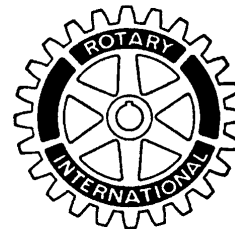


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Rotary Presents *Polio Eradication Champion Award* to Former Prime Minister of Japan

(TOKYO, Japan - 17 April 2003) In recognition of significant and ongoing support from the government of Japan in the fight against polio, Rotary International today presented Former Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto with the *Polio Eradication Champion Award*.

Over the course of the initiative, which began in the mid 1980s, the Government of Japan has contributed nearly US\$200 million toward polio eradication efforts worldwide. Much of these funds have gone toward the purchase of oral polio vaccine and other assistance.

The award, presented by Bhichai Rattakul, President of Rotary International, was established in 1995 to recognize world leaders who have made outstanding contributions toward the goal of eradicating polio by 2005. "On behalf of our 1.2 million Rotary volunteers worldwide, I am honored to give this award in recognition of the significant support by the Government of the Japan," said Rattakul. "As we stand on the brink of victory over polio, financial assistance from governments are urgently needed."

A highly infectious disease that can cause paralyzes and sometimes death, polio still strikes children, mainly under the age of five, in parts of Africa and Southeast Asia.

As there is no cure for polio, the best protection is prevention. For as little as US .60 cents worth of vaccine, a child can be protected against this crippling disease for life. Still, the World Health Organization estimates US\$725 million is needed in the period of 2003-2005 for the purchase of oral vaccine, operational expenses and poliovirus surveillance. Of the total funds needed, there is a US\$275 million gap.

Great strides have been made in polio eradication. When Rotary began its polio immunization program in the mid 1980s, approximately 1,000 children were infected by this crippling disease every day. At the end of 2002, less than 2000 children contracted polio in seven countries (India, Pakistan, Nigeria, Afghanistan, Niger, Somalia and Egypt), down from the 350,000 cases estimated in 125 countries in 1988. The Americas were declared free from polio in 1994, as well as the Western Pacific region in 2000, and Europe in 2002.

Our Rotary Calendar



April 21 **Rolling Hills**
Steak Fry at the Rolling Hills Golf Course Club House 6:00 p.m. Golf outing to precede. Contact Mike McCormick for details.

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April 28 **Oblate Fathers**
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Club Assembly

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May 1 & May 2 Best Western
Prairie Inn Galesburg, IL
the District Conference will be held in Galesburg at the Best Western Prairie Inn. The golf tournament will be on May 1 at 12:30 p.m. with the Conference getting underway on May 2. You will be able to download the registration form at <http://www.rotarydistrict6460.org/districtconf.htm> and make reservations and plans, NOW!

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May 5 **The Hotel Stratford**
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be catered by Copley's Catering. Bill Moyer will describe the plans for renovation of The Hotel Stratford.

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May 12 **Moonlight Restaurant**
Board of Directors meeting, 5:00

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Board Minutes for March

The March 10, 2003 meeting of directors of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club was called to order at 5:00 p.m., by President Ed Morrissey. Others in attendance were Mike Seymour, Mike McCormick, Larry Thompson, Sharon Johnson, Bill Moyer, John Rain, Larry Hauck, Dave Walker, Sam Stemm, Dan Saeger, Jeanine Kelly, Ford Phillips, Ron Mayhew, Von Vandiver, Dorothy Hutchinson-Gross and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour.

On a motion by Thompson, seconded by Mayhew the minutes of the previous meeting were approved. On a motion by Thompson, seconded by Stemm the treasurer's report was approved.

The first item of discussion concerned the use of Piasa Foundation funds. It was explained that these funds are to be used only for Community Projects. Ed asked Walker, Seymour, Moyer, and Stemm to set a policy on fund requests. A motion was made by Juravich, seconded by Hauck that the Piasa Foundation Board of Directors give a report to the Alton-Godfrey Board outlining expenses.

Proposed for membership was Marty Carrow, proposed by Larry Hauck. On a motion from Walker, seconded by Moyer he was approved for membership after the appropriate steps have been followed.

In Community Service, Jeanine Kelly had no report. The 18th Annual Chili Chowdown served a total of 742 meals, this includes carry out and eat-in. Mike Seymour said the leftover chili and desserts were taken to the Salvation Army and Oasis Women's Center.

In International Service, Rain reports he has had no Club response

to the Russian Delegation. The delegation is a diverse group of individuals who are in the United States to learn how the free enterprise system works. Volunteers are needed to host the delegation of 12 people for 3-4 nights.

In Club Service, Joel Copley has contacted the St. Louis Cardinals and has set up a Alton-Godfrey Rotary Family Night on Monday, September 15 in Power Alley. Fifty seats will be reserved at \$62.00. This price includes and ticket, food, and beverages. Rotary International is pushing for more family involvement in the clubs. On a motion from Walker, seconded by Juravich is was approved that the Club would underwrite this event. Meeting location was the next topic of discussion. A motion was made by McCormick, that beginning April 1 the regular meetings be moved to Moonlight. Anything larger than normal (Christmas, etc.) would be held at the Salvation Army or a place designated by the event chair. The Board approved this move.

