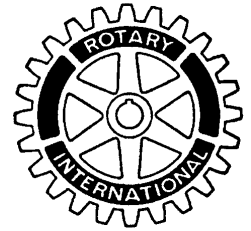


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Captain Meriwether Lewis visits Rotary

Scott Mandrell spoke to the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club on January 19, 2004 describing his experiences portraying the role of Captain Meriwether Lewis. The role began for Scott as he and his wife were working with the Fife and Drum Corps in St. Charles, Missouri. As 2004 was approaching and plans to commemorate the Lewis and Clark Expedition of 1804 were discussed, Scott was invited to portray Captain Meriwether Lewis for the national Lewis and Clark bicentennial commemoration (<http://www.lewisandclark.net/>).

Scott became a member of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club in 1999 just before becoming involved with the Lewis and Clark commemoration. Because of the time away from home the commemoration requires, Scott had to resign as an active member and on January 19th, the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club awarded Scott honorary membership. Now, as Scott continues West, he can visit Rotary clubs along the way as a member.

Scott is a nationally recognized living history presenter and portrayed Abraham Lincoln for the re-enactment of the Lincoln-Douglas debates which were shown on CSPAN in 1994. He is a teacher at Wydown Middle School in Clayton, Mo., and a former member of the Army's 3rd U.S. Infantry "The Old Guard" fife and drum corps.

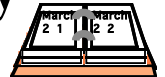
The re-enactment is well documented and is featured on the Apple Learning Interchange website (<http://ali.apple.com/>). Each Thursday, a live web event takes place so classrooms around the world can follow the re-enactment. Scott reported international interest in the project. He is keeping a daily journal and his entries are regularly posted on the Internet.

Scott began the journey on July 5, 2003 in Washington, D.C. riding on horseback to Fort Pitt, PA. This initial portion of the journey West took two weeks on horse-



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Our Rotary Calendar



Feb 2 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Congressman John Shimkus, 19th Congressional District, will bring an update on current issues.

Feb 9 Moonlight Restaurant
Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 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. Club Assembly. The club will vote on By-Law changes. The annual budget will be reviewed.

Feb 23 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. World Understanding and Peace Day and Rotary's anniversary. Gale Red, Commander of the Illinois Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, will describe the effort to find all the graves of known Confederate veterans who are buried in Illinois.

March 1 St. Paul's Episcopal Church
19th Annual Chili Chowdown,

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Board Minutes for December

The December 8, 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, Sharon Johnson, John Rain, Dan Saeger, Sam Stemm, Jeannine Kelly, Ford Phillips, Larry Hauck, Josh Farley, John Keller, Dave Walker, Ron Mayhew, Ed Morrissey and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour.

On a motion by Juravich, seconded by Phillips the minutes were approved. On motion by Juravich, seconded by Walker the treasurer's report was also approved.

In Community Service the Holiday concert and silent auction are scheduled for December 13. Christmas Wonderland at Rock Spring Park is December 9 and the Salvation Army bell ringing is December 20. There are still a few slots opened for the bell ringing.

In Vocational Service, tonight is Student of the Month.

In International, John Rain said with the help of the Jerseyville Club Dr. Schulmeister's equipment will be inventoried.

In Club Service, the by-law committee has not met yet. The committee will meet before 1/12 and have a proposal for the Club Assembly on 1/26. Larry Thompson went through the constitution from 1993. Rotary International controls the constitution but there are a few articles that can be changed. By-laws can be changed as long as they do not conflict with R.I. Concerning the Booth House Larry said there was a meeting with a Salvation Army representative and the architect but no design has been decided upon. He said we were not eligible for the grant Don Huber presented to us.

For the Foundation there is \$65,424.48 in the account. \$2,000.00 is dedicated to the Booth House.

In Correspondence, a note was received from Alton Marketplace thanking Rotary for the Christmas tree and all we have done at Lincoln-Douglas. Thank you

notes were received from past Students of the Month, Laura Ammann, and Emily Huebener. A letter was received from Robin Karpan who is sponsored by the Alton-Godfrey Rotary as part of the Group Study Exchange.

In old business, there are 20# of pecans left. After all are sold a profit of \$2,942.64 should be realized. The Community Creations Hometown Montage will have numbered prints available but nothing will be available until spring. Larry is waiting on word from the Growth Association on the number they are going to take. Ad rates are \$395.00. The most expensive ad will be those with a building resembling advertisers businesses.

In new business, on a motion by Dave Walker, seconded by Tom Juravich it was approved to hold the Alton-Godfrey Rotary golf tournament on September 17, 2004. Richard Rook will once again chair the event.

