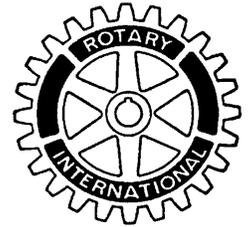


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Past President Allen Klope

From the President ...

Over the years the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club has been instrumental in many "bricks and mortar" projects throughout the community. The most recent example is the "Welcome to Alton" sign which now graces the intersection of Landmarks Boulevard and Ridge Street.



Visitors to Alton who enter from the south across the Clark Bridge or from the east on Route 143 are now welcomed to the city by this beautiful sign. The sign was first proposed by Pride, Inc. and came to pass through the cooperative efforts of Pride, the City of Alton, and the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club. Many individuals and businesses also participated in making the project a reality.

As of this writing, the flag poles which will fly the federal, state, and city flags at the site are still on back-order. But they should be installed soon and the landscaping will follow. This project is just another example of Rotary's ability to help get things done for the benefit of our community

Why not introduce a colleague, friend, or neighbor to the good work of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club? Guests are always welcome at our meetings. Once folks become acquainted with what we do and who we are they often express interest in becoming members themselves. Only by bringing aboard new members can we be sure of sustaining the legacy which began over 80 years ago.

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The Rotary Program



October 29 **Holiday Inn**
 Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Members of the Lewis and Clark Museum Commission will update the club on the progress of the museum and the anniversary events.

November 5 **Holiday Inn**
 Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Natalie Stevenson will present the Easter Seals and Christmas ornament program.

November 12 **Holiday Inn**
 Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 pm. Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. November Students of the Month will be honored. Rob Stewart of Rotary International will speak on the Rotary Foundation.

November 19 **Holiday Inn**
 Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Bud Schultz with the Alton Symphony Orchestra will discuss their 2001-2002 season.

November 26 **Holiday Inn**
 Club Assembly. Presentation of the slate and election of officers for 2001-2002.

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Board Minutes for September

The September 10, 2001 meeting of directors of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Sam Stemm. Others in attendance were Mike Seymour, John Rain, Bill Moyer, Don Miller, Ed Morrissey, Allen Klope, Charles Eighner, Mike McCormick Sharon Johnson, Pete Zimmer, Larry Hauck, John Keller, Larry Thompson and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour.

On a motion by Eighner, seconded by Moyer the minutes of the August meeting were approved. On a motion by Moyer, seconded by Miller the treasurer's report was approved.

On old business Morrissey passed out the agenda for Membership Night scheduled for October 1, 2001. He stated that he needs help for this night and also help on the membership committee in general. Walker prepared the invitations to be mailed to prospects. The goal of Membership Night is for each member to bring at least one prospective member.

The granite "Welcome to Alton" sign is in and engraved. The masons have donated labor and the lintels are completed. It was mentioned that landscaping could be a club project. Morrissey said he thought the City was going to do this.

In fundraising Seymour stated that the dance failed but he was still hoping to have the road rally in October. Anyone with suggestions for a fundraiser should contact him. Also, in fundraising Moyer is going to order 1200 bags of pecans for the annual sale. Last year Rotary participated in the Pride Chili Cook-Off and interest was expressed in doing this event again this year. On a motion by Keller,

seconded by Johnson the board approved an expenditure of up to \$125.00 to participate in the Pride Chili Cook-Off.

Walker is still working on the update of the Black Book. It is the responsibility of the members to make sure he has your correct information.

In Foundation activities Moyer is going to attend the seminar. Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club needs to be more involved in Foundation activities and it is the responsibility of the Board to bring Foundation information to the membership. This would make everyone aware of how important our contribution is to the work done by the Foundation. As one way to generate funds Moyer suggested maybe assessing each member \$25 or \$50 with this money going directly to the Foundation.

In new business it was announced that the PETS conference is going to be held February 23, 2002 and Morrissey, as President-elect will be attending. The District Assembly is being held on April 6, 2002. The incoming officers and chairs for the service committees should plan on attending this assembly.

Resignations from 3 members and 1 board member were announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Seymour,
Executive Secretary

October Treasurer's Report

Previous Balance	\$13,359.82
cleared payments	-\$798.55
cleared deposits	\$3,276.82
Cleared Balance	\$15,838.09
uncleared payments	-\$3,678.68
uncleared deposits	\$1,326.00
Account Balance	\$13,485.41

OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

ED McPIKE, a senior at Alton High School, and **SARAH TRUCKEY**, 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 October at the Club's regular meeting at the Alton Holiday Inn on October 8th.

