



# The Ratchet



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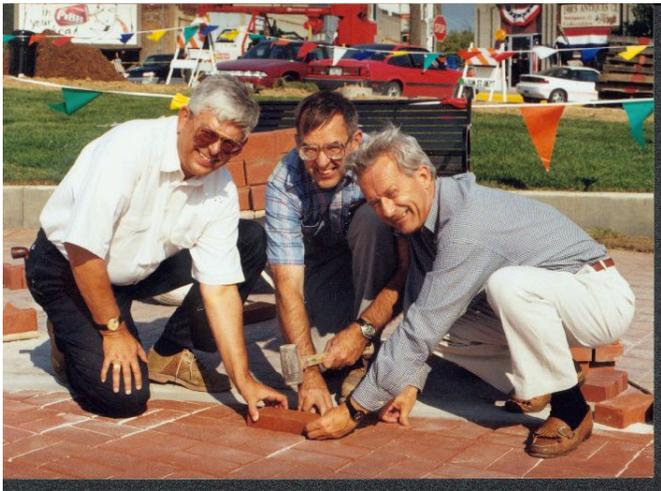
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## From The President

### Rotary Projects

On Tuesday, April 12th, I received phone calls from several of our club members alerting me to the Wall Street Journal article which is reprinted below. The article notes that April 12, 2005, was the 50th anniversary of the Salk polio vaccine. For those of us who grew up during the 1950's, there remain vivid memories of the iron lung and young children crippled by the polio virus. My brother was a polio pioneer in 1956 taking the Salk vaccine as part of a final testing program. The article goes on to recognize Rotary International's role in polio eradication worldwide and in the closing sentence recommends RI for the Nobel Peace Prize.



Placing Bricks at Lincoln Douglas Square

Polio Eradication is the most significant project Rotary has attempted and one rotarians are very proud of. Throughout this year, the Alton Godfrey Rotary Board of Directors have struggled with the assignment to accomplish a centennial project as well as a single significant project utilizing the funds remaining in the

Piasa Foundation. Rotary defines service and volunteerism and the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club can list many community projects in its 84 year history in the Riverbend area. You can refer to our club history on our website ([www.altongodfreyrotary.org](http://www.altongodfreyrotary.org)) for a partial list and description of these projects. In a recent Community Service committee meeting, members asked for clarification on what the criteria should be for a community project.

Our first source for information on our organization is the Rotary International website ([www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)). From the programs section and the Community Service page, we read the following charac-

### Rotary Programs



**May 2 Lockhaven Country Club**  
 Golf Tournament followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. Contact Gail Weinrich for details.

**May 9 Moonlight Restaurant**  
 Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Students of the Month for May will be honored.

**May 16 Rolling Hills**  
 Steak Fry at the Rolling Hills Golf Course Club House 6:00 p.m. Golf outing to precede. Contact Richard Johnson for details.

**May 23 Moonlight Restaurant**  
 Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Phil Hamilton will present the program on IRS tax controversies, including litigation and administrative practice.

**May 30 No Meeting**  
 Memorial Day Holiday

**June 6 Moonlight Restaurant**  
 Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Judy Hoffman will discuss the history of Godfrey and her book *God's Portion*.

**June 13 Moonlight Restaurant**  
 Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Student of the Year will be recog-

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## Students Of The Month

Christopher Willings, a senior at Alton High School, and Alexander Morgan, 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 11.



Alexander Morgan is the son of Mark and Sue Morgan of Alton. He ranks second in his class and has participated in a variety of activities and received numerous awards during his years at Marquette. He has played tennis and ran with the cross country and track squads.

As captain of the school's Scholar Bowl Team, he led this year's team to a 4th place finish in the State. He currently holds the office of Chaplain in the National Honor Society and will travel with the Mexico Mission Team to Matamocos Mexico to participate in a special service project.

For the past two years, Alexander has qualified for State level competition in the Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering competition at the University of Illinois. He is a charter member of the Students Against Destructive Decisions and a member of the Campus Ministry.

Among Morgan's awards are, a Silver Medallion Award selection to the All-Conference Scholar Bow team, and recognition as one of the top 20 students in the State Scholar Bowl. He has also been awarded a SITE Advancement Foundation Scholarship for the 2005-2006 academic year.

