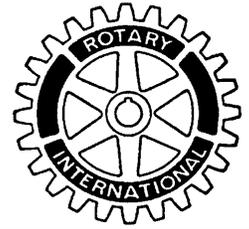


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Michael St. Peters	Larry Thompson
Dave Walker	Gene Watt
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## JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

**KRISTINA KOENIG**, a senior at Alton High School, and **SAMUEL BROWN**, a senior at Mississippi Valley Christian School were honored by the Alton/Godfrey Rotary Club as the Students of the Month for the month of January at the Club's regular meeting at the Alton Holiday Inn on January 7th.



The Student of the Month program was initiated by the Alton/Godfrey Rotary Club four years ago to recognize the accomplishments of area youth. Students selected must be a junior or 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 \$2500 scholarship which will be presented to one of the eighteen students honored as a "Student of the Month,, during the school year.

**Kristina Koenig** is the daughter of Ralph and Debra Koenig of Alton. She has been on the schools honor roll throughout her high school career and has been very active with the color line of the Marching 100. She received the Senior Award for her four year participation from the Marching 100 Flag Line and various competition awards as a member of the Marching 100 Color Guard. She has also been active with the school's Chorus, Advance Choir, and the Concert Choir. She received a 2nd place award in the IMEA choral contest last year.

Kristina was also selected as the Sun Burst queen of Alton in a local beauty contest. She has been involved with the Pom Pon squad her sophomore year and has been an active member of the social studies club participating in a variety of fund raising projects to support the programs of the Marching 100 and the social studies club.

Kristina has been extremely active with volunteer work in community

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## The Rotary Program



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

**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

**March 4** **St. Paul Episcopal**  
17th Annual Chili Chowdown, Serving 11 am - 1 pm, 4:30 pm - 7 pm

**March 11** **Holiday Inn**  
Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 pm. Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Stu-

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## Board Minutes for December

The December 10, 2001 meeting of directors of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club was called to order at 5:00 p.m., by President Sam Stemm. In attendance were Mike Seymour, Tom Juravich, John Rain, Bill Moyer, Allen Klope, Mike McCormick, Sharon Johnson, Larry Thompson, Don Miller, Terry Woefel, Ed Morrissey, Mike St. Peters, Bob Fowler, John Keller, Pete Zimmer and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour. Other present were Steve Tassinari, Scott Neudecker and Bill Hoagland.

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

In old business Walker reported that the membership book went to press last week and 150 copies are being printed. He thanked Tom Juravich for his help in completing the data information. A fourth location for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing has been added this year at Fast Eddie's Bon Air. The Welcome to Alton sign dedication is scheduled for December 11, 2001. Congressman Jerry Costello, Representative Steve Davis, and Mayor Donald Sandidge will be in attendance.

The Wadlow Chair Project was tabled at the last meeting for various reasons one of which was a concern over liability. Stemm received an E-mail from Rotary International stating that Alton-Godfrey Rotary does have liability coverage. At this time Steve Tassinari stated his safety concerns over the difficulty of getting in and out of the chair and asked "are we inviting children to climb on the chair unsupervised". Bill Hoagland stated that playground equipment today is very sophisticated and designed by experts

in the safety field. He suggested that we should have someone look at the chair design and make sure it is safe. He also said that the Club should be added as an additional insured on SIUE's insurance. Scott Neudecker said this has been an ongoing project for a year and a half and he doesn't want us to back away from it because of a liability concern. SIUE will be the owner of the chair once it is completed.

Stemm asked for a motion to bring the original motion back to the floor. The motion was made by Moyer, seconded by Thompson and passed 13 aye, 2 nay. Discussion followed with Moyer saying the primary purpose of the chair is not to be a playground but rather to show the size of furniture required by Robert Wadlow. Walker asked if we needed to commit an amount as large as \$16,000 but said he is in favor of the project. Seymour asked if we wanted to spend 20% of the Piasa Foundation funds on one project. In response to questions Neudecker said the chair will be located to the side and behind the statue. SIUE will not allow them to increase the area for bricks but the layout will be reconfigured to accommodate more bricks. Juravich pointed out that Stemm had appropriated only \$10,000 in the budget from the Piasa Foundation for projects this year and we are looking to commit \$16,000 to one project. A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Morrissey to amend the original motion to state "funding of up to \$7,500.00 from the Piasa Foundation". The vote to amend the motion passed as did the

