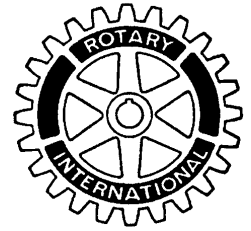


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From the President ...

Another Rotary year is under way; the 81st for the Alton-Godfrey Club. It is quite humbling to reflect on the contributions to the community and the world made by this club over the past 80 years. It is quite a challenge to live up to the standards set by this club over that time period.

But I'm confident that working together, we can reach and exceed those standards. Working together, we can accomplish whatever we set our minds and hearts on.

Our primary challenge over the months ahead is to expand our horizons. There are many potential Rotarians in this community who need only be invited to share in the experience which is Rotary. My goal is to induct at least one new member every month. This is a modest goal and one that we can reach and exceed without much trouble. All it takes is for each of us to reach out to a business acquaintance, a friend, a newcomer to town, and invite them to join with us.

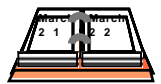
By growing our membership, we will also increase the possibilities of what this club can accomplish. By growing the membership, we can expand the rewards to ourselves; the rewards we'll reap by developing friendships with those we bring into the fold.

Please join with me in proposing a new member into the club. If you're not sure what the procedure is, check with our membership chair, Terry Woelfel. He'll walk you through the process.

We can also strengthen our club by increasing the weekly participation in Rotary by all members. Far too many of us fall short of the required 60%

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The Rotary Program



July 23 **Holiday Inn**
 Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Don Miller / Larry Trent from the River Bend Growth Association will be presenting an update on the I-255 project.

July 30 **Holiday Inn**
 Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Doug Arnold, President, Greater Alton Twin Rivers Convention and Visitor's Bureau will be presenting an update on visitor activities and upcoming events in the River Bend area.

Aug 6 **Holiday Inn**
 Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Details to be announced.

Aug 13 **Rolling Hills**
 Steak Fry (date change - due to Dist. Gov. attending 8/20 meeting)

Aug 20 **Holiday Inn**
 Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. District Governor Susie Smith will be our guest. (NOTE: Board meeting has been changed to August 20th at 5:00 p.m. so the board can meet with Ms. Smith prior to the Rotary meeting)

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ALTON-GODFREY ROTARY CLUB HONORS LUKE SLAUGHTER AS STUDENT OF THE YEAR FOR 2000-2001



Luke Slaughter accepting the award from Allen Klope at the annual meeting on June 25, 2001 with Student of the Year program chairman, Tom Juravich, looking on.

LUKE SLAUGHTER, son of Cynthia and Michael Slaughter of Alton and a graduating senior at Marquette Catholic High School was selected as "STUDENT OF THE YEAR" for 2000-2001 by the Alton/Godfrey Rotary Club. He was selected from among 18 "Students of the Month" from Alton, Marquette Catholic, and Mississippi Valley Christian High Schools who were honored by the Club during the 2000-2001 school year. With his selection comes a \$2500 scholarship applicable to tuition and fees at the college of his choice. He was honored at the June 11th meeting of the Alton/Godfrey Rotary Club which was held at the Alton Holiday Inn. Slaughter was presented the award by Allen Klope, President of the Rotary Club, and Te Tee Hong, last year's Rotary Student of the Year. His mother and father accepted the award for Slaughter who was traveling in France with a group of students.

Luke Slaughter was honored as Marquette Catholic High School "Student of the Month" for November. He has a distinguished academic record at Marquette and has been very active in student activities, athletics, and service activities. He has been named an Illinois State Scholar and has received a University of Missouri Alumni Scholarship. He plans to attend the University of Missouri majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

Slaughter has been a student leader at Marquette where he served as president of the Student Council during this past year. He was selected as class president and a member of the Student Council each year he has been enrolled at Marquette. He has been a member of the school's football and tennis teams throughout high school and was selected as captain of the football and tennis teams his senior year. Slaughter has also participated in basketball and weight training. He has served as a Student Ambassador, a member of the Thespians, and was a member of the homecoming court this past fall.

