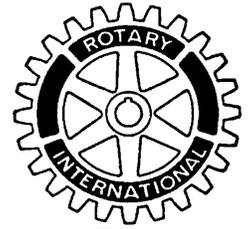


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Past President Allen Klope

From the President...

I am excited about an initiative approved by the Board and announced at the Club Assembly on April 29th. As Rotary International begins the final push to rid the world of the scourge of polio, the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club will be a key player in the effort.



In 1986, RI began Polio Plus with the goal of raising \$120-million to fight polio worldwide. By 1988 the campaign topped \$220-million. By 1990, 80% of the children of the world had been immunized. In 1995, 165-million children in China and India were immunized in a single week. Now, RI hopes to announce the complete eradication of polio by the 100th anniversary of RI in 2005. By 2005, Rotary's total commitment will exceed \$400-million. Following Rotary's lead, other world sources will bring the total to \$1.8 billion, including \$50-million donated by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Each club has been asked to contribute to help District 6460 reach its share of RI's goal. In 1986-88, our club donated \$38,000 to Polio Plus through member contributions and club fund-raisers. Many current club members have joined since that time and have never participated in Polio Plus. Now there's one final chance to be a part of this astounding program.

We will contribute \$2,000 to Polio Plus from our current budget. In addition, the board is asking each member to contribute a minimum of \$20. Every board member has already committed to a personal donation of at least \$20. If every member will do this, we will send at least \$4,000 to the district for Polio Plus. I am pleased to tell you that after the announcement

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The Rotary Program



- May 3-4** Peoria
District 6460 Conference
- May 6** Holiday Inn
Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 pm. Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Students of the Month for May will be honored.
- May 13** Rolling Hills
Steak Fry 6:00 pm. Details to be announced.
- May 20** Holiday Inn
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Program to be announced.
- May 27** No Meeting
Memorial Day Holiday
- June 3** Holiday Inn
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Rose Thornton will return to continue her talk about local Sears Homes.
- June 10** Holiday Inn
Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 pm. Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Student of the Year will be recognized. High Schools will receive plaques listing the names of the students who were honored as Students of

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Board Minutes for March

The March 11, 2002 meeting of directors of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club was called to order at 5:00 p.m., by President Sam Stemm. Others in attendance were Mike Seymour, Tom Juravich, Allen Klope, Mike McCormick, Larry Thompson, Don Miller, Ed Morrissey, John Keller, Sharon Johnson, Bill Moyer, John Rain, Pete Zimmer, Larry Hauck, Bob Fowler and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour.

On a motion by Juravich, seconded by Morrissey the minutes were approved. On a motion by Seymour, seconded by Morrissey the treasurer's report was approved

In old business Stemm thanked Jack Leonard for all his work for the Chili Chowdown and expressed gratitude to DJ for once again being of great assistance. He thanked those who worked all day, Jeff Weber, Pete Zimmer, Mike Seymour and everyone who participated. Jerry Norman was the winner of the Lincoln-Douglas statuette, and \$1,600.00 was raised by the statuette raffle. In the next few weeks, after all ticket money is turned in from the membership, total receipts for the Chili Chowdown should be known. Remember this is a mandatory Club fundraiser.

In Community Service, the following requests were referred to the committee for a report at the April meeting. Oblate Ecological Initiative; Alton Athletic Foundation - Bill Drake Memorial; Police Benevolent-Exercise Room; LCCC statue landscaping; Great Rivers Choral Society - donation; Alton Park Dept. - Carillon; \$500 for gazebo at Glazebrook Park; Bronze plaque for stone wall on the River Road.

In new business, the Exchange Club has approached Rotary about collaborating with them in placing the original stone from the Lincoln Douglas debate at the statue site.

Seymour said they want Rotary to decide where the stone should be placed. It was brought up that the Lincoln-Douglas site is a City park and the City should have the say in the location of the stone. On a motion by Seymour, seconded by Miller it was approved to have the executive secretary send a letter of support for incorporating the stone in the scheme and in the best interest of the Lincoln-Douglas statue area.

The District Assembly/PETS Conference will be April 6 in Jacksonville. It should be attended by all incoming officers, Avenue of Service chairs, and the Foundation Chair. Morrissey, as incoming president, urged all the board members to attend. The District Conference, which is open to all Rotarians in the District, is May 3-4 in Peoria.

Mike Seymour, Assistant Governor for our District, gave a report of his first District meeting he attended in February. Some things have changed in the structure of the District. There is a 13 member board that governs the District. It is comprised of 10 Assistant Governors, 1 incoming Governor, and 2 future Governors. Each Assistant Governor has 5 clubs they oversee. He was impressed that the past District Governor's that were at the meeting knew all the clubs in the district. They were very knowledgeable of all the accomplishments of Alton-Godfrey Rotary and the people who represent our Club. They mentioned Dave Walker, Bill Moyer, and Jerry Thomas by name and were also very impressed with our website and Larry Thompson. He felt it was a real accomplishment for our Club to be that well known in the District. The main priority of the District is to let the clubs run themselves. If needed, the District is there to help.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Seymour, Exe. Secretary

APRIL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

JANE JACKSON, a senior at Alton High School, and **DAVID FITZGERALD**, a senior at Marquette Catholic High School were honored by the Alton/ Godfrey Rotary Club as the Students for the Month for the month of APRIL at the Club's regular meeting at the Alton Holiday Inn on APRIL 8th.



