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“Then & Now, Here & There”

By Sharon Johnson

Fellow Rotarians:

"The spirit of service is still alive and well" in the Alton Godfrey Rotary Club! After 85 years we continue to make an impact in our community and around the world. Just recently our Alton Godfrey Rotary Club received an award from Pride, Inc. for outstanding Community Service. In March, *Larry Hauck* and *I* presented the Alton Park & Rec. with a check from our club for the new fountain at State House Square. *Bill Moyer* is currently spearheading our club's Rotary International Project, an avoidable blindness

project in Rosario, Argentina to perform 100 cataract surgeries for those who are "legally" blind. We thank *Dan Saeger & Phil Trapani* for the start up of our own Interact Club. *Angie Adams, Martha Morse, and John Rain* are busy sustaining and growing



membership. Effective clubs like our Alton/Godfrey Rotary Club take action. We remain committed to our Rotary International Mission.

The Alton/Godfrey Rotarian's who have helped shape our clubs history in the last 46 years are the torchbearers of service. With their positive values and optimism and their desire to help others they have made a difference!

John Greenwood joined the Alton Godfrey Club in 1960. The RI President was Harold Thomas from Auckland, New Zealand, The RI theme was *Vitalize! Personalize! Build Bridges Of Friendship*. The # of Clubs was: 10,226; Members, 480,569; Countries, 113. The Convention of 1960 (29 May-2 June) was in Miami Beach, Florida. Highlights: Rotary surpassed 10,000 clubs, RYLA took root in Australia and New Zealand, and the Rotary world photo contest was launched.

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Rotary Programs



Apr 3 Lockhaven Country Club

The Gordon F. Moore Awards dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. The social hour will begin at 5:30.

Apr 10 Moonlight Restaurant

Board of Directors meeting, 4:45 p.m. Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Students of the Month for April will be honored.

Apr 17 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.

Apr 24 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Fourth Quarter Club Assembly. Plans for 05-06 Rotary year to be announced. Committee organization presented.

Apr 27-30 Jacksonville, IL

District 6460 Conference

May 1 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Program to be announced.

Students of the Month

Nicklaus James Landon, a senior at Alton High School, and Amanda Lewis, 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 13th.

Nicklaus James Landon is the son of Terry and Susan Landon of Godfrey. Nicklaus is a member of the National Honor Society and is actively involved with the Connections program which involves mentoring incoming freshmen. He is also a member of the Redbird varsity swimming team.

Amanda Lewis is the daughter of Spencer and Martha Lewis of Alton. At Marquette, Amanda has participated in numerous activities including membership on the Campus Ministry Executive Board, the International Club, School Ambassadors, and the Alpha Peer Leadership program. She has participated in the drama program for three years and is a member of the International Thespian Society. She has been a member of the school's Scholar Bowl team which placed fourth in the state last year. Lewis has also been a member of the school's Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering team, earning medals in English and Biology.



Nicklaus has been actively involved in the schools Air Force Junior ROTC program in which he has received numerous awards and citations of distinction. He is presently the Cadet Corp Commander with a rank of Cadet Colonel. A member of the Color Guard, James has served as operations Commander, Logistics Officer, and Flight Commander. As a freshman he was recognized as Outstanding Cadet. He is the recipient of the Air Force Association's Citation for outstanding leadership and academic excellence in the Air Force Junior ROTC program. He is also the recipient of the National Sojourners Award and the AMVETS ROTC Recognition Award.

A member of the National Honor Society, Lewis is an Illinois State Scholar and winner of the DAR Good Citizenship Award. She also has been the recipient of the USAA National History and Government awards.

Lewis has been very active in the St. Mary's Youth Group and has volunteered for many community service projects through this organization such as Vacation Bible School, The March for Life, and helping at the Arms of Love Pregnancy Center. Mandy recently attended World Youth Day in Cologne, Germany.



Landon has been extremely active in a number of community service activities including the Adopt a Family program, participation in the Adopt a Highway Program, and the Salvation Army kettle bell ringing program during the Christmas season. He has also participated in the Habitat for Humanity fund raising program. He has been extremely active in serving as part of the Color Guard at numerous community and area activities.

Landon plans to enroll at St. Louis University, Parks College and major in Aviation Science in hopes of becoming a professional pilot.

After graduating Lewis plans to attend a university and major in International Studies eventually hoping to work for the United Nations or enter a career in the Foreign Service.

