



# THE EARLY BIRD NEWS

## The ROTARY CLUB of CARBONDALE-BREAKFAST

★ Presidential Citations: 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000, 2000-01, 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2008-09 ★

★ 1996-97 Governor's Trophy ★ Club Bulletin: 1993, 2003, 2004, 2005 ★ Web Site: 2009 ★

★ District Governors: Blanche Carlton Sloan, Jack Langowski ★

Chartered October 1988 - #26036

Tuesday, 7 AM

Intermission Room, Varsity Center for the Arts

# 11 May 2010

### ◆ TODAY ◆ Business Meeting

### DATES TO KNOW

- 15 May Beautiful Southern Ride
- 20-23 June Intl. Convention, Montreal
- 29 June Awards & Recognition Breakfast, 7 a.m.
- 14 August Rotary at Cards/Cubs Game
- 21 August Art, Crafts, & Yard Sale, SIU Arena (Lot #18)

RI President  
John Kenny

District Governor  
Joe Miller

### May Programs

Program Organizer: Alice Winters

- 4 Terry Mathias, On Literacy, Part Two
- 11 Business Meeting
- 18 Ralph Behrens, Manager, Panera-Carbondale
- 25 George Sheffer, President, Chamber of Commerce

### Every Rotarian, Every Year

### REMINDERS

#### Makeups:

Mon. Noon, Herrin Civic Center  
 Tu. Noon, Du Quoin, Francie's  
 Wed. 7:30 am, Carterville, Kindling  
 Wed. Noon, Carbondale, Lakeland School  
 Th. 7:00 am, Anna-Jonesboro, Creek Lemon Rest., Vienna St.  
 Th. Noon, Marion, First Methodist Church, Main St.

Rotaract: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, 8 pm, Thebes Rm., St. Center  
Contributions: The Rotary Foundation, 14280 Collections  
 Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60693

Roster: Changes? Notify Dan Beque.

Recruitment: Ask for packets of information.

Meeting Makeups: Mark "M" in the block on the attendance sheet and clip the makeup card to the clipboard.

Banners: Visiting another club? Take a banner—bring one back.

### COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION: More Results

Rotary International's Council on Legislation met recently in Chicago. Here are some actions taken during the Council's triennial gathering:

**District Size**: The Council authorized the RI Board of Directors to review the number of clubs and number of Rotarians in districts by 1 July 2012. Districts with fewer than 33 clubs or fewer than 1,200 Rotarians may be subject to consolidation.

**Satellite Clubs**: The Council heard a proposal to allow the use of satellite clubs, distinct from provisional clubs. Rotarians would participate with host clubs while satellite clubs gain enough members to achieve charter status. While provisional clubs have a time limit for achieving charter status, satellite clubs would have no time limit. The RI Board of Directors were asked to develop a specific action on this matter.

**Relief Resources**: The Council authorized establishing a RI committee to develop worldwide resources for rapid, short-term relief to geographical areas affected by natural disasters.

.... *Each Rotarian: Reach One, Keep One* ....

### Assignments: May 2010

	Greeter & Introductions	Moment of Reflection	Rotary Insight (RI) / Classification Talk (CT) / Getting to Know Ourselves
4	J. Hesketh	C. Hinde	J. Langowski (RI)
11	R. Lenzi	T. Mathias	J. Mead (RI)
18	J. Nessland	R. Osborn	G. Petrowich (RI)
25	K. Renfro	J. Romano	R. Sarao (CT)

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## \* ANNOUNCEMENTS \*

- ☀ **District Assembly:** PE Rich Sarao reported the club was recognized for having achieved its annual goals for contributions to The Rotary Foundation and to PolioPlus.
- \* **Thanks** to Jim Romano for printing maps and brochures for the Beautiful Southern Ride on 15 May.
- ▢ **Committee: Fran Becque, George Waring, Marcia Sinnott, and Jim Romano** – to propose a club policy regarding memorials for deceased members.
- ✧ **Needed:** Committee members - Major awards for Rotary Year 2009-10.
- ☑ **Reminder:** When you contribute to The Rotary Foundation, notify the club's Foundation chair: Rich Sarao (2009-10), Fred Betz (2010-11).
- ☺ **Contact:** Fah - fpytj@hotmail.com; Kathy Pine (host) - kpine@sandbergphoenix.com. JiYoung Lee - lujin55@gmail.com
- ✦ **Programs:** Wanted: Program organizers - VP Fred Betz.
- ✿ **Pig!** Missed a meeting? Please make up your contribution at the next meeting to assure scholarship funding.
- ☐ **Dues:** Due(s) dates: January 1, April 1, July 1, October 1 each year. Treasurer Shane Carsrud.

▼ YOUR NOTES ▼

## Service Self

## Guests & Visiting Rotarians

None

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## Literacy, Pt. II

PP **Terry Mathias** continued last month's inside look at literacy, writing skills, and student readiness for college. He briefly recapped Charles Murray's commentary and proposal for refocusing the nation's system of education as laid out in *Real Education* (Crown Forum, 2008).

Mathias distributed two lists of student errors: (1) words frequently confused with one another and (2) sentence structure-sentence sense problems. Although these were initially offered as "funny" occurrences, he then noted with chagrin that the two lists include items drawn from student papers in the previous three weeks only, emphasizing the prevalence of such errors.

He commented on notable experiences in the classroom that exemplify students' reactions to writing. For example, high school students in dual-credit enrollment programs and recent high school graduates tend to resist improving their writing, believing that what they were graded on in high school demonstrated proper writing skills. Students today write few essays/compositions and research papers, often fewer than five in their four years of high school.

He noted poor reading comprehension skills; reading is often little more than students' running their eyes over an assigned reading so they can report that they "read" it. He commented on his periodic experiences as a high school substitute teacher, noting that he often found English teachers who lack the background and/or ability to teach English properly.

**2009-10**

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