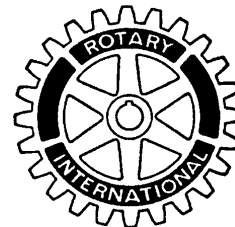


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Honoring Our Past Presidents

The world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA, was formed on February 23, 1905 by Paul P. Harris, an attorney who wished to recapture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. Sylvester Schiele was elected president for the first club's first year.

The Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club will mark our beginning by honoring our past presidents at our meeting on February 17, 2003. Special invitations will be mailed to our living past presidents. Each past president will be recognized. Details of the recognition program will be announced later.

Getting to Know You...by Gene Crivello

General Douglas MacArthur, upon his retiring from the military service said, "Old soldiers never die, they just grow older." I've heard a quote about bankers...Old bankers never die, they just lose interest. I've wondered about old newspaper reporters and photographers such as the subject of our bio sketch, Allen Klope. I'm convinced that he'll never die or grow old. He doesn't have the time.

Allen was president of Alton-Godfrey Rotary for 2000-2001 having joined our club in 1992. He served as Executive Secretary from 1993-1998 and served as treasurer, secretary and vice president prior to his term as president. He also served as president of the Wood River Rotary Club in 1974-75.

Allen's service to our community is extensive serving as President of the Piasa Bird Council in 1986-87 after beginning his experience in scouting by earning the Eagle



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Our Rotary Calendar



December 2 **St. Anthony's**
Annual Christmas gathering at St. Anthony's Health Center.

December 3 **Rock Springs Park**
Celebration of Christmas

December 9 **Holiday Inn**
Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 pm. Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Students of the Month for December will be honored. A club member will provide an update, news, and events related to their vocation.

December 14 **Hathaway Hall**
Rotarians are invited to attend the Christmas program of the Alton Symphony Orchestra. A silent auction will take place at the reception immediately following the concert.

December 16 **Holiday Inn**
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Club Christmas Party. Family night. Special guest will be Santa Claus to provide a preview of his upcoming world tour.

December 23 **No Meeting**
Christmas Holiday

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Board Minutes for October

The October 14, 2002 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, Larry Hauck, John Rain, Scott Neudecker, Mike McCormick, Sam Stemm, Terry Woelfel, Bob Fowler, Dave Walker, Dan Saeger and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour.

On a motion by Juravich, seconded by McCormick the treasurer's report was approved. The minutes of the previous meeting we also approved.

The memberships of Tuck Renshaw, Joel Copley, and Mike Harris were accepted by the Board on a motion by Walker, seconded by Moyer. The Board also accepted the resignation of Rich Drake.

New Board members were appointed: Jeannine Kelly and Ford Phillips. The Board also approved Sharon Johnson as Treasurer. There is still one vacancy remaining on the Board.

In Community Service Kelly said the committee is looking for suggestions from the membership for activities. A check in the amount of \$785.00, the proceeds from the 9/11 breakfast will be given to the Salvation Army. The Robert Wadlow Chair Ceremony is going to held on October 20, 2002. The Paul Owens Memorial Dedication is October 26, 2002. Everyone is urged to attend the Gordon Moore Service Above Self Award Banquet on 11/11/02. The LCCC Christmas Symphony is 12/14/02.

In Vocational Service, tonight is Student of the Month.

In International service there was no report.

In Club Service, Woelfel is asking for a list of possible new members from the current membership. Walker noted that any list of prospective members from a non Rotarian should not be used. According to the bylaws members are nominated by Rotarians. The Board concurred. At the Club Assembly on 11/25/02 the election of officers and directors will be held. The Board replacement for Johnson will be announced at the 11/18/02 meeting.

For the Foundation Moyer reported that Alton-Godfrey Rotary has raised \$14,066.03 for the Polio Eradication 2002 Campaign.

In old business, McCormick has contacted Holiday Inn concerning the quality of food and price increases. Club Service will follow-up on this matter. The Executive Secretary review is due to the Board in 3 months.

In new business, Mayor Sandidge sent a letter asking Alton-Godfrey Rotary to appoint one of its members to the Human Relations Commission. This will be presented to the membership for a volunteer. There was a letter from one of the members expressing concern about the attendance policy and the lack of enforcement. Rain is going to pursue this issue. The Rotary International Convention is in Brisbane, Australia June 1-4, 2003. A request was received from the District Governor asking if our Club would be interested in hosting Russian Entrepreneurs for approximately one week.

