

THE ROTARY MAKE-UP

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(Reprint because most did not receive the March 26 newsletter) Congratulations, best wishes and prayers go to **Mike Southcombe**. He has resigned his current position to accept a 2-year position as transitional pastor at St. Paul United Church of Christ in Waterloo. Mike will use his training in conflict resolution to help the congregation plan for its ministry into the future. He will be able to commute from his current home so we may see him around town.

Presenting today's program will be **Dorothy Hummel**, executive director of Alton YWCA. She will give an overview of the organization's activities, including the Women of Distinction. The April 9 program will feature **Jason Woody**, director of Parks and Recreation for Wood River. The Board of Directors will meet at April 9 at 11:15 a.m. with the Club Assembly pushed back to April 16. President **Paul Guccione** asks program coordinators for each week to forward information to him about presenters.

Please mark your calendar for the Club Social at the Pump House. You are encouraged to invite guests to the informal event Thursday, April 26 at 5 p.m. More information will be forthcoming.

Best wishes to our Junior Rotarians for March, **Dickson Wong** and **Taylor Whitehead** of Roxana High School. They brought wonderful desserts prepared by their grandmas. Taylor also brought chips and salsa, symbolic of her part time job at Los Alamos. Taylor said she "really appreciated" the opportunity to learn about the Club's service projects and she will remember the "scary singing." Dickson said the food was "really great."

Happy Fines were paid last Monday by **Dale Alcorn** (4th Annual Power of the Giraffe 5K will be held on the Alton Riverfront Saturday morning, May 5. Registration forms are on the organization's website.); and, **Lindsey Herron** (she and husband, **Garry**, will welcome a second child to their family in September).

Both Wood River Rotary and East Alton Rotary are thankful for the successful Disco Bingo fund raising event. **Jean Kainz** said nearly 300 people were in attendance. She said attendees were "raving about the 'high quality' baskets." One recommendation by organizers would be to sell tickets earlier so we would have a better gauge on attendance. A video of the event by **Patti Anderson** has been posted on the Club's Facebook page.

Last Monday **Scott Levan** provided the invocation. The 50/50 opportunity went to **Jim Herndon** and he nearly won the \$66 jackpot, selecting the King of Hearts. **John Pearson** asked several trivia questions about the current NCAA men's basketball tournament and fined those who were not the first to correctly answer. **Donna Karpan** selected My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean as Song of the Day.

The Rotary District 6460 Assembly will be held Saturday, April 21 at University of Illinois-Springfield. There is no fee to attend. Online registration is available at the district website. Rotary Day at the Ballpark (Cardinals versus Cubs) is set for Sunday, June 17. The Busch Stadium game is set for 1:15 p.m., however, ESPN retains the right to move it to 7 p.m. Box seats are \$65 per person and infield terrace tickets are \$45. Proceeds go to Rotary Literacy projects such as dictionary distributions. Non-Rotarians are encouraged to buy tickets. Springfield South-Rotary hosted a Ukrainian delegation which visited as part of Open World Leadership Center. Jacksonville Rotary partnered with District 117 and Jacksonville Schools Foundation to renovate a special needs classroom.