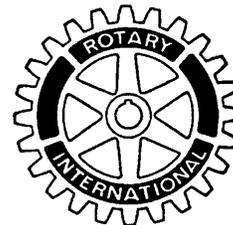


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Alton-Godfrey Rotary Centennial Project One step at a time

In the June 2002 issue of *The Rotarian*, we read the first article describing Rotary International's celebration of its 100th year. This 100th anniversary article was titled, "The Countdown Begins" and described among other events, a club Centennial Community Project. The criteria were outlined as:

- fulfill a clearly identifiable community need.
- provide a solution that has measurable results.
- involve the active participation of Rotarians (as opposed to simply providing funding to another organization).
- create a permanent sign, plaque, or inscription at the project site that identifies both the sponsoring Rotary club and Rotary's Centennial year.

The article went on to describe possible projects and the first suggestion was, "providing low cost housing for the homeless."

A few weeks after the article came out (and shortly after Don Miller resigned as vice president moving Mike and I up one year), Bill Moyer called me to bring the article to my attention. At that time the deadline for registering our project was January 1, 2003.

At a club assembly on September 30, 2002, I spoke to the club about the centennial project and asked club members to come forth with suggestions. Several ideas were brought up in following weeks including renovation of the street trees project started by Rotarian Gordon F. Moore in the early 70's, renovation of the Grand Theater into a community center for the performing arts, and construction of a new Booth House for the Salvation Army.

In the October 2002 *Ratchet* the following article appeared. "Planning for our club's participation in this centennial year begins now. A timeline will be distributed at the next club assembly and discussion will be held to plan a centennial year club project for our community. Keeping in mind the comments of SAA Dick Jones at the steak fry, we should focus on a club project which will involve nearly everyone in our club working to-

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Our Rotary Calendar



August 4 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Jim Burns, Illinois Inspector General will discuss the duties of his office.

Aug 11 Moonlight Restaurant
Board of Directors Meeting 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Club Assembly featuring the Booth House Centennial Project.

August 18 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.

Aug 25 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Details to be announced.

September 1 No Meeting
Labor Day

Sept 8 Moonlight Restaurant
Board of Directors Meeting 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Students of the Month - Spouses Night. The District 6460 governor, Rod Buffington will address the club with information from district 6460 and Rotary International.

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Board Minutes for June

The June 9, 2003 meeting of directors of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club was called to order at 5:00 p.m., by President Ed Morrissey. Others in attendance were Mike Seymour, Tom Juravich, Dave Walker, Sharon Johnson, Bill Moyer, Larry Hauck, John Rain, Ron Mayhew, Dan Saeger, Larry Thompson, Sam Stemm, Larry Thompson, Jeanine Kelly and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour.

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

There was no report for Community Service or International Service.

In Vocational Service, tonight is the Student of the Year presentation. Tom Juravich said this is the Club's sixth year for Student of the Year program.

In Club Service there were no new members proposed. There was discussion that prospective members should attend a number of meetings in a row before induction. This was referred to the membership committee.

Larry Thompson will be the Club president in the Centennial Year of Rotary International. His project for that year is sponsoring the Salvation Army Booth House addition. He is looking for suggestions on how to proceed. \$2,000.00 was given to the Club by the East End Association. On a motion by Moyer, seconded by Walker the Board approved putting this money in the Foundation account with it reserved for use on this project. Von Vandiver suggested having a meeting at the Army and tour the Booth House and see the needs for ourselves.

The resignation of Dorothy Hutchinson-Gross from the Board was accepted.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Seymour,
Executive Secretary



Lend a Hand

Centennial Project - One step at a time...cont.

gether to create something which the Alton-Godfrey Rotary deserves to call our centennial project. As you drive around our community, look for something where 100 volunteers can devote their time and talent. —Larry Thompson, 2004-2005 President”

There was a club assembly on November 25, 2002 where the nominating committee submitted its slate of officers for the coming year and the centennial project was among the topics for discussion. Our registration for the project still had not been submitted when, in December, Rotary International announced they were extending the deadline to June 30, 2003.

