



# The Rotary Banner

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## PROGRAM HOSTS

### TODAY

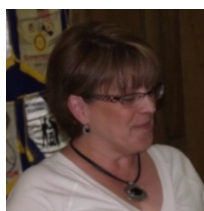
Eric Barger  
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### NEXT WEEK

Pat Boyle

## It's the Thin Air, Apparently Edition

### Hope for the Broken-hearted



Last week, Roger introduced his sister-in-law, Candice Mehmetli who told us about "Annie's Hope" which is a bereavement center for children and their families. This organization in a not-for-profit organization providing comprehensive support services for children, teens, and their families who are grieving the loss of someone significant. They are funded entirely through grants and donations and charge no fees for any of their services. They have worked with over 1300 children and adults in the St. Louis area through small support groups that meet weekly. They also sponsor two week-long summer camps for children experiencing the grief of loss. Annie's Hope has three primary goals: To normalize the grieving process; to connect grieving children with other grieving children; and, to encourage family communication when there has been a loss through death. The need for services is growing each year as the organization becomes more well known. They are located in Glendale, MO (Kirkwood) but are expanding their service area to include the Illinois side of the Metro area. Through group sessions, family support groups, activities, and projects, Annie's Hope helps children and families rebuild their lives after the loss of a loved one.

## News, Notes, Nonsense and Nothings

-Cousin Jeff from Bethalto was our solo visitor. No one offered any make-ups.

-Rhonda is recovering well and back to work 1/2 days. We pray for here speedy recovery from the heart procedure. We miss her wit and positive attitude.

-Roger made a nice save on the falling dessert. By the way, is there such a thing as bad icing?  
-President Chris enter the meeting room accompanied by a color guard. Maybe not a color guard, but Eric was carrying the flag in ahead of our new Prez.

Hail to our chief, indeed!

-Hard to believe, but Rod was later than "quarter-past" Paul. So what would you call someone 20 minutes late? Early for next week?

-One table spent a significant amount of time talking about southern Illinois gangsters. Any one we know?

-"Grim reaper" Cory was making the rounds with you know what.

-Chris is looking for members to chair the Soap Box Derby on 9-11 and the chili supper (date TBA). Time to step up.



## MAKE UP SITES

### MONDAY

*NOON*

- Wood River— St. John's 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

*7:00 a.m.*

- Bethalto— Red Apple

*NOON*

- Goshen—LCCC Center, Edwardsville

### THURSDAY

*NOON*

- Riverbend— Johnson's Corner Restaurant, Alton
- Edwardsville—First Christian

### FRIDAY

*NOON*

- Troy, Silver Creek—Pizza Man, 611 Edwardsville Rd., Troy

To locate a club where you are visiting check:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/SiteTools/ClubLocator/Pages/rid>

-Our steak fry will take place on October 14th at the Kendall Hill park. Allen just found out that he will chair the event. He promises a lot of fun.

-Mark S. and Mr. Lucky (AKA Eric) let the \$17 jackpot roll.

## BIRTHDAYS

*None this Week*

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## Return Service Requested

**SERVICE ABOVE  
SELF**

### 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?

The census taker knocked on Miss Gibson's door. She answered all his questions except one. She refused to tell him her age. "But everybody tells their age to the census taker," the man said. "Did Miss Mary Hill and Miss Patty Hill tell you their ages?" "Certainly." Well, I'm the same age as they are," she snapped. "As old as the Hills," the man wrote on his form.

East Alton blog:

<http://eastaltonrotary.blogspot.com/>

online make-up: [http://rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_pdf/eclub\\_list.pdf](http://rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/eclub_list.pdf)



Roger receives his PHF pin and medallion. Better late than never.

### Rotary Mission Touches the Un- touchable

During a massive seven-day medical mission in March, a team of 37 doctors and volunteers from District 3080 provided care

to about 50,000 people in the remote tribal district of Mandla, Madhya Pradesh, India.

Organized by Past RI President Rajendra K. Saboo and Vivek Tankha, additional solicitor general of India and past governor of District 3260, several health camps offered medical exams, dental procedures, and surgeries to a population with limited access to health care.

The team included 24 doctors and surgeons, nine volunteers, and four medical assistants.

"This was an exercise where vocational service

was at its best, where doctors made their knowledge and talents totally available to serve humanity," Saboo said. "We were able to reach the unreachable."



Saboo -- who has organized a number of medical missions since 1998 to countries including Ethiopia, Madagascar, Malawi, Nige-

ria, Swaziland, and Uganda -- said this effort far exceeded the others in terms of number of patients seen.

Tankha worked with Madhya Pradesh officials to identify the Mandla district as the location for Project RAHAT (Rotary's Active Hands Are Touching). The state government commissioned the support of about 400 medical volunteers.

The magnitude of the effort exceeded Tankha's expectations.

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