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In Honor of  
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Edition



# The Rotary Banner

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

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

## Rankin Tech

Dave's guest last week was the president of Rankin Technical Institute, Stan Shoun. Stan comes to the job from a background in business and industry. His experience provides the perfect background for his leadership of Rankin.

Rankin is a fully accredited college offering two-year technical degrees and four-year bachelor's degrees. Stan noted that 90% of all future jobs will require post-high school education. American industry needs a trained work force to fill the jobs that will be created by changing technology and retiring baby boomers. There is also a constant need to upgrade skills because technology becomes obsolete every two years.

Rankin has been responding to the technological needs of industry and business since 1908. They are proud of their partnerships with local businesses in which the students are able to learn job related skills while producing marketable product for their partners. They are also proud of their partnerships with area schools providing camps and learning experiences for students interested in engineering and science.

Rankin Tech. has a 96% graduate placement rate. They maintain high standards of dress and behavior, believing that preparation for the workforce includes skills, character, dress, and behavior.

## NEWS, NOTES, AND NONSENSE

Our last meeting began with a question: How many men does it take to replace Rhonda? A minimum of four. Shall we call them, Larry Curly, Mo, and Wendel? On the good side, Wendel got to ring the bell, although the gavel was locked up in the missing briefcase, so Wendel's pen had to suffice.

Julia served Baked Potatoes and ham to the eighteen members and guests who made the meeting. Among those was Erin who took a moment to explain "Shop for a Cause." For \$5, you may buy a coupon that gives you 20% to 25% off at any Macy's on Saturday Aug. 24. All the money raised from coupon sales goes to the club, plus, maybe, some from the sales.

Dave offered a double plug for the airport. A new restaurant is opening there soon and the fly in is Sept. 28-29.

50/50 caused Eric to make an executive decision. The cards and money were also locked up in the missing briefcase. So Pat was awarded the \$9 for the day and Chris got the scratcher.

ENGAGE  
ROTARY



CHANGE  
LIVES

### 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/AboutUs/SiteTools/ClubLocator/Pages/rid>

### Upcoming Events

8-27: Shop for a Cause

9-7: Soap Box Race

9-19: Quarter Auction

10-11: Chili Dinner

10-17: Cookout

### CLUB OFFICERS

#### PRESIDENT

Rhonda Pluester

#### PRESIDENT -ELECT

Brad Lavite

#### SECRETARY

Lori Palmer

#### TREASURER

Cory Gallivan

#### DIRECTORS

#### CLUB SERVICE

Paul Hoover

#### VOCATIONAL SERVICE

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#### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Mark Allison

#### INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Rod Croxford

#### NEW GENERATIONS

Jeny Lewis

#### NEW MEMBERSHIP

Paul Hoover

#### 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

Virgil Moore

Kurt Prenzler

Mad. Co. Treasurer

#### NEXT WEEK

Lori Palmer

Adam King

### BIRTHDAYS

None this week

## 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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## From the Archives March 9, 1972

(20th issue of The Rotary Banner)  
-We were meeting at the Lewis & Clark restaurant. Don was our Treasurer and had just been released from the hospital after receiving some stitches  
-The speaker was Elmer Uhlemeyer with the General Adjustment Bureau Inc. in Wood River. (Do you have any idea what this company did?)  
-Next week's program would be a presentation by LCCC President R.O. Birkhimer  
-There were 15 members and 12 visiting Rotarians in the house  
-Congrats were offered to new grandparent Truman Vroman (the baby is now 41 years old. Yikes!)

## The Press Presses for Polio Eradication

*The New York Times* has published a major [front-page story](#) about the polio eradication effort in Pakistan, one of three remaining polio-endemic countries. The article highlights Rotary's leadership role, focusing on the contributions of Pakistani Rotarians, led by National PolioPlus Committee Chair Aziz Memon. Rotarians are portrayed as dedicated and courageous front-line volunteers, despite sometimes facing personal risks. The story also mentions International PolioPlus Committee Chair Robert Scott's

trip to Pakistan in March.

While the story discusses recent setbacks and challenges in Pakistan's efforts to eradicate polio, the overall tone is cautiously optimistic.

Another recent story in [The Wall Street Journal](#) reported on the extension of the partnership between Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in support of polio eradication.

These articles are the latest in a series of major international stories about Rotary and polio eradication in the past 18 months by BBC TV, *The Economist*, *Time* magazine, and other influential media outlets.

This top tier media coverage enhances the work of the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) by raising the public awareness and support that are crucial as Rotary and its partners implement the [endgame strategic plan](#) to achieve our goal of a polio-free world.

## Just For Fun

A man walks into a doctor's office and asks the doctor to inspect his leg. The man says, "Here, put your ear to my knee."

The doctor puts his ear to the man's knee and hears very faintly, "Come on, can I have five bucks, just five bucks?"

The doctor steps back in horror, and the man says, "I know, but it gets worse. Put your ear to my shin." The doctor puts his ear to the man's shin and hears very faintly, "Come on, can I have ten bucks, just ten bucks?"

Once again, the doctor stands up, very perplexed. The man then says, "If that surprises you, put your ear to my ankle." The doctor puts his ear to the man's ankle and hears oh so faintly, "Come on, can I have twenty bucks, just twenty bucks?"

The doctor then stands up and says, "Well, I can I make just one conclusion. Your leg is broke in three places."