THE ROTARY MAKE-UP

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We send our condolences to the family of former Wood River Rotarian **Tom Parker.** Dr. Parker died March 12 in Chandler, Arizona at the age of 77. Tom retired as superintendent of East Alton-Wood River Community High School in May 2000. He is survived by his wife, **Donna**, two daughters and three sons.

Some may have voted early, but **Leonard Berg** reminds everyone of the election this Tuesday. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. A non-partisan election for all Madison County voters will decide whether to impose a one-percent sales tax with proceeds earmarked for facilities and debt reduction for public school districts. Political parties will hold primary elections to select nominees for the General Election in November.

With us again today are two outstanding Junior Rotarians from Roxana High School. **Taylor Whitehead** plans to attend Lindenwood University-Belleville to major in elementary education to become a second grade teacher. **Dickson Wong** plans to attend SIUE and his major and career path are undetermined.

A Happy Fine was paid last Monday by **Barb Kyro** (to salute **Steve Kainz** and Trickey's Towing for their assistance to the owner of the Fruit Stand after a vehicular accident damaged the store. Steve stayed until the owner arrived from Edwardsville and helped with cleanup.) Last Monday **Frank Akers** provided the invocation. **Scott Levan** had the 50/50 opportunity but he failed to win the $39 jackpot. **John Pearson** fined everyone who admitted to liking tomatoes. Students **Dickson Wong** and **Taylor Whitehead** selected Good-Night Ladies as Song of the Day.

Among topics discussed last Monday during the Board of Directors meeting and Club Assembly were the following:

***Wood River Rotary and East Alton Rotary present Disco Bingo later this week—Saturday evening, March 24 at Wood River VFW. Set up occurs before doors open at 5 p.m. Bingo begins at 7 p.m. Please turn in ticket sales money and unused tickets to **Jean Kainz**.

***Sponsorships are coming in for the Wood River Rotary Color Run on Sunday, June 3. **Mike Southcombe** said a sponsorship classification of $1,500 has been added. Online registration will be set-up on PayPal by the end of March.

***The Club will hold an after-work social event in mid-April at the Pump House. President **Paul Guccione** is making arrangements.

***The statue project at the Wood River Firehouse is progressing. Metal donated by the A.J. Oster subsidiary of Global Brass and Copper Holdings has been delivered. EAWR teacher **Jacob Sitze** and his students are fashioning the statue of a firefighter rescuing a child.

***Applications for Wood River Rotary Scholarships have been delivered to Roxana and East Alton-Wood River high schools. **Scott Levan** said completed applications will be collected in early April and scholarships will be awarded in May.

***Rotarians enjoyed participating in the recent international project. **Paul Guccione** called it a "very good experience." He said Rotarians had a "marvelous time" assembling more than 25,000 meals for schools and churches in Nicaragua. The Nicaraguan Christian Education Foundation delivered the meal packets.

***The Alton YWCA will use St. John United Church of Christ as the Wood River site for its Child Enrichment Camp this summer. Rotary lunches may occasionally move elsewhere in the church building during this time.