Jane Jackson is a senior at Alton High School and has exhibited outstanding academic ability while being active in school and community activities. She currently has a 4.6 GPA on a 4.0 grading system. She is the recipient of the 2002 Yale Book Club award which is presented to the best English student at Alton High. Jane won first place in the English category at the Regional WYSE competition and will represent Alton High in the state competition which will be held in Champaign. Jackson is an Illinois State Scholar and was recently recognized at the Illinois Principals Association Breakfast as the most outstanding female student in the Alton High class of 2002. She currently is ranked 1st in her class.

Jane is also active outside the classroom. She is President of the German Club and is a member of the National Honor Society and the Student Council. She is a volunteer grader for the Alton District Math contest and a bell ringer for the Sal-

April Treasurer's Report

Previous Balance	\$9,936.30
cleared payments	-\$4,301.98
cleared deposits	\$6,579.76
Cleared Balance	\$12,214.08
uncleared payments	-\$1,456.72
uncleared deposits	\$866.00
Account Balance	\$11,623.36

The Rotary Program...continued

the Month during the 2001-2002 school year.

June 17 **Rolling Hills**
Steak Fry 6:00 pm. Details to be announced.

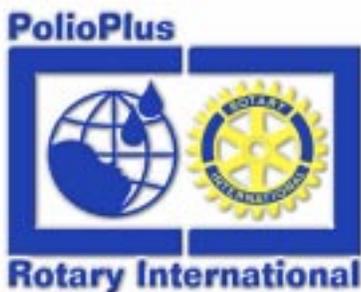
June 24 **Location TBA**
Spouses Night. Alton/Godfrey Rotary Annual Meeting. Induction of New Officers. Sam Stemm will be passing the gavel to new president Ed Morrissey.

July 1 **Holiday Inn**
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Program to be announced.

July 8 **Holiday Inn**
Board of Directors meeting 5:00 pm. Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Program to be announced.

July 15 **Rolling Hills**
Steak Fry 6:00 pm. Details to be announced.

—Dorothy Hutchinson-Gross



March Students of the Month ... cont.

vation Army. Jane is also a youth volunteer at the Alton Memorial Hospital and has participated in the Memory Walk fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Association. The daughter of CB and Ellen Jackson of Godfrey, Jane has been offered a Distinguished Scholar Scholarship at Tulane University. She plans to study pre-law at Tulane or the University of Illinois.

David Fitzgerald is an Illinois State Scholar and the recipient of the Silver Medallion Award. An outstanding student, David has been a member of the school's National Honor Society for three years,, is a member of Alpha, and received the National History and Government Award. David has been selected to Who's Who Among American High School Student every year.

Active in school athletics, David has excelled in football and basketball being selected as captain of the Explorer football and basketball teams this year. Fitzgerald has been selected to the All Conference teams on offense and defense for the past two years and was recognized this year by being selected to the All-Area Defensive team, the St. Louis Metro All Area Team, and received honorable and special mention for the Illinois Coaches Association and Chicago Tribune All-State Teams. He was also selected as the lineman of the year by the Alton K of C Quarterback Club.

David was also selected to the All Conference and All Area basketball teams this year. The son of Michael and Sue Fitzgerald of Alton, he plans to attend the University of Notre Dame after graduating.

Sam Stemm, president of the Rotary Club, presented each of the students with a plaque recognizing their selection to this honor.

—Tom Juravich

From the President...continued

of this initiative at the Club Assembly on the 29th, a group of five members got together and pledged \$1,000. On the morning of the 30th, I was informed of another group of five members that is pledging \$1,000. That's \$2,000 for Polio Plus from just 10% of our membership.

Won't you please consider a donation of at least \$20 for Polio Plus? It would be wonderful to inform the district of 100% participation by our

club membership in this final push to reach a truly world-changing objective -- the eradication of polio from the face of the earth. Please make your donation by June 1. You can mail your contribution to the club at PO Box 848, Alton, IL 62002, or leave your check at the registration table at an upcoming meeting.

Yours in Rotary,
Sam

Attendance-The First Principle of Rotary

Members can make up attendance by attending meetings of another club.

Club	Location	Day	Time
Jerseyville	Peace United Church of Christ	Monday	12:00 noon
Wood River	6th & Penning Ave.	Monday	12:00 noon
Granite City	Niedringhaus United Methodist	Tuesday	12:00 noon
Bethalto	Villa Rose	Wednesday	6:30 p.m.
Land of Goshen	Rusty's Restaurant	Wednesday	12:00 noon
East Alton	Wood River Township Hospital	Thursday	12:00 noon
Edwardsville	St. John's United Methodist	Thursday	12:00 noon