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From Our President

Rotary News

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Believe it or not, spring is just around the corner! Goodbye to the ice and snow, the power outages (we can only hope), the single-digit temperatures, and the general feeling of malaise we sometimes feel during the cold, dark days of winter. It's time to look forward to the warmer, longer days of spring, nature's new growth, being able to spend more time outdoors, and the overall regenerative feeling that spring offers. Spring is a time for renewal and growth and for regaining some of the energy we lost during the winter season!

Let's welcome spring by putting some of our newly acquired energy to work for Rotary! We have two important fundraisers coming up this spring – the Chili Chowdown, which is scheduled for March 19th, and the Golf Classic followed by an auction, which is scheduled for May 21st. Both of these events have always been very successful in raising money for the Club and, in turn, for the projects we support. Scott will be asking each of us to donate an item for the auction, so please be thinking about what you wish to donate. If you haven't participated in these events in the past, please try to do so. These events offer us a great opportunity for fun and fellowship!

Also, our first Steak Fry of the season is just around the corner, on April 16th. Let's kick off the season by inviting a friend to a Steak Fry this spring. What a wonderful way for us to meet new people and for these people to see what our Rotary family has to offer. As our sponsors shared the Rotary experience with us, let's also share the Rotary experience with others!

I'm looking forward to this spring season and wishing each of you the renewal, growth, and revitalization this season has to offer!

Yours in Rotary,
Jeannine



Rotary Programs



Mar 5 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Our speaker will be Michael Fitch, the new President and CEO at Alton Steel Company, who will discuss current market conditions in the steel industry and Alton Steel's focus over the next several years.

Mar 12 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 19 St. Paul Episcopal Church

22nd Annual Chili Chowdown, Serving 11 am - 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Mar 26 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Victor Pacini, a motivational and inspirational speaker and performer from Chicago who is working with Hayner Library on the Mission Recognition Program, will be our speaker.

Apr 2 Moonlight Restaurant

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

Apr 9 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.

Students of the Month

Nicole Busier, a senior at Alton High School, and Alex Schroeder, 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 February at the Club's regular meeting at the Moonlight Restaurant on February 12th.

The Student of the Month program was initiated by the Alton/ Godfrey Rotary Club to recognize the accomplishments of area youth. Students selected must be a senior and are selected on the basis of outstanding scholarship, participation in school activities, and/or community service activities. Students selected for this honor are recognized and presented with an award at a Rotary Club meeting and will be eligible to compete for a \$3000 scholarship which will be presented to one of the eighteen students honored as a "Student of the Month" during the school year. This is the tenth of the program and since the program started 169 students were honored from the three area high schools

Nicole Busier is the daughter of Dale and Mary Busier of Godfrey. Busier has been a regular on the Alton High School's high honor and honor rolls throughout her high school career. She has been a member of the band for seven years and a member of the Marching 100 for the past four years. She has also been an enthusiastic member of the school's pep band. A member of the girl's-bowling team, she was recognized with the team's Scholar Athlete Award.



Nicole whose interests in art and photography have made her a member of the Tatler staff and a participant in the Independent Media Arts program at Alton High. She plans to continue her education in art and photography at Lewis and Clark Community College before transferring. She is also an active participant in the school's community service credit program..

Alex Schroeder is the son of Dan and Martha Schroeder of Godfrey. During his four years at Marquette Alex has accumulated over a thousand service hours and has been the recipient of the Presidential Service Award



for his efforts. A regular on the school's honor roll Alex is active in school activities as a member of the school's football and baseball teams as well as serving on the staff of the school's newspaper.

A member of the St. Ambrose Youth group and the Campus Ministry, Alex believes in service to his fellow man and will be a member of the school's Mexico Mission Service Project this spring. After graduating for Marquette Alex plans to attend Illinois State University and major in Elementary Education.

Jeannine Kelly, President of the Rotary Club, presented each of the students with a plaque recognizing their selection to this honor.

Interact Guests



Recently, we have been visited by several members of Interact, our local high school sister club. On February 26, Betsy Carrow and Matt Schmidt, pictured above, were in attendance. Matt spoke about current Interact projects. Betsy has the dubious distinction of being related to two current Rotary members, Sam Stemm and Marty Carrow.

What do you know about District 6460?

