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From The President

Rotary Programs



Fellow Rotarians:

As we move into Rotary's Second Century, it is important to have a good perspective about Rotary's future. In order to understand our future, we must also understand our past. Rotary's core values are timeless. They have been shaped by events in Rotary's history. "Rotary is an organization of businesses and professional persons united world wide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocation, and help build goodwill and peace in the world." (RI Board of Directors, 1976)

Rotary, as you know, was born in Chicago on February 23, 1905. Paul Harris met with 3 other gentlemen to create the world's first Rotary Club. Rotary became one of the world's most respected nongovernmental organizations. World events have shaped Rotary, but Rotary also has shaped history. From the toppling of the Twin Towers to the tumbling of the Berlin Wall to the humbling of a president. Rotary was there. Rotary has changed with the times. Today Rotary is truly international, an organization that reflects the accelerating changes. One of the most substantial changes in Rotary during the last 20 years has been its growing diversity.

Aug 1 Moonlight Restaurant
 Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Program to be announced.

Aug 8 Moonlight Restaurant
 Board of Directors Meeting 5:00 p.m.
 Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Brent Thompson, President of the Jersey County Business Assoc., will discuss the Route 67 Corridor and the current situation which will directly impact both Godfrey and Jerseyville.

Aug 15 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 22 Moonlight Restaurant
 Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Three students, Scott Yanta, Jay Brefeld, and Laura Kuchnicki will speak about their Rotary sponsored experiences.

Aug 29 Moonlight Restaurant
 Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Richard Erdmann, an attorney from Belleville will be our speaker. His topic will be a "Musical Tribute to Rotary International".

Sep 5 No Meeting
 Labor Day

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Rotary's Guiding Principles

Throughout Rotary's history, several basic principles have been developed to guide rotarians in achieving the ideal of service and high ethical standards.

Object of Rotary First formulated in 1910 and adapted throughout the years as Rotary's mission expanded, the Object of Rotary provides a succinct definition of the organization's purpose as well as the club member's responsibilities.

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

First. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

Second. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

Third. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

Fourth. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Classification Principle This system ensures that each club's membership reflects the business and professional composition of its community. Under this system, each member's classification is based on his or her business or profession; the number of members holding that classification is limited according to the size of the club. The goal is professional diversity, which enlivens the social atmos-

phere of the club and provides a rich resource of occupational expertise to carry out service projects and provide club leadership.

Avenues of Service

- **Club Service** focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the effective functioning of the club.

- **Vocational Service** encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards.

- **Community Service** covers the projects and activities the club undertakes to improve life in its community.

- **International Service** encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the globe and promote world understanding and peace.

The Four-Way Test

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?*

From *The Rotarian* - Aug, 2005



SERVICE Above Self

Rotary is truly international-a multicultural, multi linguistic, multi generational and multi everything kind of organization. From the move to welcome women, to the upsurge of foreign language clubs in major cities. Rotary has transformed itself. In 1987 the question being ask was "Do women belong in Rotary?" In 1987 Rotary Clubs in the US began admitting women following a Supreme Court Decision. Since 1989 850,000 females have become Rotarians. The integration of women into the organization's leadership structure has been rapid. By 1997-98 nearly 2,000 of the 20,000 clubs world wide had women presidents. Today more the 10% of all Rotarians in the world are women. Rotarians do not consider the roles of women in Rotary to be an issue. There are NO men and women in Rotary, only Rotarians.

Just the face of Rotary has changed, but Rotary's commitment to service has not changed. In Rotary we know love by a different name, SERVICE ABOVE SELF. This is why in 2000, I became a Rotarian, I wanted to serve.

Rotarians are not only committed, to SERVICE ABOVE SELF, but to all the fundamental aspects of Rotary, like the 4 Way Test arising out of the 1930s and the Great Depression. We Rotarians use the 4 Way Test to guide our daily decisions. Today our 4 Way Test appears on highway billboards, in school rooms, halls of government and on the walls of businesses the world over.

In 1921, our AGR Club was born with William Reavis, Superintendent of Schools, as our club's first president. There were 26 charter members. Today our AGR club has 120 members. We have come a long way in 85 years with many accomplishments under the leadership of our past presidents.I will build on their laurels. have some big shoes to fill. But, I am not worried because I am not alone. I am a small part of a great team of players.The frame work of an effective club.

My goals stated are the elements of an effective club. They are as follows:

- 1) To develop and implements a comprehensive plan for the recruitment and retention of members focusing on diversity.
- 2) To implement successful educational, humanitarian and vocational projects that address the needs of our community and communities in other countries.
- 3) To support The Rotary Foundation through both financial contributions and program participation
- 4) To promote ourselves better with promotion of our accomplishments and activities and information about our club's service projects to enhance our club's image. A positive perception of Rotary and its members helps membership recruitment efforts and assists in attracting community support both financial and volunteers for club service activities.
- 5) To increase our fund raising efforts with a minimum goal of \$25,000.00 to support our community project and to increase our student scholarship
- 6) To expand relationships with Interact and Rotaract Clubs and thereby start our own Interact Club, the future Rotarians of the world.
- 7) To involve spouses and families of club members more in Rotary activities, "Rotary is a family affair."
- 8) To initiate an ongoing recognition and award program within our club.

