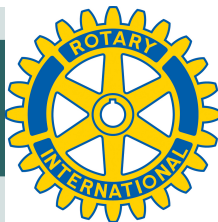


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PROGRAM

TODAY

Virgil Moore

NEXT WEEK

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BIRTHDAYS

7/19: Joe Silkwood

7/20: Larry Lacher

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Fraud Facts

Our speaker last week was Greg Worthen of 1st Mid-America Credit Union who spoke to us about credit/debit card fraud.

Greg said that there is about \$54 billion in fraud annually in America and that about 1/2 of Americans have experienced fraud on their credit/debit card. Illinois is the fifth highest fraud rate in the US.

There are two major types of card fraud: counterfeit cards and stolen card information. The most common type of fraud is becoming online use of card information. It is fairly easy to purchase credit card account numbers online and plastic and card encoders can actually be purchased on ebay. Thieves have multiple ways of stealing your credit card numbers.

Banks are ultimately responsible for fraudulent charges, if the consumer reports the fraud. They have put in many security procedures to try to protect their interests including calling card holders each day if there are charges on their cards from a foreign country, cutting off most foreign countries from access to their accounts, and immediate electronic verification of card usage that matches identity and could generate an instant phone call if a particular use seems unusual.

The consumer's best protection is to keep cards and PIN numbers secure and in your possession, pay close attention to all statements and look at your credit report at least one time per year.

News, Notes, Nonsense, and Nothings

-Our new President was the first member not named Rick to arrive at the meeting. Such a sterling example for the likes of Paul, Brad I, Rhonda and Roger.

-The bell was rung, grace was offered, but the 4-way test went missing.

-We were joined by our 2000 long-term exchange student Angela Rose. She has been working for an electronics company in North Carolina as a Japanese interpreter. Can you imagine not knowing any engineering jargon and then being responsible for translating the Japanese terms into English? That's how she started two years ago. She has also become proficient with medical terms. Her time spent in Japan has most surely shaped her life. We wish her only the best!

-In order to avoid a fine, no member professed any French heritage on Bastille Day. If you ask a question of the speaker after 1PM, be prepared to be fined by Dave. Paul and Rick found out the hard way.

-If you need some extra dumpster space, Eric can assist.

-Rhonda was so late, she didn't make it to the meeting.

-Part-time member Tennessee Larry was our solo visiting Rotarian. Mark V. was joined by his business partner just in time to be recognized for a crossfire.

-Cory received his five year membership award from Paul.

-Our own ConocoPhillips (Kevin) and Morgan Keegan (Chris) reps were seated at the same table. Maybe they should have been separated, just like their employers plan to do.

-Eric took TWO shots at the \$100+ jackpot. Let's just say his next stop is not a casino.

-As Will Rogers once said-"Good judgment come from experience, and a lot



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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

To locate a club where you are visiting check: <http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/SiteTools/ClubLocator/Pages/rid>

COMING EVENTS

7/21: Tonight's the Night
Our Summer Social Night will be held this evening (July 21st) at the Grafton Winery and Brewhaus, 300 West Main Street. Arrive anytime after 6, stay as late as you wish. Spouses and guests are welcome to attend.

7/28: Board Meeting at 11:00

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- Is it the Truth?
- Is it Fair to all concerned?
- Will it Build goodwill and better friendships?
- Is it Beneficial to all concerned?

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From the Archives

July 13, 1989

-Today's program was "Support Dogs for the Handicapped" presented by Betty Hildebrandt.
- President Mark was taking notes for a special invitation to his new office's grand opening.
-Last week "Hot Rod" was the program sponsor. Foxes Grove rep Mike Donovan made the presentation.
-We celebrated Ed Keller's birthday on the 16th.
-Current members who were charter members were Don Brandt and Cecil Neunaber.
-Postmaster Mike McCarthy was a potential new member.

Water, Water Everywhere

Joe introduced Red's speaker on the 7th as Red was under the weather. Doug Booten is the Water Department Superintendent for the Village of East Alton. He has worked for the village for 19 years and has lived in East Alton all of his life. There are five full-time employees who work for the water department.

Doug explained that the first water plant was built in East Alton in 1968. Before that, residents relied on well-water. That plant reached its capacity and had to be replaced in 1992. The current plant has a capacity of 3 million gallons per day and its current usage is about 2 million gallons per day. The largest user of water in East Alton is Olin which uses over 1/2 of the total usage.

East Alton's water comes from eight wells. That water is treated to remove iron and manganese. Then it is softened. It is tested several times each day to ensure that it is safe and meets the state standards.

The village has a storage capacity of about 1 million gallons and has a water tower with the capacity of 250,000 gallons of water. If power were to go out, there is a back-up generation system. In the event that the plant went down, the village has the capacity to purchase water from surrounding districts or to reroute their water to those districts if needed.

Meeting Notes from 7/7

-Our meeting on the 7th was moved to the front room due to leakage in our regular room. Apparently Dave had difficulty finding us, as he was late for his first dinging. Roger was the sub-ding-a-ling proving that the pen is not mightier than the gavel. Others must have had difficulty finding us as well as our numbers were down to 20. Fortunately, Dick Bell was with us or there would have been mighty slim pickins.

-Rhonda managed to be the earliest of the late crowd and Paul made it in just in time to get in the lunch line. Lo and behold, out president and Mark A. wandered in about 12:15 but our SAA was MIA.

-Allen H. served as the sub-treasurer and Kevin S. was present to receive both his five-year award and his Paul Harris award. Congratulations to him. Joe served as the sub-SAA and invited Kevin and others who missed the Installation Dinner to purchase an indulgence for a buck. Joe's fineage made us long for the day Rick would return.

-Mark A. led the birthday song for Allen with great gusto, demonstrating yet another talent. Then he and Dick took shots at the \$94 pot, but missed wide to the left.

Just for Fun

A college student challenged a senior citizen, saying it was impossible for their generation to understand his. "You grew up in a different world," the student said. "Today we have television, jet planes, space travel, nuclear energy, computers."

Taking advantage of a pause in the student's litany, the geezer said, "You're right. We didn't have those things when we were young; so we invented them! What are you doing for the next generation??"

Mensa Moment

Identify the sign of the Zodiac and the related constellation from this description: An Earth sign often associated with the 10th house.