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

Mel Schulmeister, Dana Eastman & Dennison Foster joined the Club in 1965. *Dana Eastman* became president in 1970 and in 1997 became a Paul Harris Fellow. *Mel Schulmeister* became a Paul Harris Fellow in 1991. The RI President was Charles W. Pettengill from Greenwich, Connecticut. The RI theme was *Live Rotary*. The # of clubs was: 11,801; Members, 558,638; Countries, 125. The convention of 1965 (30 May-3 June) was in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Highlights: During the 60th anniversary year, the President challenged Rotarians to fill 3 new classifications in each club & to charter 3 new clubs in each District. Thousands of Rotarians from around the world attended Rotary meetings at the N.Y. World's Fair.

Dr. Richard Jones joined our club in 1967, became our club's President in 1971, and a Paul Harris Fellow in 1991. The RI President was Richard L. Evans, from Salt Lake City, Utah. The RI theme was *A Better World Through Rotary*. The # of clubs was: 12,460; Members, 599,945; Countries, 128. The convention of 1967 (21-25 May) was in Nice, France. Highlights: Clubs were encouraged to support International Service through the Matched District & Club Program. The World Community Service program was officially launched.

Larry Spain joined the Alton Godfrey Rotary Club in 1972 and became a Paul Harris Fellow in 2001. The RI President was Ernst Breitholtz from Kalmar, Sweden. The RI theme was *Goodwill Begins With You*. The # of Clubs was: 14,890; Members, 706,372; Countries, 149. The convention of 1972 (11-15 June) was held in Houston, Texas. Highlights: Rotarians worldwide responded to the plight of E. Pakistan (Bangladesh) refugees fleeing civil strife to India. The council on Legislation met for the first time as the "Parliament" of RI.

Dale Kelley, Paul Maley, & Steven Tassinari joined the club in 1973. *Dale Kelley* became President of our club in 1977 and a Paul Harris Fellow in 1988. *Paul Maley* became President in 1979 and a Paul Harris Fellow in 1990. *Steven Tassinari* became a Paul Harris Fellow in 1982. The RI President was Roy Hickman from Birmingham, Alabama. The RI theme was *Let's Take A New Look And Act*. The # of Clubs was: 15,375; Members, 725,271; and Countries, 149. The Convention of 1973 (13-17 May) was in Lausanne, Switzerland. Highlights: The Presidents of 4-service organization met - Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, & the Junior Chambers. Rotarians responded to the earthquake that killed 12,000 in Nicaragua.

In 1974, *William Kessler* became a member of the Alton Godfrey Rotary Club. In 1981, he became President and in 1985 a Paul Harris Fellow. The RI President was William Battersea from London, England. The RI theme was *A Time For Action*. The # of Clubs was: 15,748; Members, 742,493; Countries, 150. The convention of 1974 (9-13 June) was held in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota. Highlights: RI sponsored a worldwide photo contest on Rotary in Action. More than 1,000 entries and 3,500 pictures were submitted and 50 winners were chosen from 23 countries. Rotary membership surpasses 750,000. (*A Century Of Service*; David C. Forward, copyright 2003, Rotary International)

May 8 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 15 Golf Tournament
Rolling Hills

The 4th annual Alton/Godfrey Golf Tournament will be held at the Rolling Hills Golf Course beginning with tee-off at 12:00 noon.

May 22 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Catherine Copley, Environmental Toxicologist, will be our guest speaker.

May 29 No Meeting

Memorial Day Holiday

- Joel Copley, Bill Hoagland - Program Directors

In 2005 the RI convention was held in Chicago, Illinois. The RI President was Glen Estess. The Alton Godfrey Rotary Club's President was *Larry Thompson* and in 2002, he became a Paul Harris Fellow. Our club celebrated the 100th Birthday of Rotary and Rotary celebrated the centennial worldwide. Rotary moved into its second century of *Service Above Self* as the world's first and most international service club organization. "Rotarians will continue to shape history and provide hope through their humanitarian efforts."

Thank You Rotarians,

Sharon Johnson
AGR President 2005/2006

February Minutes

The February 13, 2006, meeting of directors of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club was called to order at 4:45 p.m., by President Sharon Johnson. Others in attendance were, Tom Juravich, Sam Stemm, Ron Mayhew, Dave Walker, Dan Saeger, Scott Neudecker, Larry Thompson, Martha Morse, Bill Moyer, Mike Seymour, Jeannine Kelly, John Keller, Allen McBride and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour.

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

On a motion by Mike Seymour, seconded by Dave Walker, the following were approved for membership: Leslie Mayerhofer, Brian Bergin, Donald Taylor, and Stacy Harmon. Tom Turpin was appointed to replace Terry Woefel on the Board and will finish his two year term.