We Rotarians are "Movers and Shakers." We will accomplish our goals through Fun, Fellowship and Fund Raising.

In closing, I would like to end with a quote from Bill Moyers, Journalist former press secretary to US President Lyndon B. Johnson, Rotary Foundation alumnus : "So when you ask, "Can Rotarians do anything, I answer: Rotarians can do everything."

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Sharon Johnson

Service Above Self

Sep 12 Moonlight Restaurant
Board of Directors Meeting 5:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Students of the Month for September will be introduced.

Sep 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.

Sep 26 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. First Quarter Club Assembly

- Joel Copley, Bill Hoagland - Program Directors

How To Keep A Healthy Level Of Insanity

- At lunch time, sit in your parked car w/sunglasses on and point a hair dryer at passing cars. See if they slow down.
- Page yourself over the intercom. Don't disguise your voice.
- Every time someone asks you for something, ask if they want fires with that.
- Put your garbage can on your desk and label it "IN".
- Put decaf in the coffee maker for 3 weeks. Once everyone has gotten over their caffeine addictions, switch to espresso.
- In the memo field of all your checks, write 'for sexual favors'.
- Specify that you drive-through order is "to go".
- Call the psychic hotline and don't say anything.
- Tell your children over dinner, "Due to the economy, we are going to have to let one of you go".

Submitted by Gene Crivello

June Minutes

The June 13, 2005, meeting of directors of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club was called to order at 5:00 p.m., by President Larry Thompson. Others in attendance were Mike Seymour, Tom Juravich, Bill Moyer, Larry Hauck, Scott Neudecker, Sam Stemm, Alien McBride, Mike McCormick, Sharon Johnson, Ron Mayhew, Jeannine Kelly, David Walker, Mike Tillman, John Keller, and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour.

On a motion by Scott Neudecker, seconded by Mike Seymour, the minutes were approved. On a motion by Dave Walker, seconded by Jeannine Kelly, the treasurer's report was approved.

In Community Service, Larry Thompson attended a meeting concerning the new organization sign that will be placed at the approach to Godfrey on Rt. 67. Rotary is to supply a 30" sign for the billboard. Correspondence from the following was referred to Community Service, Friends of Haskell House letter asking for donations for playground equipment; City of Alton monument; Community Literacy Project.

In Vocational Service, no report.

In International Service Bill Moyer said that he has not heard from the two students who attended the World Affairs Seminar. A request from Marion Medical Mission for water wells was referred to International Service.

In Club Service, Sharon Johnson said the cost of the Annual Dinner is \$25.00. The new computer for the club is here. There was no report on the status of the Montage Prints project. There are still outstanding receipts for the Chili Chowdown. The board decided to print these names in the Ratchet. No date has been set for the Gordon Moore Community Service Award. Larry Thompson

had no updates on the Booth House. He said the purchase of the property is pending. Bill Moyer feels we should advise the donors where the project stands.

In new business a request was received from the Mississippi Fireworks Festival asking for a donation. Bill Moyer said the Club has donated to this in the past. The board approved a donation of \$300,00.

In correspondence a letter was received from Judge John Ikongbeh, from Nigeria, who had previously visited our Club as part of GSA several years ago. He is coming to Alton in July and would like to visit with our Club. .

Larry Thompson announced as his President's gift, he is giving R.I \$500.00 in Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club's name. Mike Seymour, along with the rest of the Board, thanked Larry for a great past year.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Seymour, Executive Secretary

June Report

Previous Balance	\$10,758.94
cleared payments	9,672.68
cleared deposits	3,722.79
Cleared Balance	4,809.05
uncleared payments	3,854.21
uncleared deposits	6,625.00
Account Balance	7,579.79
New Payments	504.49
New Deposits	2,597.49
Ending Balance	9,672.84

Club Officers 2005-2006

President.....	Sharon Johnson 301 Prospect, Alton, 465-8244
Vice-President.....	Jeanine Kelly 25 Logan Road, Alton, 465-0123
Secretary.....	Josh Farley 1420 Liberty, Alton, 462-5257
Treasurer.....	Martha Morse 7012 Godfrey Road, Godfrey, 466-1859
Executive Secretary.....	Melissa Seymour

Board of Directors 2005-2006

Larry Hauck-3rd yr	Mike Tillman-2nd yr
Tom Juravich-3rd yr	Tom Wyatt-2nd yr
John Keller-3rd yr	Ron Mayhew-1st yr
Sam Stemm-3rd yr	Bill Moyer-1st yr
Dave Walker-3rd yr	Scott Neudecker-1st yr
Allen McBride-2nd yr	Dan Saeger-1st yr
Ford Phillips-2nd yr	Terry Woefel-1st yr
Mike Seymour-2nd yr	Larry Thompson-PP