

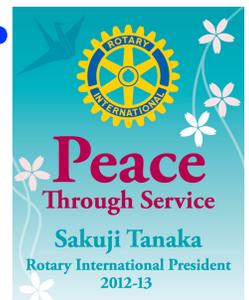
June 6, 2013  
Breach  
Edition



# The Rotary Banner

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

www.eastaltonrotary.org



## CLUB OFFICERS

### PRESIDENT

Eric Barger

### PRESIDENT -ELECT

Rhonda Pluester

### 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

### NEW MEMBERSHIP

Paul Hoover

### FUNDRAISING

Allen Hale

### SERGEANT AT ARMS

Rick Hooks

### BANNER EDITOR

Larry Lacher

### CLUB ARCHIVES

Rick Hooks

### FOUNDATION OFFICERS

#### PRESIDENT

Erin Phillips

#### TREASURER

Mark Speciale

#### SECRETARY

Jeny Lewis

## PROGRAM

### TODAY

Rick Hooks

Kathy Willis

LCCC

### NEXT WEEK

Paul Hoover

## BIRTHDAYS

6-5: Mark Allison

6-5: Mark Vaughn

## Getting the Boots Back on the Ground

Last week Chris Herzog introduced us to Nicolette Watson, Madison County Veteran Treatment Court Case manager.

The Veteran Treatment Court is established to respond to veterans who get involved with the criminal justice system for non-violent crimes. The court can provide legal counsel and intervention designed to help veterans get their lives back on track, rather than simply repeating the same behaviors that got them into court in the first place. Many of the veterans in the court are homeless and jobless and need aid in returning into productive society. Currently, twenty-five veterans are being helped by the court.

Nicolette is able to help find grants to aid with rent, utilities, and food as well as helping the veteran find work or drug treatment. They also try to link the vet with a mentor who will serve as a coach and liaison between the vet and the court team. Volunteer mentors are always being sought.

Nicolette says that they are always trying to get the word out to veterans that the treatment court and legal resources are available to help them to get the lives back on track. She encouraged us to send vets her way if they find themselves in need.

## NEWS, NOTES, AND NONSENSE

-After Eric gave the bell a hearty clang, Mark S., Cory and Dick took care of the pledge, 4-way and grace.

-Charlie led the rush to the chafing dishes. He found some mostly meatless spaghetti and green beans. Mark A. was deeply disappointed that there was no parmesan shake cheese to add a little punch to his noodles.

-Eric owns three red shirts. Want to know why? I'm not telling.

-Red suggested a fine fine. (It had something to do with Alexis S.)

-Mark V. could only produce an IOU to cover his birthday lug. He and Mark A. were born on the same day to different mothers.

-Dick wants to know when he should sell. Chris knows, but he ain't sayin'.

-Fashion police-Dick in his shorts, Rod in his vest, Dave with his aqua tie, and Lori in her watermelon colored dress.

-Did you know that Eric will no longer be the club Prez after June 27th. The sign-up list is making the rounds.

-Brad L. will be circulating the nominee list for BOY and asking for feedback.

Mark S. poses the philosophical Q: What is a lawnmower but a blade?

-One wag suggested that the only value of a sweet gum tree is for firewood.

-Roger, Charlie and Lori each made a valiant attempt to grasp the \$96 50-50 brass ring. The jackpot grows.

## 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/](http://www.rotary.org/en/)

[AboutUs/SiteTools/](#)

[ClubLocator/Pages/rid](#)

## Upcoming Events

6-20: Board Meeting @ 11

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

## East Alton Rotary Club

P.O. Box 56  
East Alton, IL 62024

## 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?

### We're on the Web!

See us at:

[www.eastaltonrotary.org](http://www.eastaltonrotary.org)

### Like us on Facebook

See our blog at:

[eastaltonrotary.blogspot.com](http://eastaltonrotary.blogspot.com)

## From the Archives

Jan. 2, 1979

-Mark S. was the club Treasurer. Allen was the program chair for this meeting. We were meeting at the Lewis & Clark Restaurant.

-Last week WRTH radio representative Frank Akers presented the program.

-Next week is "Secretaries Week." Everyone was encouraged to bring their 'Girl Friday' to the meeting.

-The Feb. 15th meeting would be held in the PM and would be ladies night. Members were encouraged to bring their "Rotary Ann's".

-Fines were levied for: being late, anyone whose wife did not fix breakfast that AM, anyone sporting a moustache, not wearing your Rotary button.

## MABAS

Two weeks ago Allen introduced us to the East Alton Fire Chief, Randy Nelson. Randy has over twenty-four years experience in fire safety and has been chief in East Alton since October 1, 2012. He holds several certifications for special training.

Randy spoke to the club about MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System). MABAS is a means of strengthening the resources of all of the area fire districts through cooperating together to respond to large fires and emergencies.

Through pre-planning, fire districts all across the state can bring additional resources to bear on large emergencies, such as tornadoes or industrial catastrophes. Primarily, however, MABAS provides a means for our local fire districts to coordinate resources for fires and emergencies within the area.

The state standard requires a turnout time of 80 seconds for fires and 60 seconds for medical. In case of fire, it is expected that the department will be on the scene with water flowing within four minutes for a standard fire and within eight minutes for a multi-alarm fire. This standard is to be met

while only 20% of department resources are sent out to the scene. Clearly, in small communities, it is not practical to meet this standard. For instance, East Alton has seven full-time firefighters, supplying two shifts plus the chief. Additionally, they employ twelve paid on call firefighters. One call will require more than 50% of resources to be sent out.

MABAS uses centralized dispatch and a card system to call out resources and ydstation coverage across districts. For instance, if the EAFD is out fighting a fire, the WRFD will mind its station and vis versa. Using MABAS means that there does not have to be duplication of resources at each station, but resources can be shared between stations, allowing better use of tax dollars, especially for rarely used resources.

MABAS dates back to the 1871 Chicago fire and is a means of networking all sixty-eight divisions in the state of Illinois for emergency response.

By the way, Randy reminded us that smoke detectors that are over eight years old should be replaced. The detection device within them is no longer functional.

## Just For Fun

There were 3 friends stranded in an island. Exploring the island, the 3 men found a bottle so they opened it. A genie came out, and she said that she would grant them 3 wishes. The first man said, "I wish I was with my family" then poof he was with his family. The second guy said "I wish I was in a bar with my friends" then poof he was gone. The third guy was feeling bad and the genie asked, "What's wrong?" The man said, I'm lonely I wish my friends were here. Poof, his two friends were back in the island.