In Community Service, the Community Service Project (fountain), will be completed by Spring. There will be P.R. photos of the check presentation and dedication that will be forwarded to Rotary International. Tom Turpin explained that the forms sent to the EPA were to change the sponsor of the environmental Club to Alton/Godfrey Rotary. He also needs volunteers for an advisory committee for this club and explained being a volunteer for this club is not overly involved. The environmental club is chartered every year by Boy Scouts of America. For Chili Chowdown Mike Seymour reminded everyone that this is the mandatory fundraiser that the Club has each year and urges all to participate.

In International Service, Bill Moyer said that in the past we have sent 2 students to the seminar in Whitewater. This year the seminar is June 11-17 and Dana Eastman has the paperwork for this year and feels we could send three students. The cost for three would be \$1600.00. On a motion by Tom Juravich, seconded by Jeannine Kelly, it was approved to fund \$1600.00 for all three students.

For the International Project Fred Osborne, District Governor, favored the Argentina project of cataract removal. The Argentina club would contribute \$1500.00, Alton-Godfrey \$3000.00, District \$3000.00. R. I. \$7500.00 for a total of \$15,000. A motion was made by Bill Moyer, seconded by Dave Walker, that \$3000.00 be approved for the International Project. The motion was amended to read Bill Moyer and Dave Walker would each donate \$250.00 and the Club fund \$2500.00. The amended motion was approved.

In Vocational Service, Dan Saeger said the RYLA conference is coming up and it is a good motivational program for high school students and it really promotes Interact. He proposed that two Interact students be sent at the cost of \$125.00 each. On a motion by Dave Walker, seconded by Bill Moyer, it was

approved to send two students to RYLA. Interact is getting ready to elect officers. After that the District trainer will come and train the group. On a motion by Scott Neudecker, seconded by Sam Stemm, it was approved to provide funds for lunch for this training. Sam Stemm made a proposal that we get Interact involved in the Chili Chowdown. We will give them tickets to sell and let them keep all the proceeds from their sales.

In Club Service, Jeannine Kelly said the PETS conference is coming up March 24/25 and it is a mandatory conference for the President-Elect and the cost is \$150.00. Josh Farley will also attend the conference. On a motion by Dave Walker, it was approved that Jeannine and Josh be certified delegates to the conference. On a motion by Dave Walker, seconded by Bill Moyer, it was approved that the club will pay the registration fees. Jeannine will contact Mike Osborne about filling vacancy created by Scott Neudecker. Ron Mayhew is getting quotes for the new black book. On a motion by Walker, seconded by Moyer, it was approved that Ron could make the final decisions on the book and costs. The board did recommend that local vendors be used. A fundraising proposal presented by Jim Claywell for a shoeshine day was referred to Club Service.

St. Ambrose has asked that the money they donated for the Booth House be returned. On a motion made by Dave Walker, seconded by Bill Moyer, it was approved to let Salvation Army know that the Alton/Godfrey Rotary is no longer interested in this project.

In new business, Jeff Weber and Mike McCormick made a proposal to the Club concerning developing a park on the River Road to honor Lars Hoffman. The total cost of the project is \$200,000.00. They are applying for grants and the North Alton Business Association and Pride are going to help. Sam Stemm suggested we donate \$32,000 just as we have to the City of Alton. We would use the \$14,000 raised in the golf tournament for the Booth House and then use Piasa Foundation money for the additional amount. This request was referred to Community Service.

February Report

Previous Balance	\$1,360.64
cleared payments	3,407.28
cleared deposits	6,464.19
Cleared Balance	4,417.55
uncleared payments	2,294.64
uncleared deposits	0.00
Account Balance	2,122.91
New Payments	927.32
New Deposits	0.00
Ending Balance	1,195.59

Club Officers 2005-2006

President.....	Sharon Johnson
	301 Prospect, Alton, 465-8244
Vice-President.....	Jeannine Kelly
	25 Logan Road, Alton, 465-0123
Secretary.....	Josh Farley
	1420 Liberty, Alton, 462-5257
Treasurer.....	Scott Neudecker
	5212 Richland Woods Dr., Alton, 462-4697
Executive Secretary.....	Melissa Seymour
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Board of Directors 2005-2006

Larry Hauck-3rd yr	Mike Tillman-2nd yr
Tom Juravich-3rd yr	Brian White-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	Tom Turpin-1st yr
Mike Seymour-2nd yr	Larry Thompson-PP