Ed McPike is the son of Ed and Martha McPike of Alton. He is a National Merit Commended Scholar and ranks in the upper 5 percent of his class. Scoring in the 99th percentile on the American College Testing Program, McPike has achieved numerous academic honors. He is a member of the National Honor Society, was enrolled in 18 honors course throughout his high school career, and a member of the school's Scholar Bowl team for four years. He was recognized for his entry in the World Youth Science and Engineering competition and received recognition as a Saturday Scholar and as a member of the school's Mathematics team.

In addition to McPike's academic accomplishments, he has been very active in school activities. He has been a member of the cross country team and was selected to be captain this year. He has also been a member of the swimming and track teams. McPike is a member of the Social Studies Club, student PRIDE, the Amnesty club, and a member of the school band. He also participated in the Student Abroad program to Germany and served as a host for a German exchange student.

When not involved in school activi-

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December 3 **St. Anthony's**
Annual Christmas gathering at St.
Anthony's Hospital.

Dec 8 **Powell Symphony Hall**
Special outing. St Louis Symphony
Orchestra Holiday Pops Concert
with Richard Hayman conducting.
Concert begins at 7:30 pm.

December 10 **Holiday Inn**
Board of Directors meeting, 5:00
pm. Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. De-
cember Students of the Month will
be honored.

December 14 **Rock Springs Park**
Community service project. Rotary
members will be working at the
Celebration of Christmas.

December 17 **Holiday Inn**
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Vickey
Cannedy will talk about the MADD
program.

December 22 **Alton/Godfrey**
Community service project. Rotary
members will be ringing bells for
the annual Salvation Army Tree of
Lights Campaign.

December 24 **No Meeting**
Christmas eve

December 31 **No Meeting**
New Year's eve
—Dorothy Hutchinson-Gross

From the President ... cont.

One final note: Many thanks to D.J. Johnson and Jim Towe for the great work they've done at the steak fries this year. The food is always great. The staff at Rolling Hills did a great job accommodating us as well. We look forward to resuming our monthly steak fries next spring. And to all the Rotarians who only seem to surface at the steak fries, come on out to the Holiday Inn. We'll miss you if we don't see you all winter.

—Sam Stemm

Club Service

As a follow up to the M-Nite, club members are asked to invite their guests back again. Follow-up is the key to getting new members.

The nominating committee will be meeting soon to discuss the upcoming election of board members and officers. The nominating slate will be presented to the Board at the November 12th Board meeting and elections will be conducted at the November 26th Club Assembly. (Don't know if absentee ballots are available since this is also a home football night.)

There are a total of 5 Board seats that expire every year, with several members desiring to retain a board position. Each election is for a 3 year term.

The officer election is for Treasurer. The Treasurer then climbs the chairs each year to Secretary, VP, and President. So, this year's Treasurer will eventually be Club president.

Anyone interested in consideration for either a Board or officer position should promptly contact Ed Morrissey or Sam Stemm.

—Ed Morrissey

Service above Self

We have heard this Rotary motto again and again, but very few Rotarians represent this motto as well as Dr. Matthew Lukwiya of Uganda, Africa. In the October issue of THE ROTARIAN, page 36, is an article describing how this Rotarian sacrificed his life in the battle against the Ebola virus.

October Students of the Month ... cont.

ties he has been a member of the Summersport and Metro Sports Swim teams. He is a student tutor, been a member of his church's bucket brigade team and been involved in the Alton Junior Marketplace. After graduation he plans to enroll in college and major in business finance and economics.

Sarah Truckey is the daughter of William and Jeanne Truckey of Alton. She is a member of the National Honor Society and been very involved in school publication and drama activities. She has been a member of the school's year book staff for three years and has served as the Editor for the past two years. She has been a member of the casts of a variety of school productions including "Peter Pan," "Little Shop of Horrors," "Fiddler on the Roof," and "Up the Down Staircase." She also serves as a volunteer at the Alton Little Theater and interned at SIUE's theater for the 2001 summer production of "Godspell."

Sarah has been an active member of Marquette's Campus Ministry throughout high school and is also a member of the St. Ambrose Youth Group.

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

—Tom Juravich