As a member of St. Mary's Church, Morgan is active as an acolyte and as a member of the Youth Group. After

graduation, Alexander plans to attend the University of Illinois and major in chemical engineering.



Christopher Willings is the son of Ken and Lynda Willings of Godfrey. Throughout his high school career Christopher has been on the school's high honor roll and because of his outstanding academic record he is a member of the National Honor Society and the Quill and Scroll Society

Chris has been a student leader at Alton High serving as senior Class/Student Council President this year. He has been a Student Council member for three years. He has been a member of the school's football and swimming teams for four years. During the past season he served as the captain of the Football team earning second team All Conference and first team All-Area honors. He helped coach the Powder Puff team for two years and was a founder of the Bird's Nest.

Active in student organizations, Willings has been a member of the Spanish Club for four years, the Scholar Bowl team and a member of the Redbird Word staff for two years.

Chris has been active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes serving as Vice-President of that group for three years. He has worked on student blood drives and has been an annual participant in the Bucket Brigade program. After graduating, Chris plans to attend Illinois State University majoring in Business and Finance.

—Tom Juravich

teristics of a Rotary project.

Service defines Rotary's character; whether local or international, it promotes Rotary's appeal and visibility in the community, and is the reason Rotary continues to grow.

Community service responds to the needs of a local community. Rotary clubs should determine top priorities for service projects by first learning about a community's needs and assets, and then developing a response that addresses them.

An effective service project:

- Responds to a real issue, not an imagined one.
- Improves the lives of community members.
- Incorporates the abilities of those who are served.
- Recognizes all participants' contributions as important and necessary.
- Comes from a realistic assessment of resources available.
- Aims for specific goals and objectives with measurable results.
- Builds a working network

In a review of projects our club has accomplished recently, we find a range of projects including the Greenhouse at the Oblates, the Habitat for Humanity house, the Wadlow chair, the YWCA playground, and the recent Kitchenette for the Jacoby Arts Center. We can recall the controversies surrounding some of our projects and realize any project chosen by the board of directors may not be supported by 100% of the membership. However, the board of directors has been responsible to the members by bringing proposed projects to the membership for questions and member input.

The November 8, 2004 board minutes contains the following regarding action taken on a motion by Dave Walker.

*Dave Walker emailed the following motion: That the Alton/Godfrey Rotary Club set aside \$50,000 of the Piasa Foundation funds to be donated to the Jacoby Arts Center on a matching fund basis for Rotarians or other service clubs making donations to the Center. Ron Mayhew placed the motion on the floor seconded by Josh Farley. Sam Stemm said he felt that if the motion were to pass tonight, the Board would be open to criticism from the Club. Tom Juravich stated that the Board needs to get input from the members. A motion by made by Tom Juravich, seconded by Josh Farley that the motion be tabled until the 12/13 Board meeting. The members will be asked at the Club assembly 11/22/04 for ideas of other worthy projects that could be funded by the Piasa Foundation. (From the November 8, 2004 board meeting minutes)*

In December, the board could not act because the committee was unable to meet and the motion dies because it was not removed from the table for action. The Community Service committee met in January and again in March. At this time the Community Service committee will submit, at the May board meeting, a decision to recommend holding \$50,000 of the Piasa Foundation funds for a future project to be determined later. This satisfies the concern the Piasa Foundation funds will be parceled out for a variety of smaller projects. It is the Community Service committee recommendation that smaller projects

nized. High Schools will receive recognition plaques listing the names of the students who were recognized as Students of the Month during the 2004-2005 school year.

**June 18-22, 2005 Chicago, IL**  
The Rotary International Convention, McCormick Place, Chicago, IL

**June 20, 2005 Rolling Hills**  
Steak Fry at the Rolling Hills Golf Course Club House 6:00 p.m. Golf outing to precede. Contact Richard Johnson for details.

**June 27, 2005 To Be Announced**  
Annual Meeting. Induction of New Officers, Board of Directors, and Paul Harris Fellows. Larry Thompson will be passing the gavel to new president Sharon Johnson.

