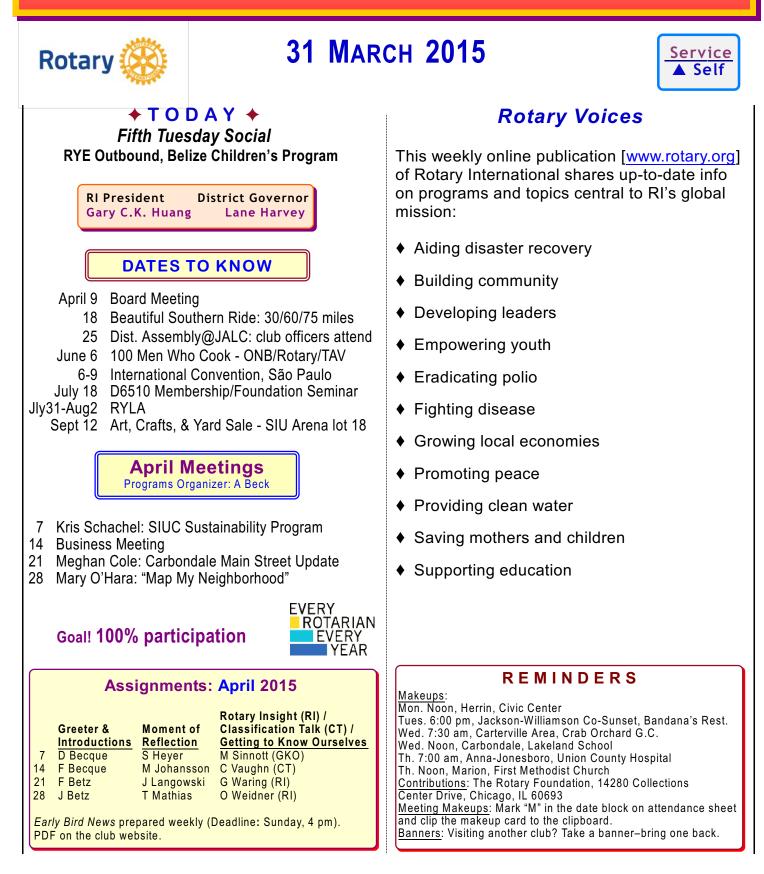


EARLY BIRD NEWS

The ROTARY CLUB of CARBONDALE-BREAKFAST



Last Meeting

Visiting Rotarians & Guests

Keith Wilson (M Sinnott)

Carbondale: Economic Development

Assistant City Manager **Gary Williams** provided information on economic development efforts and current/upcoming projects and new businesses.

Williams outlined five basic roles of the economic development office of the City of Carbondale:

- · Assist businesses to expand, move, or relocate;
- · Help developers navigate city approval processes;
- Serve as liaison with the business community, the Chamber of Commerce, and City Hall.
- Recruit new businesses.
- Represent the City on local and regional boards and commissions, such as Jackson Growth Alliance and the Greater Egyptian Regional Planning and Development Council (GERPDC).

Among tools at Williams' disposal are Tax Incentive Financing (TIF, for remodeling and renovation), Enterprise Zone (multi-year tax abatement to support economic growth), revolving loan fund (3% gap financing), and the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at SIUC.

Current or coming projects or developments include a bike path downtown (incl. landscaping to aid traffic flow), repaving of U.S. 51 (south- and northbound), progress toward the Multimodal Center (AMTRAK, Greyhound, and more), the EVOLVE project, and new businesses such as Dunkin' Donuts, IHOP, Hardee's, Five Below, and others to be named.

Bird Calls ♪

- Thanks: The RC Jackson-Williamson Counties Sunset says thanks for generous contributions of socks for the Night's Shield drive last week.
- Cards-Cubs: PE Fran Becque has tickets (not just for Rotarians!) for Rotary Day at Busch Stadium, Sun., June 28, to help earn a sizable contribution from Cardinal Care to the D6510 charities fund.
- April Birthdays: Curtis Vaughn (30)
- Programs: April (A Beck), May (?), June (R Osborn).
- * **Reminder**: When you contribute to TRF, please notify club Foundation chair, **PE Fran**.
- **Pig!** Missed a meeting? To assure scholarship funding, please make up your contribution.
- → Roster Updates? Please notify Secretary Dan.
- **Dues**: Jan. 1, Apr. 1, July 1, Oct.1. Treas. **Shane**.

VOUR NOTES



Scholarship Fund M Cropper, C Vaughn, S Heyer, G Petrowich, J Wides, M Sinnott, O Weidner, S Battiste, T Mathias, L Bremer, D Becque, F Becque, F Betz, J Betz, G Waring, S Carsrud, J Langowski, R Osborn, B Fox, R Sarao, J Ailinani, J Salmo, *next*?

Make me a happy hog!

*Board members

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