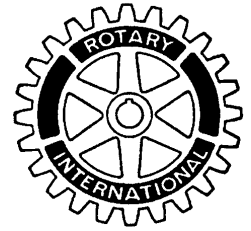


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Michael St. Peters	Larry Thompson
Dave Walker	Gene Watt
Pete Zimmer	

Past President Allen Klope

## From the President

I hope the holidays have brought joy to you and your family. As usual, it's been a busy time for the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club. Thanks to all who made our holiday activities successful.

Of course, we once again successfully assembled the Community Christmas Tree at Lincoln-Douglas Square. And, there are some who believe the irregular shape of the tree makes it look real and not artificial. I'm not sure what happened, but I don't think most people have noticed that the tree isn't exactly put together the way it ought to be.

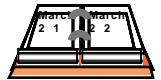
We had a successful night at the Celebration of Christmas. Larry Hauck did a great job organizing and everyone seemed to have a good time. That Friday night was one of the busier ones of the season. Over 2000 people went through the park and had a chance to see Rotarians in action.

And, we will again ring bells for the Salvation Army. Ed Morrissey does his usual fantastic job of organizing the bell ringing and has even managed to add a new site this year: Fast Eddies! Good job, Ed. I'm sure you were all able to unload your allotment of pecans. Be sure to get the money turned in if you have not already done so. Thanks to Larry Powers and Sharon Johnson for chairing the pecan sales. The profit goes to support our Students-of-the-Month program. In the Spring we will award a \$2,500 scholarship to one of the area's outstanding students.

My thanks to all of you who have made it such a pleasure serving as

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## The Rotary Program



**December 22** Alton/Godfrey  
Community service project. Rotary members will be ringing bells for the annual Salvation Army Tree of Lights Campaign.

**December 24** No Meeting  
Christmas eve

**December 31** No Meeting  
New Year's eve

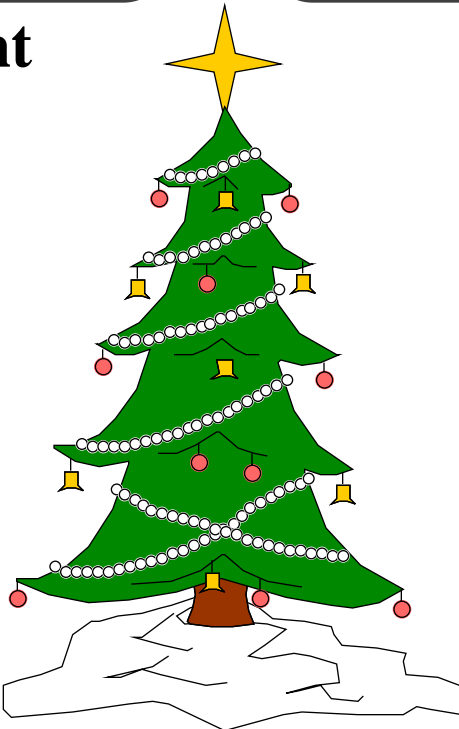
**January 7** Holiday Inn  
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. January Students of the Month will be honored.

**January 14** Holiday Inn  
Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 pm. Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Rose Thornton will talk about local Sears Homes and the history of the homes.

**Jan 21 New Alton Police Station**  
Tour of the new Alton Police Station with Sgt. David Hayes. Pizza will be provided.

**January 28** Holiday Inn  
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Club Assembly

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## Board Minutes for November

The November 12, 2001 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, John Rain, Bill Moyer, Allen Klope, Mike McCormick, Sharon Johnson, Dorothy Hutchinson-Gross, Larry Thompson, Don Miller, Terry Woefel, Larry Hauck, Ed Morrissey, Mike St. Peters and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour. Other present were Steve Tassinari, Scott Neudecker and Bob Jourdain.

On a motion by Seymour, seconded by Juravich the minutes of the October meeting were approved. On a motion by Juravich, seconded by Miller the treasurer's report was approved

In old business Dave Walker is still working on the membership roster. The Grandpa Woo excursion raised \$1616.25 for the YWCA. The pecans are in and will be distributed at the meeting. Pecan sales is mandatory for ail members. The money raised from this the funds our scholarship program. The Holiday Pops concert is scheduled for December 8. Alton-Godfrey Rotary will work the Celebration of Christmas on December 14. Salvation Army bell ringing is scheduled for December 22.

