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# The Rotary Banner

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

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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## PROGRAM

### TODAY

Mark Speciale  
John Caupert  
Ethanol Update

### NEXT WEEK

Kevin Stuby

## BIRTHDAYS

6-5: Mark Allison

6-5: Mark Vaughn

## Making Successful Children Through Making Better Parents

Last week, Virgil introduced the club to Mary Jo Buesteton, Margaret Cohill, and Laurie Schneck who talked about the Parent Education Program in East Alton.

This program is funded through state grants and provides special programming and education for parents with "at risk" children. The presentation focused on the birth to three initiative which seeks to identify families with risk factors who would benefit by early intervention and training in order to help children to be successful. The program involves bi-weekly home visits and bi-weekly center activities that provide specific household training using a certified curriculum and trained educators.

They also focus on teen-parents which come to them through the area high schools with one-on-one and group meetings.

Group meeting include both training and fun. Field trips occur often, relieving social isolation while providing personal support. Babysitting and a light meal are provided during the sessions so that everyone is free to participate.

## History In Madison County

Mark Von Nida joined us on May 24 to talk about history in Madison County. Noting that the Bicentennial of the county will be celebrated on September 18, 2012, Mark wanted to outline some of the historical events that have taken place in this county, named for President James Madison. Soon, he realized that there were so many important historical events that took place in the county, that he would have to cut his focus to pre-civil war or he would be talking for hours.

Highlights of Madison county go back to 1100 AD when the site known as Cahokia mounds was a great civilization. The 72,000 people who lived there at the time made in more populated than London. Cahokia Mounds is a World Heritage Site.

Madison County is also the starting place for the Lewis & Clark Expedition of 1804, the place where Elijah Lovejoy was martyred in the cause of freedom for slaves in 1830, and the sight of the last and most important of the Lincoln/Douglas debates of 1858.

Illinois became a state in 1818, being admitted to the Union as a free state. There is a restored home in Edwardsville that goes back to that time, the home of Col. Benjamin Stevenson. Our second governor, Edward Coles, is also from Edwardsville and was instrumental in keeping Illinois a free state. Missouri was a slave state, creating much tension before and during the war.

## 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—El Mezcal

#### 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

6-14: Board Meeting

6-28: Installation  
Dinner, Julia's. (No  
Noon 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

May 30, 1996

-Brad P. was serving as Vice-President and Larry as Treasurer.

-The program was arranged by Larry. It was Marty Marks talking about what he knew best (add your punch line here...)

-It was noted that some clubs give each member the opportunity to volunteer to serve on a club committee. If you don't volunteer, you will be assigned. Good idea?

-This was our 25th anniversary year and the board was still seeking a special event for the fall.

-Along with visiting Alton-Godfrey Rotarian Bill Drake, there was a slew of visitors from the Bank of Alton.

-Member Jim Mihalich carried the Olympic Torch the previous Tuesday. The Olympics would be held in Atlanta that summer.

-The next board meeting was June 4th at Moonlight Restaurant.

## **Recycle Electronics--It's the Law**

On May 10, Brad introduced us to Stewart Somler of Somtech Recycling.

Stewart told us that after working in the electronics industry (retail) for 8-10 years, he was laid off. His research for a new career led him to understand that electronics recycling was a needed and developing field and he determined to open a facility in Alton. Since Illinois law requires that all electronics be recycled, Somtech is an important community resource.

All sorts of electronics, except large appliances, can be dropped off at his facility (415 Ridge in Alton) or they will pick up your electronics. They do certified data destruction on all computers and dismantle all electronics for recycling through various means.

One challenge that Steward has faced is that the industry is so new that there are few industry standards. However, they are finding their way and look forward to being a major local resource for years to come. Find more information at [www.somrecycle.com](http://www.somrecycle.com)

## Learn to Grow

When Australian Bruce French went to Papua

New Guinea as an agriculture instructor 40 years ago, his students asked him to teach them about native edible plants.

"I knew nothing about Papua New Guinea food plants," he recalls. "So I had to start learning." The result was a series of books on indigenous food plants, and the not-for-profit Food Plants International, which maintains a database of 25,000 edible plants that includes descriptions, lists of countries and climates where they grow, photos and drawings, and cooking methods.

"There are thousands of nutritious plants, but people don't have any information about them," says Buz Green, an agriculturalist and member of the Rotary Club of Devonport North, Australia. "We're trying to bridge some of the gaps."

"Rotarian teams in developing countries inevitably identify hunger, malnutrition, and food security as critical issues," Green explains. "They tend to look to Western solutions to address food production issues."

French and Green launched the Learn Grow project in June 2007 to help people in developing countries grow local food that suits their nutritional needs.

## **Just For Fun**

To celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary, a couple returned to their honeymoon hotel. After retiring to bed, the wife said, "Darling, do you remember how you stroked my hair?" and so he stroked her hair. She reminded him of the way they had cuddled, and so they did. Then, with a sigh, she whispered, "Won't you nibble my ear again?"

With that, the husband got out of bed and left the room.

"Where are you going?" cried the wife.

"To get my teeth," he said.