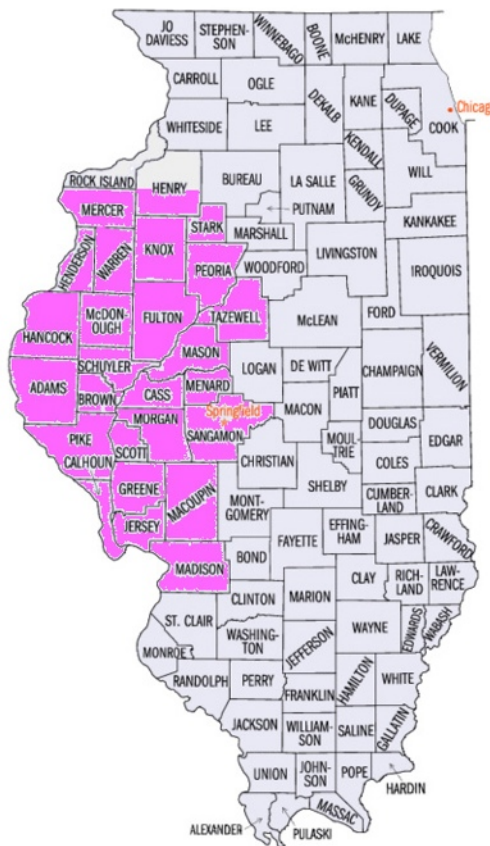
Larry Thompson, RI District 6460 Area 8 Assistant Governor

Rotary has been in existence since February 23, 1905, and in that time has grown to an international organization consisting currently of approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belonging to more than 32,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

Rotary International is divided into 34 zones and our club is located in Zone 29. Zone 29 has combined with Zone 30 and together includes western Kansas, western Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas, Northern Louisiana plus New Orleans, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois south of I-80. The front cover of the district directory includes a map showing the extent of Zone 29. Zones exist for the purpose of training district leadership, sharing and distributing information, and advancing the Object of Rotary.

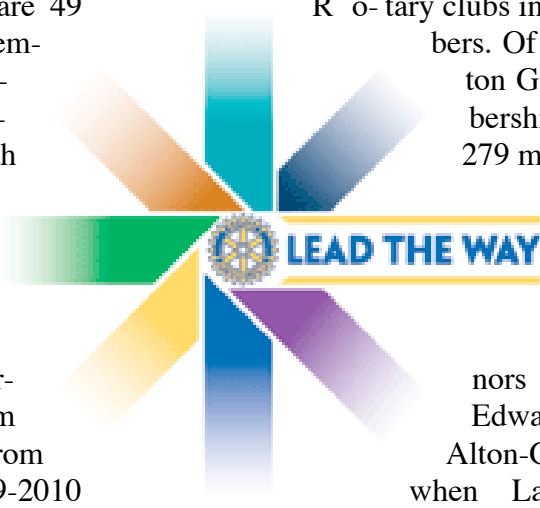
Our district is presently District 6460, but has had eight other names since the first districts were organized in 1915. Also on the front cover of this year's District Directory is a map of District 6460. The district covers 25 counties in-County. There are 49 about 2,500 mem-district, the Al-fourth in mem-largest club with

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Apr 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.

Apr 23 **Moonlight Restaurant**
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Fourth Quarter Club Assembly. Plans for 07-08 Rotary year to be announced. New committee organization presented.

Apr 30 **Moonlight Restaurant**
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Program to be announced.- Joel Copley, Bill Hoagland - Program Directors

More Ideas for Recruiting and Retaining Younger Members

- **Consider waiving certain fees or expenses for the first year or two.** Younger members who aren't yet fully invested in Rotary may be more apprehensive about committing to all of the financial obligations of club membership. Once they become involved in your club and dedicated to Rotary's mission, they may be more willing and able to pay the full amount.
- **Make sure meetings are efficient and productive.** Younger members, who often have competing priorities, are more interested in attending meetings that are conducted efficiently. Also, make sure your club has an appropriate balance of meetings and hands-on projects and activities.
- **Recruit "up-and-comers."** Managers who are on their way to becoming important business and professional leaders are often interested in the networking and professional development benefits of Rotary. Getting them invested in Rotary while young can help ensure their dedication to Rotary when they reach top-level management, executive status, or ownership positions.
- **Be open to the new ideas of younger members.** Maintaining the status quo in your club may bore and discourage them. Younger members will be more likely to stay in your club if their opinions are valued and appreciated — and if they aren't treated like junior members.

February Minutes

The February 12, 2007 meeting of directors of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club was called to order at 5:00 p.m., by President Jeannine Kelly. Others in attendance were, Ron Mayhew, Scott Neudecker, Bryan White, Roland Hansen, Mike Tillman, Tom Turpin, Mike Seymour, Mike Osborne, Rod Elias, Joel Copley, Josh Farley, Ford Phillips, Dana Eastman, Dick Jones, Bill Moyer, Larry Thompson and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour. Others in attendance, Jasper Fisher.

