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Tom Juravich-2nd yr	Tom Wyatt-1st yr
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From The President

Community Montage Now Available

The Alton-Godfrey Rotary was approached over a year ago to participate in the distribution of a community montage produced by Community Creations. This is a company out of Columbus, Ohio, that sends a representative into a community to do research and sell advertising. Over fifty businesses have purchased advertising for this art montage which focuses on the history of our area.

The Alton-Godfrey Rotary board of directors asked me to confer with the other participating organizations in the community to arrive at an appropriate price and distribution plan. It has agreed to sell each print for \$20.00 with the signed and numbered prints available at \$100.00. We have numbered prints 2, 8, and 92-99 of 110 numbered and signed prints. Also, the signed and numbered prints will become items available in our planned dinner auctions.

We have 300 prints available at \$20 each for an income of \$6,000. Our plan for distribution is to make the prints available to members at our meetings. Members may be contacted by community residents interested in purchasing a print. We are asking members who operate businesses to display a framed print in the lobby and have prints available to sell to customers.

Sue Hardin has prepared the following press release.

—Larry Thompson

For immediate release:

"No matter how many times I look, there is always something new - something I didn't spot before. It's makes me dizzy after looking at it a while, but I keep coming back for more. It never gets old."

That's how one onlooker described a new montage of the Alton-Godfrey area now made available to the public through several local non-profit organizations. Pride,

Rotary Programs



April 2 Hamilton's in Jacksonville, IL

District Assembly, Hamilton's, 110 North East St., Jacksonville, IL, Registration at 8:30 a.m., Meeting begins at 9:00 a.m., Assembly closes at 3:00 p.m.

April 4 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Scott Weiner, an engineer at Sheppard, Morgan, and Schwaab, will report on his experience attending the Cardinal Baseball Legends Camp in Jupiter, Florida, this winter including playing against former St. Louis Cardinal players.

April 11 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.

April 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.

Students Of The Month

Jacob Henderson, a senior at Alton High School, and Jennifer Nativi, a senior at Marquette Catholic High School, were honored by the Alton/Godfrey Rotary Club as the Students for the Month for the month of MARCH at the Club's regular meeting at the Moonlight Restaurant on March 14.



Jennifer Nativi is the daughter of James and Linda Nativi of Godfrey. She has been a regular on the school's high honor roll throughout her entire high school attendance at Marquette. She is a Silver Medallion Award winner and is a member of the National Honor Society. A leader in her class, Nativi has been a regular member of the Student Council and is presently Senior Class secretary.

She has been a member of the Yearbook staff for four years and for the past two she has served as co-editor of that publication. She has also been a member of the Marquette dance team for four years and is presently serving as co-captain of that group. She has served as a Student Ambassador and was nominated as a candidate for homecoming queen this past fall.

Community service activities include participating in Pride's Make a Difference Days while also working as a volunteer for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life for three years and Daffodil Days for a year. After graduating Jennifer plans to attend the University of Illinois and major in Business.



Jacob Myles Henderson is the son of Kelly Henderson and the grandson of Norma Henderson of Alton. Jacob likes to think of himself as being different than the typical 17 year old male. He has an extreme passion for the theatre being actively involved in theatre for the past seven years. Since starring in two successful shows at the Midtown Theatre Company in Wood River, Jacob has been pursuing the Fine Arts program at Alton high.

As a freshman he served as Director of "Rumors" and has participated in every school production since including this spring's musical.

As a Sophomore he was inducted into the Thespian Troupe and appeared as Lyons in the Alton Little Theatre's production of "Fences." His true love is the technical side of theatre. At Alton High Jacob is a member of the choral program participating in Advanced and Concert Choirs. He also represented minority students at the Madison County Youth Forum this past fall.

Henderson has been extremely active as a member of the Trinity African Methodist Episcopal Church serving in a variety of capacities. At Trinity Jacob was a co-founder of the Youth Praise Team and an original member of "The Voices", a dramatic ensemble group. This fall he received the Outstanding Character Award given at the Illinois Conference of the Young People Division of the AME Church.

Henderson is presently serving as a computer assistant at Alton High and plans to attend Lincoln College and then transfer to Illinois State University majoring in Arts Management with the ultimate goal of owning his own theatre company.

Larry Thompson, President of the Rotary Club, presented each of the students with a plaque recognizing their selection to this honor.

—Tom Juravich

Jerry Visits Us Again



Jerry McKenna, the sculptor who was commissioned to create to Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas statues that now grace the Lincoln-Douglas Square in Downtown Alton, visited with us recently at one of our regular meetings. He shared with the club his most recent endeavors. Jerry was on his way to South Bend, Indiana, to deliver his latest work of art, a statue of Knute Rockne, to be placed on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. Everyone enjoyed hearing from Jerry again.

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Inc., the Alton Museum of History and Art, 100 Black Men, the Junior League of Greater Alton, Alton/Godfrey Rotary, and Alton Marketplace are selling the montages.

"We wanted to create something that was unique to this community...something to show our civic pride and to celebrate our rich history," said Sue Hardin, executive director of Pride, Inc. "This montage represents who we are. It includes famous citizens and events, architectural and historical landmarks, as well as business and civic organizations that make our community one of the best places in the area to live and work."

