RESULTS.

INSTALLATION DINNER

OUR INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS DINNER WILL BE HELD NEXT THURSDAY 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. **THERE WILL NOT BE A NOON MEETING NEXT WEEK.**

OUR HISTORY IS OUR LEGACY

THE NEXT DATE IN OUR ORAL HISTORY PROJECT WILL TAKE PLACE FOLLOWING THE AUGUST 6TH MEETING. IT WILL LAST ABOUT 30 MINUTES. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND AND CONTRIBUTE. NOW IS THE TIME TO GET OUR MEMORIES AND OBSERVATIONS DIGITIZED. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE ARCHIVED AND AVAILABLE TO ALL MEMBERS ON OUR BLOG AND DOWNLOADABLE VIA ITUNES. THE FIRST SESSION IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR YOU LISTENING PLEASURE.



Today's word-pajamas-They were first simply loose pants or trousers, as is shown by the word's roots-Hindi *pae*, "leg," and *jama*, "clothing." Muslims in India were the first to wear them, and in the early 19th century British men in India adopted the habit and added the jacket.

IT HAPPENED TODAY

1541: Crossing of the Mississippi River by Hernando DeSoto
 1812: War of 1812 begins as US declares war against Britain.
 1892: Macademia nuts first planted in Hawaii.
 1928: Amelia Earhart is first woman to cross the Atlantic.
 1940: Winston Churchill urged perseverance so that future generations would remember that "this was their finest hour."
 1948: Columbia Records publicly unveiled its new long-playing phonograph record in New York.
 1977: Space Shuttle test model the "Enterprise" carries a crew aloft for the first time. It was fixed to a modified Boeing 747.
 1981: Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart retires. (replaced by Sandra Day O'Connor first woman on the high court).
 1983: The space shuttle Challenger was launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida, and Sally Ride became the first American woman in space.
 1996: federal prosecutors in California charged Theodore Kaczynski in four of the "Unabomber" attacks.
 2000: Tiger Woods won the US Open by a record 15 strokes

Thousands pitch in for Rotarians At Work Day

More than 25,000 Rotarians and volunteers from 35 districts worldwide rolled up their sleeves to improve their communities as part of Rotarians At Work Day. Started in 2006 by the late Bob Watson, past governor of District 5340 (California), Rotarians At Work Day happens the last Saturday in April each year and challenges clubs around the world to carry out hands-on service efforts in their community. "It truly is a grassroots project," says Pamela Russell, governor of District 5340. "The day is a great opportunity to revitalize your club, bring in new members, and generate publicity for Rotary." Watson's vision was that by 2014, every club and Rotarian would participate, says Russell.

"Imagine the impact when all clubs come together and perform community service projects," she says. "Thousands of people will benefit both indirectly and directly from just our one-day efforts."

Here are a few of the projects that Rotarians carried out around the globe on 25 April:

* To emphasize the importance of bicycle safety, 15 clubs in District 1410 (Åland Islands; Finland) collected 2,000 knapsacks for bike helmets and delivered them to local schools.

* Members of the Rotary Club of Vasco da Gama, Goa, India, helped build two large steel lockers for a school in Chicalim.

* More than 100 Rotarians and Rotaractors from District 9200, which covers five countries in eastern Africa, planted trees, painted rooms, and repaired cow sheds for the Morning Star Children's Ministry for orphans in Nairobi, Kenya.

* A joint effort between the Rotary clubs of Ensenada Riviera, Baja California, Mexico, and Newport-Irvine, California, provided more than 100 new chairs to a primary school in Francisco Zarco, Mexico. Rotarians also painted part of the school, cleaned up the patio, and planted trees.

* The Rotary Club of Carlsbad, California, started a sustainable vegetable garden at a local homeless shelter, allowing residents to grow their own food. Rotarians also painted several areas of the facility.

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www.rotaryclubone.org/

CLUB ARCHIVES

June 17, 1999

We had 22 members at last week's meeting, Mark V.

Was looking for more Business of the Year nominations, the Installation Dinner was next week at Sunset Hills CC, the greeter program begins in 2 weeks, board meetings were moving to the hospital starting in July

"Where all think alike, no one thinks very much."-
 Walter Lippmann

MAKE-UP OPPORTUNITIES

MON. NOON-WOOD RIVER
 ST. JOHN'S UCC
 NOON-JERSEYVILLE
 REACE UNITED CHURCH
 6PM-ALTON-GODFREY
 CASTELLI'S @ 255
 TUE. NOON-COLLINSVILLE
 HOLIDAY INN
 NOON-GRANITE CITY
 NIEDRINGHAUS
 METHODIST
 NOON-HIGHLAND
 MICHAEL'S
 RESTAURANT
 WED. 6:30AM-BETHALTO
 AIRPORT
 NOON-GOSHEN-LCCC
 CENTER-EDWARDSVILLE
 THU. NOON-EDWARDSVILLE
 FIRST CHRISTIAN

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 ?