On a motion by Dick Jones, seconded by Ford Phillips the minutes were approved. On a motion by Dick Jones, seconded by Dana Eastman, the treasurer's report was approved.

Two new members have been proposed and approved, Craig Schaaf and E. J. Kuiper, but neither has been inducted into the Club. Rod Elias will contact E. J. Kuiper and Jeannine will ask Larry Hauck to speak to Craig Schaaf to see if they are still interested in membership.

In Club Administration, Dick Jones reported that there is \$27,000 in the Piasa Foundation account. Bryan White has spoken to the people who are purchasing DJ's and they have no interest in doing the steak fry. Moonlight is willing to do the steak fry for \$13.90 per person. In other business, Ron Mayhew is chairman of the Paul Harris Committee. Other members of the committee are Josh Farley, Jeannine Kelly, John Rain, and Larry Thompson.

In Club Public Relations, Jeannine reported that we did receive the \$1500.00 grant for WBGZ.

In membership, Joel Copley said there are speakers for all the dates in February and March. Sarah McGibany, from Alton Marketplace, will be next week's speaker. For the Chili Chowdown, Mike Seymour suggested March 19 for the date dependant on the availability of the church. On a motion by Rod Elias, seconded by Dana Eastman, it was approved to look at the 3/19 date.

In Service Projects, Scott Neudecker and Mike McCormick will co-chair the golf tournament. Mike will be the golf chair, and Scott will take care of advertising and the auction. The tournament is scheduled for May 21, 2007 at Rolling Hills. They are also thinking of lowering the price this year.

For the Rotary Foundation, Bill Moyer said there is no final report on the cataract project.

In mail/correspondence a request was received from the Ursuline Convent for help purchasing a new generator. This was referred to the Service Projects committee. A request was received from the Growth Association asking for monetary help in repairing the Welcome to Riverbend signs. Several organizations, including Rotary, already pay a fee for maintenance of these signs. Jeannine asked Bill Moyer to check on

what is done with the yearly maintenance fees.

In old business, concerning the Rotary Fountain, Jeannine spoke with Mike Drake and he will give us an update at a meeting. Mike Seymour saw no advantage in having Drake come to a meeting. Moyer asked if Rotary could do the finishing touches to the fountain. He also said Rotary needs to find out what the City is doing about the signage. Mike Seymour said we had no control over the project, there were no checks. Scott Neudecker suggested we step forward and help with the landscaping and have control over that. Jeannine and Scott are going to meet with Mike Drake and report to the Board. Joel Copley, concerning the Lars Hoffman Park, said that Godfrey is holding onto the Rotary money until they receive the matching grants.

For the International Service Project, Dick Jones contacted Bea Schulmeister to see if she had an appraisal survey of Mel's dental equipment. She said it was \$15,000, and Dick will bring the appraisal to the Board.

Dana Eastman said there will be a total of 3 students from Alton High and Marquette Catholic going to the Works Affairs Seminar

Ron Mayhew had no new report on the additional literacy project. He will make a presentation at the Club Assembly.

In new business a request was received from Pride, Inc. asking Rotary to place a \$100.00 ad in their annual meeting program book. On a motion by Bryan White, seconded by Dana Eastman this expenditure was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Seymour, Executive Secretary

January Report

Previous Balance	\$12,753.57
cleared payments	7,329.23
cleared deposits	3,754.11
Cleared Balance	9,178.45
uncleared payments	1,198.58
uncleared deposits	0.00
Account Balance	7,979.87
New Payments	1,818.29
New Deposits	563.00
Ending Balance	6,724.58

Club Officers 2005-2006

President.....	Jeannine Kelly
	25 Logan Road, Alton, 465-0123
Vice-President.....	Josh Farley
	1211 Callahan Dr, Alton, 465-5257
Secretary.....	Scott Neudecker
	5212 Richland Woods Dr., Alton, 462-4697
Treasurer.....	Ford Phillips
	1007 Henry St., Alton, 463-0769
Executive Secretary.....	Melissa Seymour
	3026 Edwards St., Alton, 462-7206

Board of Directors 2005-2006

Allen McBride-3rd yr	Dan Saeger-2nd yr
Martha Morse-3rd yr	Tom Turpin-2nd yr
Mike Seymour-3rd yr	Joel Copley-1st yr
Mike Tillman-3rd yr	Dana Eastman-1st yr
Bryan White-3rd yr	Rod Elias-1st yr
Ron Mayhew-2nd yr	Roland Hansen-1st yr
Bill Moyer-2nd yr	Dick Jones-1st yr
Mike Osborne-2nd yr	Sharon Johnson-PP