Government buildings, hospitals, historical landmarks and information, places of worship, businesses, community and civic organizations, parks and schools are all woven into a visual maze.



Famous citizens like Robert Wadlow and Elijah Lovejoy are represented. Past landmarks such as Garfield School and an Underground Railroad stop are intertwined with modern landmarks like Lincoln-Douglas Square and Gordon Moore Community Park.

"We tried to capture everything unique to the Alton-Godfrey area," said Mary Jo Martin, account executive with Community Creations. "We spent hours gathering research material from the library, talked to people familiar with the local history and sent photographers to document every key location in the city. This information was taken to artist Bruce Loeschen, a high school art teacher in southern Minnesota near Austin, who sketched the montage in pen and ink."

Loeschen has done other city montages and space sketches for NASA and is the artist-in residence of the Minnesota Renaissance Festival. He gained national recognition as the Jaycees "Outstanding Young Man in America."

Prints are available for sale from any of the above listed organizations. Cost is \$20. Limited edition numbered prints signed by the artist are available for \$100. The print measures 17.5-by-22.5 inches and is printed on quality cream linen paper ready for framing.

"It would make a great gift idea for anyone who used to live in the area or is planning to relocate. People like a memento of the community they were once a part of. It's also a great conversation piece, especially when you want to let people know how proud you are of the place you call home," said Hardin.

April 25 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Club Assembly. Plans for 05-06 Rotary year to be announced. Committee organization presented.

May 2 Lockhaven Country Club
Golf Tournament followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. Contact Gail Weinrich for details.

May 9 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.

May 16 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.

May 23 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Program to be announced.

May 30 No Meeting
Memorial Day - Holiday



January Treasurer's Report

Previous Balance	\$25,611.41
cleared payments	6,329.94
cleared deposits	1,655.56
Cleared Balance	20,937.03
uncleared payments	2,149.49
uncleared deposits	0.00
Account Balance	18,787.54
New Payments	2,163.42
New Deposits	5,561.00
Ending Balance	22,185.12

Minutes - February Board Meeting

The February 14, 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, Sharon Johnson, Bill Moyer, Larry Hauck, Scott Neudecker, Sam Stemm, Dan Saeger, Mike Tillman, Tom Wyatt, Alien McBride, Josh Farley, Mike McCormick, John Keller, Jeannine Kelly, Martha Morse, Ron Mayhew, and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour.

On a motion by Tom Juravich, seconded by Larry Hauck, the minutes were approved. On a motion by Larry Hauck, seconded by Sam Stemm, the treasurer's report was approved.

Jerry Anderson was proposed for membership by Sam Stemm. Starsky Wilson was proposed by Joel Copley. Dale Blatchford was proposed by Pete Zimmer. On a motion by Bill Moyer, seconded by Tom Juravich, these memberships were approved pending their attending two meetings.

In Community Service Scott Neudecker said the committee reviewed the grant applicants and decided to pursue our own public service project for Rotary. A suggestion from Chuck Norman to have eagles in bronze near the Welcome to Alton sign was approved. The proposal will now go back to committee to determine sites, etc. Larry Thompson reported that the Jacoby Arts Center work is coming along well and the floor will be put down Saturday.

In Vocational Service, Dan Saeger said the Technical Vocational Scholarship Program is moving slowly. His committee is trying to work a way to bring this new scholarship into the existing program. Also, the technical program is being revised by the school system.

In International Service Bill Moyer said packages are off to Alton High School and Marquette Catholic for the World Affairs Seminar. John Rain is coordinating with Marquette and Dana Eastman is coordinating with Alton High. For the International project the District Governor, Eric Dolbeare, would like water wells to be the project. Each well costs \$500.00 There is \$1500.00 in the budget for an International Project. Moyer recommended that we use the \$1500.00 and find a project that works with Eric Dolbeare. On a motion by Tom Juravich, seconded by Larry Hauck, the board approved funding three water wells.

There are 10 couples (12 Rotarians) from our club attending the International Conference. They will be leaving by train June 18th and return on the 22nd. The registration fee per member is \$275.00. It was approved on a motion made by Sam Stemm, seconded by Ron Mayhew, that the registration fee for members be paid by the club. The budget will be adjusted to reflect this.

In Club Service, Rotary Birthday Dinner is 2/23/05 at Copley's. Chili Chowdown is March 7th. The PETS/SETS conference for the upcoming officers is March 12, 2005, in Jacksonville. The District Assembly is April 2, 2005. This year's golf tournament is going to be held at Lockhaven Country Club on May 2, 2005. Entry fee will be \$125.00 per player.

In old business, a letter was received from the Jerseyville Rotary requesting \$500 for our share to set up the donated dental equipment.

In new business, the Crisis Food Center needs \$6,200.00 for heating and cooling. Larry Thompson made a motion to take \$5000 out of the Piasa Foundation. This motion was amended by Bill Moyer, seconded by Mike McCormick, that \$5000 come out of the proceeds from the Chili Chowdown and the remainder out of the Piasa Foundation if necessary. All this is pending on more specific information on the heating and air conditioning. The motion passed as amended.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Seymour, Executive Secretary