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A Monthly Newsletter

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My Favorite Month by Lady Henry



May, has always been my favorite month, because of more reasons than one. My birthday's in May, Summer is slowly beginning, and the end of school is approaching. So one can imagine my delight when I was told I would be Rotary's Student of the Month for May. This one month in particular I was able to reflect and analyze all that I've done, and been through as a student for this May, I graduated from Alton High.

Through my time as a high school student, I've been able to participate in The National Council Of Negro Women's Annual Debutante, I've raised money for childhood cancer, rang bells for the Salvation Army, earned several Scholarships and a Gold Alpha upon graduation, and just recently I was able to volunteer at City Hall and befriend a lot of good people including Tom, our mayor of Alton. Thus, I feel my years as a student have been fairly rewarding. I've been able to keep all my grades at honor roll status, a feat I didn't feel I'd be able to do during my junior and sophomore class of physics and chemistry! I've participated to my best ability in many school organizations and clubs, one being Interact, a youth organization at Alton High who feeds directly into Rotary, and it is through these "extra-curricular activities" where I was able to feel a part of the "team" that Adrianna Jones, Rotary's Student Of The Year,

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Rotary Programs



Jun 7 Alton Sports Tap

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM. Club Assembly - Committee Reports

Jun 14 Alton Sports Tap

Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 PM. Regular Meeting 6:00 PM. The program will be an update on the community-supported garden at La Vista, which Rotary supported when the project started several years ago. The project has done very well since then and if you have a green thumb (or would like to have a green thumb), the presenters will explain how you and your family can get involved. Karen Hatch, the Publicity Chair, and Eric Stevens, the "head farmer", will be making the presentation.

Jun 21 Rolling Hills Golf Course

Steak Fry at the Rolling Hills Golf Course Club House 6:00 PM. A golf outing will precede the meeting. Contact Richard Johnson for details.

June 20-23, 2010 Montreal Canada

Rotary International Convention

Mural Project Update

by Mike Osborne



Representation of Finished Product



Progress as of June 11, 2010

On May 3, 2010 the Mural Committee hosted a Kick-off Party for the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club's Mural Project. The Jacoby Arts Center welcomed both Rotary members, their guest, as well as a cross section of non-Rotary members from the Alton-Godfrey area. The party was a huge success.

The actual project started on May 4, but because of the rain and some issues with the building site the project is behind schedule. We were hoping for a July 3 completion date, but a more realistic date is now August 1, 2010.

Bill Moyer, working with outside contractors, supervised the tuck pointing, power washing and priming of the wall. It was also necessary to do some gutter repair and move an electrical line. That work is now complete and the artist, Rip Kastaris of Petra Fine Art, is actually painting the mural. If you have not yet done so, please stop by the Landmark Building at the corner of Broadway and Henry to view the progress.

We have two vinyl signs at the job site directing folks to the Alton Visitors Center to purchase prints. The Visitors Center is also serving as a distribution center for purchased prints. Don Emde is working on the distribution and point of purchase of all prints. Please feel free to contact Don if you have any questions concerning the purchase of additional prints.

Sam Stemm has arranged for the Telegraph to run ad's for our project and Sam is running additional ads on WBGZ. We are hoping, as the mural starts to take shape, the community will start to get behind the project. We need to increase our sale of prints to the general public.

So far our fund raising efforts are showing progress, but we still have additional work to do. When we originally presented the project to the Club you were told the total cost of the project would be in the neighborhood of \$46,000.00. We have since added and additional \$5,000.00 to cover the cost of a 'monument' at the mural site. The "monument" will recognize the Alton-Godfrey Club and all our Corporate and/or individual contributions of \$500.00 or more. Therefore, our revised goal is \$52,000.00. For more information on how you, your company, or someone you know may help in this area contact Richard Rook.

Richard and his committee are working very hard in contacting area business for donations. Thus far we have received a total of \$27,000.00. We have also received a total of \$4,475.00 net from the sale of prints. Counting the funds in the Piasa Foundation prior to the start of the project we are at 90% of our goal. However, please keep in mind that part of the original goal was to repay any money taken from the Piasa Foundation to fund the project. Therefore, your help in selling prints and/or contacting corporate donors will be appreciated.

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spoke about during her valedictorian speech on graduation night. I could feel my power and confidence in the community. Through community service and workshops, I was able to grasp the influence of one person on another's life.

