

## THE ROTARY MAKE-UP

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On February 17, over 100 area Rotarians packed more than 25,000 tasty, nutritious and easy to prepare meals for schools and churches in Nicaragua. Wood River Rotary donated \$500 to the effort. **Paul Guccione, Barb Overton, David Ayres, Pat Devening, Alana Yount, Jean Kainz** and **Frank Akers** worked with several members of the Bethalto and East Alton clubs at the most-efficient table. Each food packet contains six servings and is prepared by adding six cups of water and boiling for 20 minutes. Thanks to Edwardsville Rotary for organizing the International Project for the NICE (Nicaraguan Christian Education) Foundation.

Our prayers continue for **Cheryl Maguire's** son, **Lenon**, who is recuperating from two recent heart surgeries. **John Pearson** volunteered to do today's program in place of Cheryl.

Two outstanding Junior Rotarians from East Alton-Wood River High School are with us again today. **Caitlyn Olinghouse** plans to major in Nursing at University of Missouri-St. Louis. **Xavier Collman** continues to consider various colleges to major in Pharmacology.

Happy Fines were paid February 12 by **Cheryl Maguire** (submitted the name of **Pat Devening** for YWCA Woman of Distinction); **Barb Kyro** (in honor of the 52<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary of **Betty** and **Joe Moxey**); and **Paul Guccione** (Great Rivers Choral Society's Tea generated a profit of \$4000).

Alton-Godfrey Rotary sponsors the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chili Chowdown on Monday, March 5 at Main Street United Methodist Church, 1400 Main Street in Alton. Serving hours at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30 to 7 p.m. The cost is \$8 per person for chili, beverage and dessert.

On February 12 **Mike Southcombe** provided the invocation. **Jean Kainz** again had the 50/50 opportunity but she failed to win the \$10 jackpot. She picked the Queen of Clubs. Sgt. at Arms **John Pearson** fined those who had not "washed off salt" from vehicles. **Lindsey Herron** selected Home on the Range as Song of the Day.

The following items were discussed during the February 12 meetings of the Board of Directors and Club Assembly:

- The statue project at the Wood River Firehouse is moving forward. EAWR grad **Kevin Bense** facilitated the donation of metal. Bense is president of the A.J. Oster segment of Global Brass and Copper Holdings. EAWR teacher **Jacob Sitze** has a statue mock-up of a firefighter rescuing a child. Students will prepare an artist's rendering of the statue. Students will also develop a metal version of the WFRD logo. Thanks to **Mike Southcombe, Paul Guccione** and **Gale Ufert** for coordinating the project.
- Disco Bingo, co-sponsored by Wood River Rotary and East Alton Rotary, has 12 round sponsors and seeks donations of gift baskets for the March 24 event at Wood River VFW. Please contact **Jean Kainz** and **Patti Anderson** for more information about baskets. Thanks to **John Pearson** and East Alton Rotary President **Bill Pyatt** for promoting the event recently on WBGZ radio station. Sell those tickets!
- Organizers of the June 3 Color Run have obtained \$3,500 in sponsorships. **Mike Southcombe, Patti Anderson** and **Lindsey Herron** are working closely with the Wood River Department of Parks and Recreation. We thank them for their continuing efforts.
- Treasurer **George Moore** said the Club has paid semi-annual dues of \$1180 to Rotary International.