Slaughter has received numerous honors and awards including the DAR Good Citizenship Award, the Post Dispatch Student of the Week, The Natural History and Government Award, the Principal's Leadership Award, and the Student Council Certificate of Merit. Luke was selected to Who's Who Among American High School Students for three years and was recognized as Player of the Week during the football season and a silver medallist in tennis at the Prairie State Games. He recently participated on the doubles team at the IHSA state tennis tournament.

He has also been active in community service activities accumulating over 100 service hours and serving on the Riverbend Growth Association's Young Adults Committee.

Aug 27 **Holiday Inn**
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Details to be announced.

Sept 3 **No Meeting**
Labor Day Holiday

Sept 10 **Holiday Inn**
Board of Directors meeting, 4:30 pm. Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. September Students of the Month will be honored.

Sept 17 **Rolling Hills**
Steak Fry at the Rolling Hills Golf Course Club House-6:00 pm.

Sept 24 **Holiday Inn**
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Club Assembly

Oct 1 **Holiday Inn**
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Details to be announced.

—Dorothy Hutchinson-Gross

From the President ... cont.

home club attendance threshold. If you participate on a weekly basis, you know of the rewards of the weekly interaction with you fellow club members. If you don't participate on a weekly basis, I'm asking you to make a commitment now to improve your attendance. It's only through the weekly interaction of all club members that we can reach our full potential.

I'm excited about the future of our community and the contributions that the Rotary Club of Alton-Godfrey can make. We are perceived as leaders in our community. Working together we will make a difference this year and for years to come, just as those who have embraced Rotary for the past 80 years have done.

—Sam Stemm

Attendance-The First Principle of Rotary

Members can make up attendance by attending meetings of another club. Attendance must be evidenced by the member's being present for at least sixty (60) percent of the time devoted to the regular meeting, either at this club or at any other Rotary club. (Rotary By-Laws - Article IV, Section 2)

Bethalto	Villa Rose	Wednesday	6:30 p.m.
East Alton	East Alton Ice Rink	Thursday	12:00 noon
Jerseyville	Peace United Church of Christ	Monday	12:00 noon
Wood River	St. John's United Church of Christ	Monday	12:00 noon

Student of the Year ... cont.

The Student of the Month program was initiated by the Alton/Godfrey Rotary Club to recognize the accomplishments of area youth. Students selected were seniors and selected on the basis of outstanding scholarship, participation in school activities, and/or community service activities.

Philip Robbins, Principal at Alton High, John Rogers, Principal at Marquette Catholic, and Elwood Heisey, Principal at Mississippi Valley Christian were presented with plaques listing the names of the students who were honored from their schools during the 2000-2001 school year.

Students of the Year from Alton High who were honored during the past year Were Rachel Sidwell, Nicole Hurst, Kendall Neudecker, James Mays, Laura Hammond, Christianne Beck, Jeffery Saville, Ashley Holland, and Lois Tucker.

In addition to Slaughter, Courtney Kuhnline, Andrea Tappan, Cassidy Beck, Megan Dooling, Audrey Hazzard, Sharon Fischer, and Ann Weyhaupt were honored from Marquette Catholic High School.

Natalie Wooff was honored from Mississippi Valley Christian School.

Joyce Ashpole, Counselor at Alton High and Mike Slaughter of Marquette Catholic were honored for their efforts in contributing to the success of the program over the past four years.

Previous award winners Ebony Huddleston, Katherine Dixon, and Te Tee Hong were also in attendance. Huddleston is a senior at Xavier University in New Orleans, Dixon is a junior at the University of Richmond, and Hong is a sophomore at the University of Illinois

Rotary President Allen Klope praised the students recognized during the year noting that "the youth of our community represent our best hopes for the future. We hope to continue this recognition program and hope that we can increase our participation with the schools in an effort to recognize the accomplishments of their students."

—Tom Juravich