In February, Ed Morrissey, Mike McCormick, and I (Larry Thompson) met with Jeannine Kelly, chairperson of the community service committee. The February Board Meeting Minutes contains the following: “In Community Service, Jeannine Kelly, reported that she met last week with Ed Morrissey, Mike McCormick and Larry Thompson to discuss their ideas for a centennial project. A project that they are looking at is the addition to the Booth House.”

The club conducted another club assembly at the Oblate Green House on April 28, 2003 where I presented the Booth House idea to the club.

On Wednesday, May 7, 2003, Ed Morrissey invited Bill Moyer, Von Vandiver, and I (Larry Thompson) to attend a ground breaking ceremony for a housing project being constructed in Madison, IL. Ed introduced us to a number of individuals who could be involved in arranging funding for the Booth House project.

Later in May, I met with Von Vandiver at the Salvation Army to discuss details of the project and put together a concept of the building. In the *May Ratchet*, I wrote an article describing the project and included an aerial photo of the lot adjacent to the Salvation Army building.

At the June 9, 2003 board meeting, under new business, I presented the idea to the board for discussion and asked how to proceed. I asked for a motion and reported the project registration deadline was June 30. No motion was considered necessary. I completed the registration form and submitted our centennial project idea to Rotary International in June.

Our club held a regular meeting on August 4, 2003 where SAA Dick Jones addressed the club expressing concerns about the selected centennial project. A number of comments followed including, “I think we have

The Rotary Program...continued

Sept 15 Busch Stadium
Club will gather in Power Alley. Game Time 7:10 between the Cardinals and Brewers.

Sept 22 Rolling Hills
Steak Fry at the Rolling Hills Golf Course Club House 6:00 p.m. Golf outing to precede. Contact Mike McCormick for details.

September 29 Salvation Army
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. The club's centennial project will be featured with a tour of the facility being replaced with a new Booth House.

October 4 Rolling Hills
Alton-Godfrey Rotary Golf Tournament

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

Oct 13 Moonlight Restaurant
Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Students of the Month for October will be honored. A club member will provide an update, news, and events related to their vocation.

October 20 Grandpa Woo
Annual Cruise aboard the Grandpa Woo boat. Rotarians and guests will gather at the Alton Marina at 4:00. Departure is at 4:30 and we will return at 8:00 pm. Proceeds from this cruise will benefit Rotary and the YWCA.

—Joel Copley/Bill Hoagland

July Treasurer's Report

Previous Balance	\$3,161.42
cleared payments	-\$974.63
cleared deposits	\$3,381.66
Cleared Balance	\$5,568.45
uncleared payments	-\$2,902.76
uncleared deposits	\$2,171.67
Account Balance	\$4,837.36

Centennial Project - One step at a time...cont.

the cart before the horse here." Alton-Godfrey Rotary is not an ordinary cart horse. Instead, AGR is a thoroughbred with surprising talent, dedication, and perseverance. Alton-Godfrey Rotary is the one organization with the ability to meet the considerable challenge of building a new Booth House.

At a recent rotary meeting, as one member described the character of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary as a team where each member shares in its success and described several of our club's accomplishments, I felt confident that our club could meet the considerable challenge to build a new Booth House for the Salvation Army. We need everyone in the club to support this project.

At our next club board meeting and at our next club assembly, each member is asked to voice and clarify all questions we might have regarding this project. With a clear understanding and unified purpose, Alton-Godfrey Rotary can achieve our centennial project goal.

Instead of the cart before the horse, the horse is out of the gate, the windows are down, and we are approaching the first turn. Just as Seabiscuit beat Horse of the year, War Admiral by four lengths, we can all work together to meet this challenge.

—Larry Thompson,
2004-2005 President



Seabiscuit wins!



Seabiscuit, the Thoroughbred