November Treasurer's Report

Previous Balance	\$16,697.50
cleared payments	-\$8,334.64
cleared deposits	\$6,978.00
Cleared Balance	\$15,340.86
uncleared payments	-\$8,102.98
uncleared deposits	\$734.00
Account Balance	\$7,971.88

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Seymour,
Executive Secretary



The Rotary Program...continued

December 30 **No Meeting**
New Year's Eve Holiday

January 6 **Holiday Inn**
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Program to be announced.

January 13 **Holiday Inn**
Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 pm. Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Students of the Month for January will be honored. A club member will provide an update, news, and events related to their vocation.

January 20 **No Meeting**
Martin Luther King Day

January 27 **Holiday Inn**
Club Assembly

February 3 **Holiday Inn**
Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 pm. Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Students of the Month for January will be honored. A club member will provide an update, news, and events related to their vocation.

February 10 **Holiday Inn**
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm.
Spouse's Valentine Nite

February 17 **Holiday Inn**
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Past President Recognition Nite

February 24 **Holiday Inn**
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Program to be announced.

—Dorothy Hutchinson-Gross

November Students of the Month

CARL McMULLEN, a senior at Alton High School, and **JAMES SLAUGHTER**, 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 November at the Club's regular meeting at the Alton Holiday Inn on November 18.

CARL McMULLEN is the son of Ron and Diane McMullen of Godfrey. Carl begins his senior year at Alton High ranking eight in his class of 398 students with a 4.487 Grade Point Average.

McMullen has received numerous honors and awards. Among his academic achievements include his selection as President of the National Honor Society, his consistent recognition on the school's High Honor Roll, and his participation in the Saturday Scholars Program. He is the recipient of the United States Achievement Academy's National Science Award, and was selected as a Scholar Athlete for Football this fall and Track and Field last spring. He also successfully competed in the WYSE District competition placing second in computers and fourth in English.

McMullen is presently President of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and has been a two year starter on the Redbird football



Getting to Know You...continued

Scout award in 1956. He is currently a board member of the Trails West Council.

Allen has served as director for several organizations including Pride, Inc. for 12 years, Alton Junior Chamber of Commerce, Wood River Township Chamber of Commerce, and the Public Relations and Advertising Club.

Allen is currently Editor and business manager of *Today's Advantage* newspaper in Alton. He previously worked as a reporter, bureau manager, and photographer for the Alton Telegraph for 28 years.

In 1988, Allen went into business featuring public relations, advertising, photography, and advertising specialties and continues this business along with his responsibilities as editor of *Today's Advantage*.

In June, Allen was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow by Alton-Godfrey Rotary for his service to Rotary and our community.

team. He is the Entertainment editor for the school's newspaper, a member of the Social Studies Club and a member of the school's math team. He is a member of the school's Quill and Scroll Society, the WYSE, and is presently the schools representative on the Board of the Madison County Youth Forum. He is also the representative for Alton High School for the Moose Lodge Kidstalk Program.

Among McMullen's many accomplishments was his achievement of the distinguished rank as an Eagle Scout. As an Eagle Scout project he spoke to students at elementary schools about the effects of drugs and alcohol. He has been active in community and volunteer service activities including participation in the Bucket Brigade program, serving as a DARE role model, and serving as a volunteer at the Alton Boys and Girls Club.

Upon graduation McMullen plans to enroll at the University of Chicago or Cornell University where he plans to major in Pre-med.

James Slaughter is the son of Michael and Cynthia Slaughter of Alton. He is presently serving as President of the Student Council and has been a member of the Student Council for three years. He is a member of the school's National Honor Society and has been selected to Who' Who Among American High School Students for the past three years. He was also the recipient of the National History and Government Award.

Slaughter has been active in athletics throughout his high school attendance participating on the school's football team and tennis teams. He was selected to the All-Conference tennis team last spring and will be the team captain of this year's squad.

He was a member of Marquette's Homecoming Court, participated in school theatrical productions and has over 100 hours of community service hours. Upon graduation Slaughter hopes to enroll at the University of Missouri.

Ed Morrissey, President of the Rotary Club, presented a plaque recognizing selection to this honor.

—Tom Juravich