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Thousands sheltered by Rotarian effort

By Tonya Weger Rotary International News



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Rotarians from several districts and clubs are diligently working to provide refugees with shelter from the storm, as they have been since Hurricane Katrina made landfall on 29 August.

To date, their efforts have provided emergency accommodation for up to 24,000 survivors via 1,200 ShelterBoxes – containing tents and necessary equipment – delivered throughout the U.S. Gulf Coast.

"This is the first time [ShelterBoxes] are needed in the U.S. since there's standing water in a whole city," said

Jerry Hearn, a past district governor of District 6960 and active member of Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch, Florida, where ShelterBox is an ongoing community service project. Hearn's district was hit hard by Hurricane Charlie in 2004. "But it was nothing to this scale; we could stay in our homes," he said. Due to the mass homelessness caused by Katrina, boxes were altered to accommodate two tents that house 10 people each. "We omitted 10 sleeping bags because the Salvation Army had enough cots for everyone," Hearn said.

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Rotary Programs



Oct 3 Moonlight Restaurant
Special Board of Directors Meeting 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Keith Lape, 2005-2006 District 6460 President will be introduced and will speak to the club on plans for the year.

Oct 10 Moonlight Restaurant
Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Students of the Month for October will be honored.

Oct 17 Grampa Woo Cruise Boat
Annual Cruise aboard the Grampa Woo boat. Rotarians and guests will gather at the Alton Marina at 4:00. Departure is at 4:30 and we will return at 8:00 pm. Proceeds from this cruise will benefit the USO.

Oct 24 The new Alton High School
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Phil Trapani, Principal and Assistant Superintendent, will be conducting a tour of the new Alton High School.

Oct 31 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Program to be announced.

Nov 7 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Program to be announced.

Students of the Month

Scott Yanta, a senior at Alton High School, and **Kelsie Carrow**, 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 **SEPTEMBER** at the Club's regular meeting at the Moonlight Restaurant on **SEPTEMBER 12TH**.



Kelsie Carrow is the daughter of Dr. Marty and Linda Carrow of Alton. Carrow has been recognized on the school's High Honor Roll every term since she has been at Marquette. She is a member of the National Honor Society and was the recipient of the Most Helpful Award from

that group. She has been on the Yearbook staff for three years and served as an editor for one year. She has been a member of the Student Council for four years and currently is serving as Senior Class President. She is a school Ambassador, a member of Alpha, and a participant in the Students Against Drunk Driving Program.

Carrow has been a member of the award winning Pom Dance team for four years. In her spare time she is a volunteer at Alton Memorial Hospital and a member of the St. Ambrose Youth Group. After graduation she plans to pursue a Nursing career.

Scott Yanta is the son of Myles and Mary Yanta of Alton. He is in the top five per cent of his class at Alton High and is presently serving as the President of the National Honor Society. He has consistently achieved the school's High Honor Roll and has received numerous academic awards which include the Yale Book Award, the KMOX Student Achievement Award and the Best Sports Writing Award from the University of Missouri's School of Journalism at a summer media workshop Yanta attended the

World Affairs Seminar this past summer sponsored by Rotary International.



His outstanding scholarship earned him selection as the Scholar Athlete for the Redbird Soccer and Baseball teams this past year and he has been an active participant on the baseball and soccer teams for the past three years serving as captain of the soccer team this year. His soccer ex-

perience includes competition in the Metro United Club soccer program.

Scott has been an active participant in the Saturday Scholars program for two years and was recently selected to serve on the Senior Leadership Council at Alton High. He is serving as Managing Editor of the Redbird Word and has been a member of the Student Council serving as president of the sophomore class. During his freshman and sophomore years he served as co-captain of his class Scholar Bowl teams

As a recognized and honored student leader, Yanta finds time to volunteer his time at the Alton Memorial Hospital and at the Evangelical United Church of Christ. He also finds time for part employment. He is undecided about his future major.



The distribution of ShelterBoxes is one of the main Rotarian relief efforts for Katrina at this time, and it's being coordinated throughout the entire United States. Rotarians are working closely with agencies such as the Red Cross and Salvation Army. "We continue to let them know what we have," Hearn explained. "We don't just drop [the boxes] off."

Whether it's identifying campgrounds or other suitable places to set up tents or teaching the community how to best construct their ShelterBox villages, Rotarians are on the ground and making a difference.

"I do believe we're getting a handle on the areas that were affected," said RI Director Bob Stuart, a member of the Rotary Club of Springfield, Illinois. "We are trying to reach all evacuees."

According to Past District Governor Frank Bradshaw, a member of the Rotary Club of Lafayette South, Louisiana, 200 ShelterBoxes were taken to Katrina's ground zero in Gulfport, Mississippi. Lafayette and Lake Charles, Louisi-

ana, were other early ShelterBox recipients.

The Houston Astrodome received 200 boxes, which were later distributed to areas such as Jackson, Mississippi, where



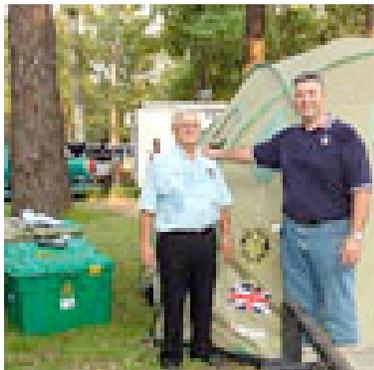
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there was a greater need for additional shelter. Atlanta, Georgia, is slated to receive 400 units for evacuees there. And Rotarians are working to determine how to get more ShelterBoxes to areas that remain destitute.