A past member wants to be reinstated into the Club. The Board decided that past members need to be proposed again and go through the entire process.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m. Respectfully submitted by,
Melissa Seymour, Executive Secretary

January Treasurer's Report

Previous Balance	\$13,241.90
cleared payments	-\$4,742.66
cleared deposits	\$11,963.48
Cleared Balance	\$20,462.72
uncleared payments	-\$8,812.25
uncleared deposits	\$2,760.07
Account Balance	\$14,410.54



back for Meriwether Lewis. Scott rode the distance using two horses in ten days. A portion of his journal entries follows.

"09 July, 2003 (Wednesday)

Resume my ride this morning at 0830hrs. Leave from western side of CharlesTown at the old Hull's Pump. This is where I had stopped last night and watered Sniper just as countless soldiers had done their horses during the Civil War. This spot was long known as a place where both man and horse could take refreshment. From here I headed West on Rt. 51. Shortly after leaving CharlesTown, I passed the Altona, a strikingly beautiful farm with a stone wall running the length of the property. It is likely that Lewis passed this very farm. Just beyond there was the ruin of an 18th Century church and the now defunct village of Piedmont. We continued on, Sniper and I, until we came to Harewood. This home, built in 1771 by George Washington's brother, is still in their family. Walter Washington lives here today. Our stop was brief as there were two horses in the paddock and Sniper was restless about it. From here we continued on until we came to the Old Middleway Road which took us left off of the main road and led into the historic village of Middleway. This crossroads, founded in 1735, was originally called Smithfield. Its place on the livery route later spurred the change. We were greeted by several inhabitants of the hamlet eager to share local history. The support team fed Sniper and me and we moved on. Out of this town we headed almost due West. It was not too terribly long before we were met with the prospect of crossing the Opequon Creek. This creek, which is more like a small river, separates Virginia and West Virginia. It's difficult in this region to know exactly what state you are in in some places. This is one of those places. Sniper and I forded the river with only my boots getting wet. He is a tremendous horse. We continue on and soon find ourselves in the midst of a gathering storm. Thunder and lightning soon envelope us and we move into the treeline. I change into my oilskin slicker and we hold for a little while in a depression in a clearing. Since both of us were wearing steel, low ground seemed like a good idea. The thunder storm passed and we proceeded on in the fairly heavy rain. Rain was the order of the day. Light traffic, however, made the going manageable. Today's route took us westward to Cross Junction, then to Slanesville and ultimately up to the Ft. Ashby/Cumberland area. Stop for the night."

The Rotary Program...continued

Serving 11 am - 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Mar 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 CC

Gordon F. Moore Service Above Self Award Dinner. Paul Lauschke to be honored. Cash Bar 5:30, Dinner 6:30 p.m.

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.

April 26 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Details to be announced.

May 3 Moonlight Restaurant

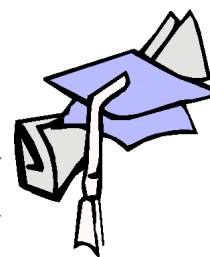
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Details to be announced.

May 10 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.

Joel Copley/Bill Hoagland

Students of the Month



STEVEN LAWRENCE, a senior at Alton High School, and **REBECCA LLOYD**, a senior at Mississippi Valley Christian School were honored by the Alton/Godfrey Rotary Club as the Students for the Month for the month of January at the Club's regular meeting at the Moonlight Restaurant on January 13th.

Rebecca Lloyd is the daughter of Randy and Deanna Lloyd of Godfrey. She has been consistently on the school's high honor roll since her freshman year. She has also been a member of the school's band and choral group, as well as a regular participant in the school's dramatic productions.

Rebecca has been a member of the volleyball team and served as the team's captain this year. She has also been closely associated with the basketball program serving as the team statistician. A regular participant in the Illinois Association of Christian Schools interscholastic contests she has competed in piano and speech and won 1st place in the piano competition for the past two years. This year she was also elected to the school's homecoming court.

Lloyd has been a regular on the annual Church Mission trip as well as being actively involved in the Church's Vacation Bible school. During her junior year she received the Christian Citizenship Award and this year she received first place in the Voice of Democracy Contest sponsored by the VFW. After graduation she plans to attend college and major in elementary education.

Steven Lawrence is the son of Stanley Lawrence of Alton. Steven has been a regular member on the school's honor roll and has been a participant in the school's upward bound and the minority student excellence programs. Related to his academic work, has been his service as a tutor for high school students in math and science including Honors Calculus and Physics.

Lawrence has been a member of the Redbird varsity basketball team serving as team captain. He was also recognized last year when selected as the Scholar Athlete of the Year. Other awards and recognition include election as Prom King at the annual prom last year. He was also presented with an Alton Administrator's Excellence in Education Award. In his spare time he works as a volunteer at the YMCA teaching basketball skills to youngsters. He is undecided regarding his plans after high school graduation.

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

Rotary Youth Exchange

Curt Martin reported recently that Bethany Boyer-Rechlin will be going to Finland on an International Rotary Youth Exchange. She spoke to our club last Fall and will address the club prior to her departure in July.