

## THE ROTARY MAKE-UP

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The Club Social at the Pump House last Thursday was a pleasant event. Prospective members **Debbie Davis**, realtor of Strano and Associates, and **Bob Ruby** and **Pat Ruby** of Restoration House visited with Rotarians. We thank President **Paul Guccione** for organizing the reception.

Induction ceremonies were held last Monday for two of our newest Rotarians. **Barb Overton** serves as mayor of South Roxana. She became interested in government as a child while reading The Telegraph to her father. Barb was previously a village trustee and Chouteau Township clerk for nearly 20 years. She is a graduate of East Alton-Wood River High School. **Andrew Ambrose** is Wood River branch manager for the Bank of Edwardsville. He previously worked at the bank's Granite City location and was a member of Granite City Rotary. Andy and his fiancée live in Bethalto with their 4 year old daughter.

This is Speech Day for Junior Rotarians **Rachel Staten** and **Justin Englar** of EAWR. Justin plans to attend McKendree University to study sports medicine to become an athletic trainer. Rachel plans to major in biomedical sciences at Southeast Missouri State University. Congratulations to Rachel and Justin as recipients of Silver Medallions.

Happy Fines were paid last Monday by **Sam Brinkley** (piano moved to the north side, so he could see **Betty Moxey** better); **Mike Kelly** (happy birthday to his mother, **Tommie Myers**); **Paul Guccione** (major league baseball umpire **Chris Guccione** did not make any calls that "cost the Cardinals" during the weekend series); **Cheryl Maguire** (the former Kumar's diner will reopen at Mama Judy's next month); **Leonard Berg** (Rotary District 6460 is in "good financial shape" and won't assess individual dues in the coming year); and, **Barb Overton** (finding previously unknown first cousins connected to her roving Uncle George).

More sponsors have signed on for the Wood River Rotary Color Run on Sunday morning, June 3 at Belk Park. **Lindsey Herron** reports Jack Schmitt Chevrolet and the Pump House agreed to be lap sponsors. Three additional color sponsors are sought for \$500 each. Proceeds will go to Wood River Parks and Recreation. Registration continues online at [woodriverrotary.com](http://woodriverrotary.com).

Last Monday **Scott Levan** provided the invocation. **Alana Yount** was selected in the 50/50 but he failed to win the \$123 jackpot. **John Pearson** called a moratorium on fines. **Barb Overton** picked Battle Hymn of the Republic as Song of the Day.

Reminder: 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Power of the Giraffe 5K begins at 9 a.m., Saturday, May 5 on the Alton riverfront. Led by **Dale Alcorn** the organization helps those battling cancer and their families.

"Wise Words" – submitted by **Leonard Berg**

- "I never lose. Either I win or I learn."
- "Don't underestimate me. I know more than I say, think more than I speak, and notice more than you realize."
- "When success is important enough, you do it even if the odds are not in your favor." **Elon Musk**