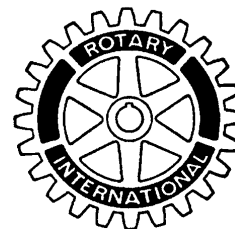


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Marion Medical Mission Shallow Well Program

At our March 17th meeting (note the green jacket), our guest speaker was Tom Logan of the Marion Medical Missions. Tom described the wonderful and helpful program of the organization he represents. At the special board of directors meeting on March 24th, there was a discussion on how the Alton-Godfrey Rotary could help. The International Service committee will return a recommendation in April.

Most of the health problems throughout the third world are water-related. This is especially true in the rural areas of Malawi, Africa where the people suffer from dysentery and other water-borne diseases. Most of the villages depend on surface water collected from open ponds and water holes.

The Synod of Livingstonia, Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, has a goal of making safe water available to everyone - even those in the most remote areas of Malawi. In 1990, missionary Jim McGill approached Marion Medical Mission with a way to provide safe water to villages using shallow wells that are sealed against surface pollution. Fifty-six wells were completed during the mission trip in 1996, 115 wells in 1997 and 348 in 1998, 350 in 1999 and 312 in 2000 bringing the total wells completed by the Marion Medical Mission to 1369. These wells provide well over 350,000 people with safe water.



Our Rotary Calendar



March 31 **Holiday Inn**
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Don Huber will talk about the Prison in Alton which housed Confederate prisoners of war.

April 6 **Crowne Plaza Hotel, Springfield, IL**
Rotary District 6460 Assembly will be held at the Springfield Crowne Plaza Hotel on Sunday April 6, 2003, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

April 7 **Moonlight Restaurant**
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Paul Stillwell, will speak on "Soldiers, Sharpshooters, and Gunslingers."

April 14 **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. A club member will provide an update, news, and events related to their vocation.

April 21 **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.

Board Minutes for December

The February 10, 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, Sharon Johnson, Bill Moyer, John Rain, Scott Neudecker, Mike McCormick, Bob Fowler, Dan Saeger, Jeannine Kelly, David Walker, Terry Woelfel, Ron Mayhew, Larry Thompson and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour.

The minutes of the January 13 meeting were amended to show that Joel Copley proposed Mike Castelli for membership. On a motion by Walker, seconded by Moyer the minutes, as amended, were approved. On a motion by Walker, seconded by Neudecker the treasurer's report was approved.

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 committee met and presented the following to the Board. The carillon refurbishing is still in committee. Mike Drake needs to come to a Board meeting and make a presentation concerning this request. Install a Commemorative sign at Broadway & Piasa for the '93 Flood. Constructing a concrete base for the Christmas tree and color coding of piping. It was suggested that this could be a work project. The final project brought to the Board was to clean and coat the bricks at Lincoln Douglas Square. This would be a work project with materials costing \$600.00. On a motion by Walker, seconded by Juravich the project was approved.

In Vocational Service, tonight is Student of the Month. Scholarship applications will be distributed next

month.

In International service John Rain is working with a club in Brazil that needs transportation for the residents at a home for the elderly.

In Club Service, Mike McCormick that he is still looking at locations for the weekly meeting. A Monday meeting will be scheduled at the Stratford catered by Joel Copley. Past President's recognition night is scheduled for February 17.

For the Foundation Moyer reported that Alton-Godfrey Rotary has raised \$15,360 for the Polio Eradication 2002 Campaign.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Seymour,
Executive Secretary

March Treasurer's Report

Previous Balance	\$18,947.34
cleared payments	-\$8,963.49
cleared deposits	\$3,765.18
Cleared Balance	\$13,749.03
uncleared payments	-\$2,527.47
uncleared deposits	\$3,624.83
Account Balance	\$14,846.39

It costs approximately \$300.00 to install a shallow well. That comes to an average of seventy-five cents per person! This is because the wells are built in cooperation with the villagers. The wells are self-help projects. The Marion Medical Mission only provides what they cannot; the pipe, the pump, and concrete. The villagers make the brick and supply the labor. Each village signs a contract with the Embangweni Mission Hospital agreeing to give the hospital 90 kg of maize each year in return for the hospital supplying the replacement parts needed to maintain its shallow well.

<http://marionmedical.org/>

The Rotary Program...continued

April 28 Oblate

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Club Assembly

May 1 & May 2 Best Western

Prairie Inn Galesburg, IL
the District Conference will be held in Galesburg at the Best Western Prairie Inn. The golf tournament will be on May 1 at 12:30 p.m. with the Conference getting underway on May 2. You will be able to download the registration form at <http://www.rotarydistrict6460.org/distconf.htm> and make reservations and plans, NOW!

May 5 The Hotel Stratford

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be catered by Copley's Catering. Bill Moyer will describe the plans for renovation of The Hotel Stratford.

May 12 Moonlight Restaurant

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

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2003-2004 Theme

May 19 **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.

May 26 **No Meeting**
Memorial Day Holiday

June 2 **Moonlight Restaurant**
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Program to be announced.

June 9 **Moonlight Restaurant**
Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Student of the Year will be recognized. High Schools will receive recognition plaques listing the names of the students who were recognized as Students of the Month during the 2002-2003 school year.

June 16 **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.

June 23 **Principia College**
Induction of New Officers. Ed Morrissey will be passing the gavel to new president Mike McCormick.

June 30 **Moonlight Restaurant**
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Details to be announced.

July 7 **Moonlight Restaurant**
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Details to be announced.

July 14 **Moonlight Restaurant**
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—Dorothy Hutchinson-Gross

March Students of the Month

VINCENT PIAZA, a senior at Alton High School, and **LAURIE HENDERSON**, a senior at Marquette Catholic High School were honored by the Alton/Godfrey Rotary Club as the Students for the Month of March at the Club's regular meeting at the Alton Holiday Inn on March 10.

Laurie Henderson is the daughter of Steven and Susan Henderson. She is an honor student with a 4.02 GPA and is also an Illinois State Scholar. She was the recipient of the Physics Award and a Silver Medallion. She was the recipient of the DAR Good Citizen Award and recently was honored by Pride Inc. where she received a President's Award for Community Service.

Henderson was selected to Who's Who Among American High School Students and has been a member of the Student Council for three years. She has also been a member of the Yearbook staff, served on the Prom committee and has been a Marquette Ambassador throughout her high school attendance. She is a member of the Thespians, performing in a number of school productions, and was a candidate for Prom Queen this past fall. She has been a member of the School's Touch of Class Poms Squad for four years and was a member of the Illinois Drill Association's Class A State Champions her freshman and junior years.

Upon graduation Henderson plans on attending the University of Illinois where she plans to major in Economics.

Vincent Piazza is the son of Mark and Pamela Piazza. Piazza has been involved with music since he was in the fourth grade. He is the master of the violin, currently plays with the St. Louis Youth Symphony Orchestra and has been Concert Master with the Alton Symphony for the past two years.

Piazza is a member of the National Honor Society and has played in the School's Pit Orchestra for all the school musicals and plays regularly with the Alton High Chamber Orchestra and The Alton Symphony Orchestra. Recently, Vincent performed at All-State in Peoria where he was ranked 11th in the State.

With his busy schedule of musical activities, Piazza works part time five days per week. Upon graduation, he plans to attend either the University of Illinois or Indiana University majoring in Music Performance.

Ed Morrissey Jr., President of the Rotary Club presented each student with a plaque recognizing their selection as the Student of the Month

—Tom Juravich

**April 6.....District Assembly,
Springfield, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Presidents, Presidents-Elect, Secretaries,
Avenues of Service Directors are encour-
aged to attend.**