**- Joel Copley, Bill Hoagland - Program Directors**



**March Treasurer's Report**

Previous Balance	\$20,937.03
cleared payments	5,280.46
cleared deposits	7,668.93
Cleared Balance	23,325.50
uncleared payments	13,176.69
uncleared deposits	6,625.00
Account Balance	16,773.81
New Payments	993.37
New Deposits	1,544.74
Ending Balance	17,325.18

be funded by our annual fund raising efforts or a special fund raising effort for a particular project.

In the meantime, our club members should continue to search for projects for our club.

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARED  
IN THE APRIL 12, 2005 ISSUE  
OF THE WALL STREET  
JOURNAL:



#### Polio and Rotary

Today marks the 50th anniversary of the Salk polio vaccine. Poliomyelitis, also known as infantile paralysis, used to be one of childhood's most feared diseases. A few years after Dr. Jonas Salk announced his vaccine on April 12, 1955, nearly every child in the U.S. was protected. Today polio has disappeared from the Americas, Europe and the Western Pacific and is nearly gone from the rest of the world.

A too-little known part of the feat is the role played by Rotary, the international businessman's club, which 20 years ago adopted the goal of wiping out the disease. Rotary understood that medical breakthroughs are worthless unless people aren't afraid to immunize their children and efficient delivery systems exist to get the vaccine to them. And so it mobilized its members in 31,100 clubs in 166 countries to make it happen.

In 1985, when Rotary launched its eradication program, there were an estimated 350,000 new cases of polio in 125 countries. Last year, 1,263 cases were reported. More than one million Rotary members have volunteered their time or donated money to immunize two billion children in 122 countries. In 1988, Rotary money and its example were the catalyst for a global eradication drive joined by the World Health Organization, Unicef and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. In 2000 Rotary teamed up with the United Nations Foundation to raise \$100 million in private money for the program. By the time the world is certified as polio-free – probably in 2008 – Rotary will have contributed \$600 million to its eradication effort.

An economist of our acquaintance calls Rotary's effort the most successful private healthcare initiative ever. A vaccine-company CEO recently volunteered to us that the work of Rotary and the Gates foundation, both private groups, has been more effective than any government in promoting vaccines to save lives. It's become fashionable in some quarters to deride civic volunteerism, but Rotary's unsung polio effort deserves the Nobel Peace Prize.

## Minutes - March Board Meeting

The March 14, 2005, meeting of directors of the Alton/Godfrey Rotary Club was called to order at 5:00 p.m., by President Larry Thompson. Others in attendance were Mike Seymour, Tom Juravich, Sharon Johnson, Scott Neudecker, Sam Stemm, Dan Saeger, Mike Tillman, Allen McBride, Josh Farley, John Keller, Jeannine Kelly, Ford Phillips, and Terry Woelfel, and Ron Mayhew.

On a motion by Scott Neudecker, seconded by Ford Phillips, the minutes were approved. On a motion by Tom Juravich, seconded by Sam Stemm, the treasurer's report was approved.

Chris Fox was proposed for membership by Allen Klope. On a motion by Scott Neudecker, seconded by Sam Stemm, the membership was approved pending attendance at two meetings.

In Community Service, Scott Neudecker said the committee reviewed the ownership of the land in question. Larry Thompson discovered that Mississippi Lime owns the property. He is in discussion with them to see if they will relinquish ownership of the land. The land will probably be given to Great Rivers Land Trust. Larry Thompson reported that the Jacoby Arts Center work is coming along well and the floor will be put down Saturday.

In Vocational Service, Dan Saeger proposed that our club sponsor an Interact Club at Alton High School. This club will also be open to Marquette Catholic High School students.

In Club Service, Sam Stemm stated that several more dinners were ordered than were served and that Joel Copley should not have to absorb the cost of those dinners. It was agreed that the club should pay the cost of the dinners, and Melissa Seymour should send bills to members who canceled their reservations within 24 hours of the dinner. Mile Seymour reported that the Chili Chowdown was successful and that we will net about \$5500 when all tickets are paid for by members.

In mail/correspondence, a letter was received from Gene Crivello concerning member attendance issues.

In old business, there was discussion of the Community Montage prints. Some members objected to the price of \$20 each. A price of \$10 per montage was suggested. Larry is to consult with the other participating groups to arrive at a mutual price.

In new business, Larry will check on tickets for the annual Alton/Godfrey Rotary trip to a Cardinal baseball game.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Mayhew for Melissa Seymour, Executive Secretary