Polio Plus Contribution from the Alton Godfrey Rotary Club is \$16,628.85

Foundation Chair, Bill Moyer, said he still has some money coming in for Polio Eradication. The Board wants to finish the fundraising by the end of March.

Fundraising Chair, Sharon Johnson, said the committee had the idea of having Alton-Godfrey Rotary hats and shirts made to sell to the membership.

April Treasurer's Report

Previous Balance	\$13,749.03
cleared payments	-\$3,329.20
cleared deposits	\$6,378.84
Cleared Balance	\$16,798.67
uncleared payments	-\$12,105.41
uncleared deposits	\$2,479.00
Account Balance	\$7,172.26

In old business, Beiser Concrete is still owed \$2,800.00 on the Robert Wadlow chair project for replacement of deteriorated concrete panels. The Club is being asked to pay the bill. The Board decided that the City should be billed first. If they refuse then bring the issue back to the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Seymour
Executive Secretary

Chowdown Ticket Sales Overdue

Melissa reports the following still have not paid for their Chili Chowdown tickets. Each member is expected to sell 10 tickets at \$6.50 each and promptly return the money to the club.

Doug Arnold
James Claywell
Gene Crivello
Mark Darr
Mike Fitzgerald
John Galbreath
Mike Harris
David Hayes
Tim Herrin
Richard Johnson
Larry Kaplan
James Kasten
John Keller
Nick Koch
Mike Lefferson
Sadiq Mohyuddin
Dale Neudecker
Charles Parr
William Selby
Jerry Thomas
Tom Wyatt



Lend a Hand

The Rotary

Program...continued

p.m. Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Students of the Month for May will be honored. A club member will provide an update, news, and events related to their vocation.

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May 17 Somewhere in Alton
Bucket Brigade

May 19 Rolling Hills
Steak Fry at the Rolling Hills Golf Course Club House 6:00 p.m. Golf outing to precede. Contact Mike McCormick for details.

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May 26 No Meeting
Memorial Day Holiday

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June 2 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Program to be announced.

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June 9 Moonlight Restaurant
Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Student of the Year will be recognized. High Schools will receive recognition plaques listing the names of the students who were recognized as Students of the Month during the 2002-2003 school year.

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June 16 Rolling Hills
Steak Fry at the Rolling Hills Golf Course Club House 6:00 p.m. Golf outing to precede. Contact Mike McCormick for details.

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June 23 Principia College
Induction of New Officers. Ed Morrissey will be passing the gavel to new president Mike McCormick.

June 30 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Details to be announced.

July 7 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Details to be announced.

—Dorothy Hutchinson-Gross

April Students of the Month

ERIKA HARRIS, a senior at Alton High School, and **JACOB KUHNLINE**, 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 Moonlight Restaurant on April 14.

Erika Harris is the daughter of Michael and Karen Harris of Alton. She is an honor student, an Illinois State Scholar, a member of the National Honor Society, and a Silver Medallion Award winner. Erika has been an active member of the French Club, a member of the school's math team and a member of the Biology and Social Studies Clubs. She has been selected to Who's Who Among American High School Students, received an award in Physics from the United States Achievement Academy and participated in the National Leadership Forum on Medicine Acceptance

Harris has been active in school activities with particular attention to the cheerleading squad where she was selected as captain during her senior year and recognized as an All Star Cheerleader by the United States Academy for Cheerleading.

She has been a student co-leader in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and has participated in Dance and school musicals throughout her high school attendance.

Beside her many school activities, Harris finds time to contribute to the community by being actively involved in student Pride events such as Make A Difference Day, Bucket Brigade, and the Highway Cleanup Program. She has also been involved with the Encounter group of the Christian Ministry and worked at the Treehouse, an animal shelter. Erika plans to pursue a pre-med program in college but is undecided about which college she plans to attend.

Jacob Kuhnline is the son of Pamela and Michael Kuhnline. An Illinois State Scholar, and a Silver Medallion Award winner, Kuhnline is a member of the National Honor Society, a member of the school's Student Council, and the recipient of the National History and Government Award. He has been selected to Who's Who Among American High School Students, is a member of Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering and is a member of the cast of the school's annual musical.

Kuhnline has been a member of the school's varsity football team for four years and was selected to the All South Central Conference team and the All Area team this year. As a result of his participation he was selected to Who's Who Among American High School Athletes.

As part of his community service activities, Kuhnline participated in a volunteer mission to Mexico where he worked to help build homes for the homeless. After graduation, he plans to attend Knox College and major in Chemical Engineering.

Tom Juravich, chairman of Student of the Year presented each student with a plaque recognizing their selection as the Student of the Month

—Tom Juravich