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### December Treasurer's Report

Previous Balance	\$11,165.05
cleared payments	-\$11,086.25
cleared deposits	\$8,929.83
Cleared Balance	\$9,008.63
uncleared payments	-\$5,060.90
uncleared deposits	\$2,270.50
Account Balance	\$6,218.23

## FIRST NAMES OR NICK-NAMES

From the earliest days of Rotary, members have referred to each other on a first-name basis. Since personal acquaintanceship and friendship are cornerstones of Rotary, it was natural that many clubs adopted the practice of setting aside formal titles in conversations among members. Individuals who normally would be addressed as Doctor, Professor, Mister, the Honorable or Sir are regularly called Joe, Bill, Charley or Jerry by other Rotarians. The characteristic Rotary club name badge fosters the first-name custom.

In a few areas, such as Europe, club members use a more formal style in addressing fellow members. In other parts of the world, mainly in Asian countries, the practice is to assign each new Rotarian a humorous nickname which relates to some personal characteristic or which is descriptive of the member's business or profession. A member nicknamed "Oxygen" is the manufacturer of chemical gas products. "Trees" is the nickname for the Rotarian in the lumber business, "Building" is the contractor, "Paper" is the stationery or office supply retailer. Other members might carry nicknames like "Muscles," "Foghorn" or "Smiles" as commentaries on their physical features.

The nicknames are frequently a source of good-natured fun and fellowship. But whether a Rotarian is addressed by a given first name or a nickname, the spirit of personal friendship is the initial step which opens doors to all other opportunities for service.

(Excerpt from the series of short articles about Rotary first published in the weekly bulletin of the Rotary Club of North Stockton, California, written by Cliff Dochterman, president of RI 1992-93.)

dents of the Month for March will be honored.

**March 18** **Holiday Inn**  
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Norma Glazebrook will discuss Make a Wish Foundation

**March 25** **Holiday Inn**  
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Program to be announced.

**April 1** **Holiday Inn**  
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Program to be announced.

**April 6 MacMurray College, Jacksonville**  
District Assembly, (All Club Officers and Directors as well as Executive Secretaries)

**April 8** **Holiday Inn**  
Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 pm. Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Students of the Month for April will be honored.

—Dorothy Hutchinson-Gross

#### December Minutes...continued

amended motion.

In new business Bob Fowler was appointed to the Board to complete Chuck Eighner's term.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa Seymour, Exec. Secretary



## January Students of the Month ... cont.

agency activities. She has worked on projects for the Oasis Abuse Center, the 5 A's Animal Shelter, The Salvation Army, and donated and actively collected food for local shelters. She has been very active in her church volunteering for the church nursery and participating in youth and neighborhood group activities.

Upon graduation Koenig plans to enroll in Western Illinois University where she plans to major in advertising and marketing.

**Samuel Brown** is the son of Richard and Victoria Brown of Alton. He has been on the school's honor roll throughout his attendance there and has a 3.56 grade point average. He has been selected to Who's Who Among American High School Students for the past three years and recently received a third place award in the Voice Democracy Essay contest.

Brown has been very active in school activities participating in the school band and choir throughout his high school attendance. He has been a member of the school's basketball team, has been active in drama and is presently serving on the yearbook staff. He was elected by class mates as vice president of his senior class.

Brown is very active in his church serving as a member of young adults committee, a substitute Sunday school teacher, a church usher, and a member of the choir at Faith Baptist Church. Upon graduation he plans to enroll at Northland [WI] Baptist Bible College and major in Pastoral Studies

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

### 17th Annual Chili Chowdown

March 4, 2002

Serving

11 am - 1 pm, 4:30 pm - 7 pm



## Attendance-The First Principle of Rotary

Members can make up attendance by attending meetings of another club.

Club	Location	Day	Time
Jerseyville	Peace United Church of Christ	Monday	12:00 noon
Wood River	6th & Penning Ave.	Monday	12:00 noon
Granite City	Niedringhaus United Methodist	Tuesday	12:00 noon
Bethalto	Villa Rose	Wednesday	6:30 p.m.
Land of Goshen	Rusty's Restaurant	Wednesday	12:00 noon
East Alton	Wood River Township Hospital	Thursday	12:00 noon
Edwardsville	St. John's United Methodist	Thursday	12:00 noon