"Today it's the Delta south of New Orleans — there is very much need there," Hearn said. "In their recovery effort, they're where New Orleans was last week. The media was concentrating on New Orleans, and no one heard anything about these areas."

The [ShelterBox](#) project began in England but has since spread to Australia, Canada, and the United States. The Rotarian-sponsored groups ship units globally to areas in need.

For more information on relief efforts and ways to help, please visit [RI's World Community Service Disaster Relief page](#) and check the [RI home](#)



Nov 14 Moonlight Restaurant

Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Students of the Month for November will be honored.

Nov 21 2005 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Second Quarter Club Assembly for the election of new officers and board of director members for 2006-2007. Committee reports to the membership.

Nov 28 Moonlight Restaurant

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

- Joel Copley, Bill Hoagland - Program Directors

Other Rotary Efforts

- Rotary Zones 29 and 30 have established a Donor Advised Fund called the "*Katrina Relief Fund*" and are prepared to receive contributions from Rotarians.

- Florida District 6930 has established a relief effort committee and is working with Louisiana Districts 6190 and 6200, Mississippi Districts 6800 and 6820 Louisiana and Mississippi District 6840 and Florida District 6890 in the affected areas to deliver aid.

- Mississippi District 6820 and Louisiana and Mississippi District 6840 are collecting funds to provide immediate and long-term assistance for community members in the affected areas of Districts 6840 and 6820. All requests for funds will be sponsored by or approved by a local Rotary Club in 6840 or 6820.

- Louisiana District 6200 has established a relief fund for the victims of Hurricane Katrina supporting efforts throughout the Southern Gulf Region. District 6200 Foundation trustees are working with the District's Disaster Relief Committee, local Rotary clubs, surrounding Rotary Districts, as well as emergency relief agencies.

August Minutes

The August 8, 2005 meeting of directors of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club was called to order at 5:00 p.m., by President Sharon Johnson. Others in attendance were, Tom Juravich, Dave Walker, Alien McBride, Ron Mayhew, Dan Saeger, Ford Phillips, Sam Stemm, Jeannine Kelly, Scott Neudecker, Larry Thompson, Martha Morse, Tom Wyatt, Terry Woelfel, John Keller and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour.

On a motion by Tom Juravich, seconded by Sam the minutes were approved. There was no treasurer's report.

In Community Service, no report.

In Club Service, Ron Mayhew said the new computer is in for the club but there were still some problems with it. Martha Morse said there are still plenty copies of the montage left and a few shirts still needed to be picked up. Larry Thompson said he has no news on the Booth House. In a related matter, the North Alton Business Association asked for their donation (\$1500) for this project be returned. Correspondence was received from the Growth Association to be a sponsor for Business After Hours, October 6 in the amount of \$100.00. On a motion by Dave Walker, seconded by Ford Phillips this donation was approved.

In Vocational Service, Dan Saeger is organizing an Interact Club at Alton High School. An Interact Club is a Rotary Club for high school students. Phil Trapani is getting approval from the new superintendent and also is seeking a school advisor. Members of our club would attend their meetings and they would send an officer to our meetings. Our Club would oversee any projects or events this Interact Club would have. He has also approached Marquette about getting involved with this new club.

In member vocations it was brought up by Tom Juravich to have new member installations on just one Monday a month. On a motion by Tom Juravich, seconded by Sam Stemm it was approved to hold installations on the second Monday of the month (Student of the Month night).

In International Service, Larry Thompson said that we have two outbound students. He received two booklets for these students from Richard Morse, District 6460 chair of youth exchange. He is going to conduct an interview of Chris Morse on

August 22 and give him the booklet that evening. Also, Laura, Kuchnicki, the ambassadorial scholar, would receive her booklet that evening as well.

In new business, Sharon Johnson said the budget committee met on July 20. The biggest change in the budget was \$15,000 additional money in fundraising. She would like the Club to raise a total of \$25,000 this year. That includes golf, chili, and pecans. The other change is a line for membership recruitment and membership recognition.. It includes money for mailings, meals, awards, etc. This will be an annual expense. The scholarship was raised from \$2500.00 to \$3000.00. After discussion on a motion by Tom Juravich, seconded by Sam Stemm the approved the working budget as presented with the stipulation it will be reviewed in a few months and be amended as needed.

Larry Thompson said we need to purchase our own sound system. We have been using one owned by St. Ambrose and he would like to purchase a Fender 150 watt system in the amount of \$663.00. The board approved this expenditure.

In mail correspondence the request from The Alton Symphony Orchestra for \$1000 to bus school children to the Christmas concert was referred to Community Service. The Haskell Playhouse Committee sent a thank you for our sponsorship of the pony rides.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Seymour, Executive Secretary

July Report

Previous Balance	\$3,752.74
cleared payments	2,741.28
cleared deposits	7,682.42
Cleared Balance	8,693.88
uncleared payments	5,493.96
uncleared deposits	6,625.00
Account Balance	9,824.92
New Payments	1,500.06
New Deposits	3,000.00
Ending Balance	11,324.86

Club Officers 2005-2006

President.....	Sharon Johnson 301 Prospect, Alton, 465-8244
Vice-President.....	Jeanine Kelly 25 Logan Road, Alton, 465-0123
Secretary.....	Josh Farley 1420 Liberty, Alton, 462-5257
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Executive Secretary.....	Melissa Seymour

Board of Directors 2005-2006

Larry Hauck-3rd yr	Mike Tillman-2nd yr
Tom Juravich-3rd yr	Tom Wyatt-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	Terry Woefel-1st yr
Mike Seymour-2nd yr	Larry Thompson-PP