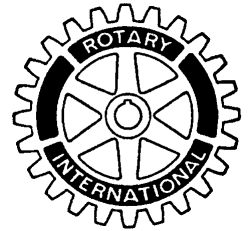


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The United Way Lovejoy Circle of Giving

Twelve members of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary are contributors to the Leadership Giving Program of the United Way serving the area. Jeanene Harris, Vice President, Illinois region for United Way of St. Louis, which serves nine Illinois counties, said the campaign continues its wrap up phase toward a \$2.2 million goal.



She spoke at the November 24 Rotary meeting, encouraging Rotarians to join the "Lovejoy Circle of Giving" which recognizes donors of \$1,000 or more. Her office in the Wedge Bank Building, owned by United Way, will move soon to the former Kane Mechanical building on Sixth Street in Wood River.

Bill Kessler, chairman of the area United Way board, said funds serve over 250,000 people in the 5 county area of Madison, Macoupin, Greene, Jersey, and Calhoun. He urged Rotarians to support the United Way as human needs are growing with the shrinking job base.

Leadership givers are: Art Williams, Dave Bartosiak, Dr. Jim Brown, Steve Cousley, Bill Heintz, Bill Kessler, Cam Meredith, Steve Mottaz, Chuck Norman, Jim Towey, Fred Renshaw, and Jim White.

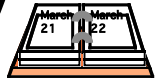
In 2001, United Way of Greater St. Louis completed the consolidation process with United Way Partnership in Alton, Illinois, which becomes known as the Southwest Illinois Division of the United Way of Greater St. Louis. The division reaches the Illinois counties of Madison, Macoupin, Calhoun, Jersey, and Greene.

Anyone wanting more information may call Lovejoy co-chair Steve Cousley, 462-4625 or Jeanene at 462-1234, Extension 13.
—Steve Cousley



Lend a Hand

Our Rotary Calendar



Jan 5 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. The Honorable William Mudge, Madison County State's Attorney will be the guest speaker.

Jan 12 Moonlight Restaurant
Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Students of the Month for January will be honored.

Jan 19 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Captain Meriwether Lewis of the Corp of Discovery will be the guest speaker to discuss plans to explore the Missouri.

Jan 26 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Club Assembly. By-Law changes will be presented for approval. A review of the 2003-2004 budget will be presented to the club.

Feb 2 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Details to be announced.

Feb 9 Moonlight Restaurant
Board of Directors meeting, 5:00

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Board Minutes for November

The November 10, 2003 meeting of directors of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club was called to order at 5:00 p.m., by President Mike McCormick. Others in attendance were Mike Seymour, Tom Juravich, Dave Walker, Bill Moyer, Ron Mayhew, Larry Thompson, Ford Phillips, Josh Farley, Sam Stemm, Jeanine Kelly, Dan Saeger, John Keller, Scott Neudecker, and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour

On a motion by Bill Moyer, seconded by Dave Walker the minutes were approved. On a motion by Dave Walker, seconded by Bill Moyer the treasurer's report was approved.

Monica Bristow was proposed for membership pending publication and attending two meetings.

In Community Service Jeannine Kelly presented a proposal of collecting coats for children again this year. A motion was made by Sam Stemm, seconded by Ford Phillips to have the coat collection.

In International Service, Bill Moyer said a representative from the International Foundation will be in Collinsville on November 13. Anyone interested in going to the meeting can meet at the Stratford Hotel at 6:00 p.m.

In Vocational Service, tonight is Student of the Month. Tom Juravich is going to get with Curt Martin and work on getting a club nominee to participate in the Rotary graduate program. A committee will be formed and refer the nominee to the District level.

In Community Service the Booth House Committee will meet before the November 17 meeting to discuss a project that Mike Tillman and his student group have put together. The committee also needs to meet concerning the grant application that was made available to us by Don Huber.

A request from the Alton Barbershop Chorus asking for a donation was forwarded to Community Service.

In old business \$1,354.25 was raised from

the Grampa Woo with the proceeds being donated to the YWCA. The pecans are being delivered tomorrow and will be distributed at the next meeting. 1608 pounds were ordered this year. Larry Thompson said he is looking at a numbered prints for the Community Creation Hometown Montage. The posters would be delivered to a framing person in town for pick up. There is no cost to us. The poster is paid for by advertising. There were some questions as to what this group is asking from the businesses. How is the Alton-Godfrey Rotary name going to be used in the solicitation?

In new business, on a motion by Larry Thompson the Board approved dropping 4 members due to non-attendance and non payment of dues. They are James Claywell, John Galbreath, Charles Parr, & Larry Reed.

