

THE ROTARY MAKE-UP

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Wood River Rotary's Board of Directors will meet Monday, March 12, at 11:15 a.m., at St. John United Church of Christ. A Club Assembly will be held during the noon meeting on that day.

Preparations continue for Disco Bingo, Saturday evening, March 24 at Wood River VFW. Our Club and East Alton Rotary need the funds from this project for local scholarships. **Jean Kainz** needs help with the following:

- Volunteers are needed for set-up, during the event, and cleanup. Please contact Jean on your preferences for helping.
- More round sponsors are needed. Sponsorships are \$100 per round.
- Sell your tickets (or buy them and give them away). Please turn in your ticket money and/or unused tickets.
- Baskets are needed for raffle. Please let Jean know if you plan to donate a basket.

Best wishes to February's Junior Rotarians from East Alton-Wood River High School. **Caitlyn Olinghouse** thanked the Club for inviting her. She said the meals "were delicious...and I learned a lot." **Xavier Collman** said "I really enjoyed coming here."

Happy Fines were paid last Monday by **Mike Southcombe** (a church family adopted **Gideon Shoemaker** and the Alton YWCA will use St. John UCC as the Wood River site for its Child Enrichment Camp); **Leonard Berg** (113th anniversary of the founding of Rotary); and, **Scott Levan** (two of his children and **Tyler Pitchford's** daughters appeared in the play Children of Eden at Roxana High School).

There are two opportunities to participate in local Rotary activities and earn a make-up for missed meetings. Alton-Godfrey Rotary sponsors the 33rd Annual Chili Chowdown today 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. Jerseyville Rotary will hold its Annual Chili Fest tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall at 307 North State Street. Tickets for the event are \$8 and include all-you-can-eat chili or vegetable soup with hot dogs, beverage and dessert.

Last Monday **Mike Southcombe** provided the invocation. Visitor **Tyler Pitchford** was enthusiastically greeted. **George Moore** had the 50/50 opportunity but he failed to win the \$20 jackpot. Sgt. at Arms **John Pearson** fined those who know someone named "Snodgrass." The Song of the Day was Battle Hymn of the Republic.

During the March 20 Primary Election, Madison County voters will decide the fate of a one-percent sales tax earmarked for facilities and debt retirement by public school districts. During last Monday's program **John Pearson** explained that most revenues for East Alton-Wood River High School come from property taxes. Currently, the high school and most other school districts, primarily use Health/Life Safety Funds to make necessary repairs and improvements. As a result, property taxes increase. If approved by voters revenue allocations would be based on a district's student enrollment. Based on 2015 sales tax estimates EAWR would receive about \$325,000 a year. John said the high school would use the money to upgrade fire alarms, replace doors, refurbish restrooms and eventually provide air conditioning for Memorial Gymnasium. The funds may not be used for direct instructional costs, textbooks, and other items.