

THE ROTARY MAKE-UP

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Wood River Rotary's Board of Directors will meet at 11:15 a.m. today. President **Paul Guccione** said the agenda is a full one. Thanks to President-elect **John Pearson** for representing the Club during the Rotary District 6460 Assembly in Springfield last Saturday.

Today is a landmark day for the Club. Joining us will be teacher **Jacob Sitze** and East Alton-Wood River High School students who have been developing the Wood River Fire Department statue. They will give us an update on the project. We thank City Council member **Gale Ufert** for providing the idea and Fire Chief **Brendan McKee** for his support.

Please welcome April's Junior Rotarians from East Alton-Wood River High School. **Rachel Staten** has been named KMOX Student of Achievement, which brings with it a Presidential Scholarship at Southeast Missouri State University. She plans to major in biomedical sciences. A member of National Honor Society, Rachel is a recipient of the Silver Medallion. She is a member of the Scholar Bowl team and Big Sisters. Rachel serves as a school office assistant, Transition Coach and Peer Leader. She has also participated in tennis, Spirit Club, Student Council and Saturday Scholars. Rachel's parents are **Eric** and **Mary Staten**.

Justin Englar is a true scholar-athlete. He was starting quarterback for two IHSA football playoff teams and one of the top Oiler basketball players. Justin is a member of National Honor Society and Silver Medallion recipient. He was served as a Peer Leader and Transition Coach. Justin was a Coronation Escort as voted by students. He has also participated in baseball. Justin plans to attend McKendree University to study sports medicine to become an athletic trainer. His parents are **Bob** and **Monica Englar**.

The Club Social at the Pump House is a great opportunity to invite family members and prospective Rotarians. The informal event will be held Thursday, April 26 from 5 to 7 p.m. We thank President **Paul Guccione** for organizing the reception and **Patti Anderson** for producing invitations.

Happy Fines were paid last Monday by **Cheryl Maguire** (opening of Burger King in Wood River); **Dale Alcorn** (Power of the Giraffe 5K at Alton Riverfront Park on May 5); **George Tyler** (amusing anecdote); **Pat Devening** (The Bank of Edwardsville celebrating 10 years in Wood River); and, **Mike Kelly** (Amare support group for drug recovery will hold an event May 12). **Frank Akers** provided the invocation last Monday. The 50/50 opportunity went to **Barb Overton** but she failed to win the \$90 jackpot. **John Pearson** called a moratorium on fines. Wait Till the Sun Shines Nellie was the Song of the Day.

Proceeds from Wood River Rotary's Color Run on Sunday, June 3 at Belk Park will support accessibility upgrades at **Leroy Emerick Park**. Parks and Recreation Director **Jason Woody** outlined plans for Sixth Street park. Jason has developed a \$151,000 plan to replace the playground and build a new entrance sign. The proposed budget would use \$14,000 in donations from the Emerick family, \$18,500 Park Enhancement Program grant from Madison County, \$9,250 from the current recreation budget and \$9,250 from the city's general fund. The city would use these funds to match a \$51,000 grant from the Metro East Park and Recreation District. The Club's profits from the Color Run would serve as a match for more grants.