The board appointed a committee of Mike McCormick, Larry Thompson, Mike Seymour, Dave Walker and Jeannine Kelly to review the club's by-laws. They will make recommendations of any changes they deem necessary.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Melissa Seymour, Executive Secretary

Rotary's polio work featured in *The Washington Post*

The efforts of clubs including the Rotary Club of Washington, D.C., USA, were recently highlighted in a 7 December 2003 article in *The Washington Post*. The article discusses service organizations' role in global health and describes the work and involvement of several individual Rotarians.

You can read the entire article by going to the webpage at: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A41920-2003Dec6.html>

December Treasurer's Report

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| Previous Balance | \$21,479.30 |
| cleared payments | -\$11,234.64 |
| cleared deposits | \$3,087.24 |
| Cleared Balance | \$13,241.90 |
| uncleared payments | -\$2,273.13 |
| uncleared deposits | \$3,037.74 |
| Account Balance | \$14,006.51 |

The Four-Way Test



The Four-Way Test grew out of a professional challenge faced by Herbert J. Taylor, a Rotarian who was hired in 1932 to run the faltering Club Aluminum Company of Chicago. Taylor reviewed the company's operations and found some failings in its practices, including advertising that promised more than the company could deliver. Hoping to reset the business on the path to solvency and integrity, Taylor, a deeply religious man who would later serve as RI president, sat at his desk, closed his eyes, and prayed. He then jotted down a 24-word code of ethics for his employees to follow in their personal and professional lives. That code became The Four-Way Test, a simple evaluation "of the things we think, say, or do"

- 1. Is it the Truth?**
- 2. Is it Fair to all concerned?**
- 3. Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships?**
- 4. Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?**

The Rotary Program...continued

p.m. Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Students of the Month for February will be honored.

Feb 16 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Details to be announced.

Feb 23 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Details to be announced. World Understanding and Peace Day and Rotary's anniversary.

March 1 St. Paul's Episcopal Church
18th Annual Chili Chowdown,
Serving 11 am - 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

March 8 Moonlight Restaurant
Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Students of the Month for March will be honored.

Mar 15 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Details to be announced.

Mar 22 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Details to be announced.

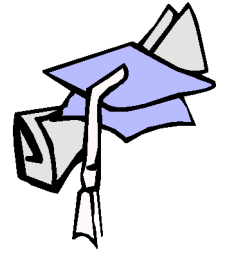
Mar 29 Lockhaven
Service Above Self Award Dinner.
6:00 p.m. Details to be announced.

April 5 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Details to be announced.

April 12 Moonlight Restaurant
Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Students of the Month for April will be honored.

April 19 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.
—Joel Copley/Bill Hoagland

Students of the Month



CLAIRE YANTA, a senior at Alton High School, and **MATTHEW WILTON**, 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 December at the Club's regular meeting at the Moonlight Restaurant on December 8th.

Claire Yanta is the daughter of Dr. Myles and Mary Yanta of Alton. Claire is in the top 10 per cent of her graduating class of 498. She has consistently earned a place on the high honor roll and has received numerous awards including selection for a KMOX student of Achievement award and a Gateway Young Achiever. She is a member of the National Honor Society.

She has participated in a number of organizations and held offices in many of them. She has been a member of the Student Council for three years and was selected as Junior Class President. She is the President of the International Quill & Scroll Society, a member of the Spanish Club of which she served as Vice President, a member of Amnesty International, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and participates in the Saturday student scholars program. She participated on the cheerleading squad her sophomore and junior years and was also a member of the Pom Dance Team her freshman year. She has been on the staff of the school newspaper for the past two years and is presently serving as the Copy Editor and Features Writer. She is a participant in the World Youth Science and Engineering program, was chairperson of the Junior/Senior Prom committee and was selected as Snow Queen at the annual Christmas dance held last year. Claire is very active in formal dance competing in a number of dance competitions.

Yanta has been busy with a variety of service activities including participation in Student Pride work projects, working at student blood drives sponsored by the Student Council, working as a Salvation Army Bell Ringer, and participating as a delegate in the Madison County Youth Forum.

Planning to pursue a major in Business and Human & Organizational Development, Yanta is undecided about which college she plans to attend.

Matthew Wilton is the son of Steven and Florence Wilton of Godfrey. He is a member of the school's National honor Society and consistently achieves the distinction of being on the high honor roll.

He is very involved with Marquette's Campus Ministry Program, is a Student Ambassador, and a member of the school's scholar bowl team. He serves as the Chaplain of the Honor Society.

Wilton is active in his local church, St. Ambrose, and helps people who are in need with home projects. Wilton plans to attend the University of Missouri at Rolla and major in engineering.

Mike McCormick, President of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club, presented each of the students with a plaque recognizing their selection to this honor.
—Tom Juravich, Student of the Month Chairman