In new business Fred Renshaw has asked for an indefinite leave of absence. On a motion by Klope, seconded by Juravich the request was approved. The Lincoln Douglas statue that the Club purchased from Jerry McKenna is going to be raffled off as a fundraiser for the Club. Tickets will be \$5.00 each and the drawing will be held at the Chili Chowdown in March. Morrissey presented the Nominating Committee report as follows: Chairman, Sam Stemm; President,

Ed Morrissey; Vice President, Don E. Miller; Secretary, Mike McCormick; Treasurer, Larry Thompson. Board of Directors, B. Moyer, T. Woefel, S. Neudecker, R. Mayhew, D. Saeger. This slate will be presented to the membership on November 26. The Club Christmas Party is being canceled this year because of poor attendance.

On Community Service, St. Peters presented a request from the Upper Alton Business Association for up to \$16,000.00 to help fund the Wadlow Chair. Scott Neudecker said that they do have enough on hand to sign the contract with the artist. Steve Tassinari took the floor and spoke in opposition of Rotary participation. He felt we need our own projects and identify ourselves. He pointed out that the whole community participated in the Wadlow Statue project. He does not see any reason to memorialize the chair other than to entertain. At this time a motion was made by Moyer, seconded by St. Peters that the funding be provided to bring this project to completion with funding up to \$16,000 from the Piasa Foundation. After the motion there was discussion on possible other ways for them to raise the money. Rain wanted to know if it was possible to sell more bricks. Scott Neudecker said this could be done after the contract was signed. He did say that they have sold out the area they have but are still getting requests for bricks. Approval is needed from SIUE to enlarge the area for bricks. Klope said he would like to see a letter from SIUE signing off on the additional space before we approve

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### November Treasurer's Report

Previous Balance	\$12,967.29
cleared payments	-\$9,089.89
cleared deposits	\$7,287.65
Cleared Balance	\$11,165.05
uncleared payments	-\$11,086.25
uncleared deposits	\$405.50
Account Balance	\$484.30

## DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

**Heather Baumberger**, a senior at Alton High School, and **Jenna Green**, 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 NOVEMBER at the Club's regular meeting at the Alton Holiday Inn on DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>.



**Heather Baumberger** is the daughter of Bruce and Sandy Baumberger of Godfrey. She ranks 43rd in a class of 377 students and is a member of the National Honor Society. Other academic honors include her selection to Who's Who Among American High School Students, selection to the IMEA District Choir for three years and selection to the All-State IMEA Honors Choir.

Heather's school activities and awards include membership in the Thespian Society of which she serves as Secretary, membership in the Concert and Celebration choirs for four years. She is presently the President of the Concert choir.

Baumberger has been extremely active in community service activities. She has participated in the Bucket Brigade and Habitat for Humanity programs. She has been a VBS worker, a Salvation Army Bell Ringer, served as a volunteer at the Food Crisis Center, a Red Cross Blood Drive volunteer, and helped prepare meals at the Salvation Army.

Upon graduation Heather plans to enroll at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville where she plans to study music education

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**February 4**      **Holiday Inn**  
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Jeff Allsman to talk about Challenge Unlimited

**February 11**      **Holiday Inn**  
Board of Directors Meeting 5:00. Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. February Students of the Month will be honored.

**February 18**      **Holiday Inn**  
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Program to be announced.

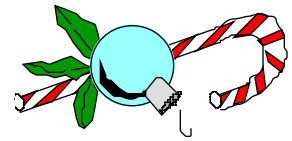
**February 25**      **Holiday Inn**  
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Capt. Bruce Cole to talk about the U.S. Navy  
—Dorothy Hutchinson-Gross



## From the President...cont.

president of this club for the past six months. I hope that 2002 brings more fellowship and successful community involvement for the River Bend's premiere service club.

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Santa and his assistants Sharon Johnson and Sue Hardin at the Celebration of Christmas December 14, 2001

## December Students of the Month ... cont.

### November Minutes...continued

any donation. Hauck wanted to know if other organizations had been approached to donate. The question of liability was brought up. Would SIUE be liable for injuries or would Alton-Godfrey Rotary be responsible because we participated? On a motion by Juravich the Board tabled the original motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Melissa Seymour  
Executive Secretary

**JENNA GREEN** is the daughter of Dr. Chris and Jackie Green of Godfrey. She has a 3.97 Grade Point average scoring a 32 on the ACT Test. She is a member of the National Honor Society and was selected to the Who's Who Among American High School Students every year she has been in school.

Jenna has been very active in Thespian Society activities having the lead roles in the spring musicals "Peter Pan" and "Little Shop of Horrors." She has been a member of the school choir, served on the Student Council and the Prom Committee her junior year, and was a member of the Marquette Pom Pons for three years. She is currently a member of the Yearbook staff. For the past three Christmas she has volunteered for Head Start and has worked to raise money for less fortunate women to pay for mammograms.

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