One of the most rewarding services I'd ever participated in would be a program dedicated to helping elementary children after school with homework, and building confidence in their ability to do better than they had been in the classroom. The children were so much fun to be around, and had shown me that service to the community doesn't have to be perceived as drudgery, but as a pleasing process! I've learned a lot throughout my years of school, but for the most part I've learned that life is what you make it, period. It's all about perception, and the work you put in, will always equal what you get out. I plan to use this philosophy in my future to help work through the obstacles that have been set, and come out alive and on top! I'm a girl filled with many aspirations, hopes, and dreams. I dream to own a sweet shop franchise, to travel, to learn different languages, to model, to create animation/art, and so much more! My goals, which ever ones I accomplish, are very important to me, and my family, friends, and people in Alton such as Rotary, are there supporting me each step of the way. I owe thanks to Rotary, my mother, my aunts/uncles, Upward Bound, Minority Excellence, Alton High, and every last soul that has made getting through these last years of school easier. I'm filled with appreciation for all that has been done.

Thank You, and Much Love!

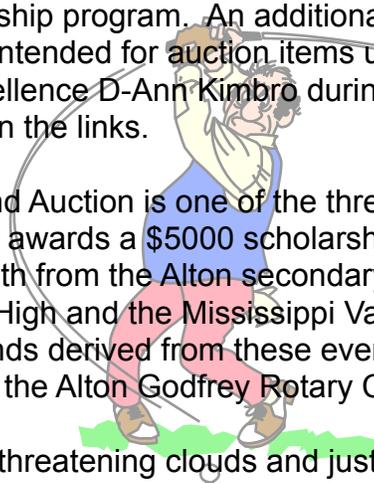
Golf Tournament Report

by N. Gail Weinrich, Tournament Coordinator

Seventeen golfing foursomes teed up golf balls on Monday, May 17 at the Rolling Hills Golf Course in support of the annual Alton Godfrey Rotary Club scholarship program. An additional crowd of nearly one hundred persons contended for auction items under the call of Auctioneer Par Excellence D-Ann Kimbro during the awards banquet that followed play on the links.

The Golf Tourney and Auction is one of the three major fund raising events that annually awards a \$5000 scholarship to one of the Students of the Month from the Alton secondary schools of Alton High, Marquette Catholic High and the Mississippi Valley Christian Academy. Other funds derived from these events supports the civic outreach projects of the Alton Godfrey Rotary Club.

While played under threatening clouds and just a bit of drizzle, the event raised \$8500. The Golf Committee extends its appreciation to Rotary members and friends alike who contributed to its success.



Jun 28 Lockhaven Country Club

Annual Meeting 6:00 PM. Induction of New Officers, Board of Directors, and Paul Harris Fellows. Ford Phillips will be passing the gavel to new president, Roland Hansen.

Jul 5 No Meeting

Holiday

Jul 12 Alton Sports Tap

Board of Directors Meeting 5:00 PM. Regular Meeting 6:00 PM. Program will be announced.

Jul 19 Alton Sports Tap

Steak Fry at the Rolling Hills Golf Course Club House 6:00 PM. A golf outing will precede the meeting. Contact Richard Johnson for details.

Jul 26 Alton Sports Tap

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM. Program to be announced.

Bill Hoagland, Program Director



Bucket Brigade Covers Another House



From Left: Sue Fitzgerald, Wayne Sivia, Mike Fitzgerald, Dave Elson, John Rain, and Gale Weinrich. Not pictured, Dennis Wilson, who power washed the house and Scott Neudecker, who must have been napping at the time of the picture.

Thoughts On Student Of The Month Program

From The Editor

Our club recently completed another successful yearly project, the thirteenth annual Student-of-the-Month Program. We did an admirable job of supporting the program through the nine months of student presentations from Alton, Marquette Catholic, and Mississippi Valley Christian High Schools; however, only twenty-five percent of active club Rotarians attended the culminating Student-of-the-Year Program at

the Temple Banquet Center. I wonder if that part of the program needs to be changed so that we get better participation. If you have any suggestions, please let a board member or one of the committee members know. Committee members are Mark Allendorph, Ebony Huddleston, Tom Juravich, Ron Mayhew, and Sam Stemm.

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