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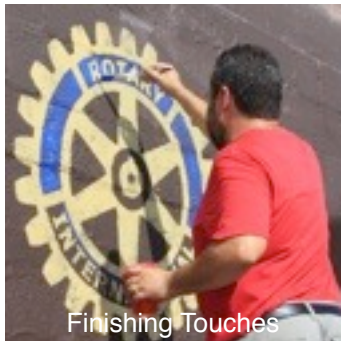
A Monthly Newsletter

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Mural Dedication

The mural dedication was, by all accounts, a complete success. The weather cooperated, there were over thirty Rotarian volunteers who helped make sure that everything went smoothly. The festivities were well organized and well attended.

Mike Osborne, the project coordinator, would like to thank everyone who participated in making this another successful Rotary project.



Finishing Touches



Ron Tanner, Dennis Wilson, Bob Hamilton, John Rain



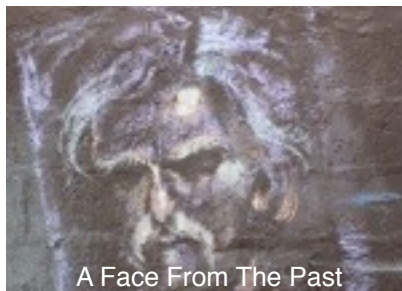
Alton High School Air Force Junior ROTC Color Guard



Mural Artist Rip Kastaris



Original Artist, Mike Eckhard



A Face From The Past

Rotary Programs



Sep 6 No Meeting

Labor Day

Sep 13 Alton Sports Tap

Board of Directors Meeting 5:00 PM.
Regular Meeting 6:00 PM. Students of the Month for September will be honored.

Sep 20 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.

Sep 27 Alton Sports Tap

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM. First Quarter Club Assembly

Oct 4 Alton Sports Tap

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM. Our program will be a presentation by Frank Miles, the Madison County Treasurer, who will discuss recent changes in real estate tax assessment procedures in Madison County and who will answer questions regarding those assessments, including the question of why our assessments

Meerim Abdykalykova - Our Youth Exchange Student

- I am a very active girl. When I have free time I prefer to spend it to help my family. Sometimes I draw and read different books. The rest of my free time I spend with my friends. We go to the park. In the park we take a lot of beautiful pictures. If I stay at home I bake cakes.
- Every day I get up at six o'clock in the morning, do my morning exercise, have breakfast and go to school by bus. Usually I have 6 or 7 lessons every day. I take 20 classes. They are: History, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, English, Russian, and Kyrgyz languages. Each class takes 45 minutes. I am at school from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. After finishing school I go to the music school.
- Our school has a team "gildia" that participated in a famous comedian show KWN and took first place. Our school has a lot of parties: Miss Autumn, Masquerade, The Best Teacher. Last year I was given the title of Miss Autumn.
- I live in a house consisting of two rooms. There are living room, kitchen, and bed rooms. The kitchen always has a pleasant smell, because my mother and I cook very tasty food. There are three beautiful pictures, two in the living room and one in the kitchen.
- My father is in the military. He has been working for 23 years in MF of KR, Military Forces of Kyrgyz Republic. He has been in America, Germany, Ukraine, and Russia. My mom is an economist and works in the Demir Bank.
- I live in Tunguch of Gorkogo Street in Bishkek. Bishkek is the capital of Kyrgyzstan. The population of Bishkek is one million. These days, Kyrgyzstan faces one of the worst economic issues: unemployment, steadily rising prices on goods like food, clothes, shelter, insufficient resources of natural



Meerim and family



Meerim and violin

- gas and water, which is the main source of electricity for the whole country.
- My hobbies are listening to music, playing on violin and piano, and drawing and reading detective books. I draw different models; read Paulo Koel'o, D.H. Chase, and Ch. Aitmatov; play Rondo on the violin; and dance ballet.
- When I was eight, my family moved to Moscow. I lived in Moscow for two years. I visited Red Square and a lot of palaces. On summer holidays, we visited galleries and museums. I was in the palace where Ekaterina lived.
- There are several things I do not like. Snakes are the scariest things in the world! Personally, I do not like when young people, especially young ladies, smoke. I do not like when people are not organized. I am usually not picky about food, as long as it is organic.
- My qualities are that I am warm hearted, easy going, and social. I try to reach my goals and try to be successful in everything that I do. I am a very funny person. My motto: "If you try hard you will be able to reach whatever you aim for".
- When I graduate from high school, I want to study journalism in AUCA (American University in Central Asia) or in France. I want to be a journalist, because I like to write. All people read newspapers, watch TV news, and listen to radio. It is a very interesting profession.
- As an exchange student, I want to get an American education, unique experiences in one of the most developed countries, and improve my English. Also, I will have an opportunity to visit new cities, see and experience another culture, traditions, beliefs, and different opinions. I want to get knowledge and be successful in my life.



Meerim and friends

Everyone Gets In On The Act

The mural artist, Rip Kastaris, hatched the brilliant idea of getting even more community involvement than we already had by including young people of the area in the painting. Kids were invited to add sea creatures to the mural. Below are some examples.



Financial Update (rough estimate)

Expenses		Revenue	
Painting the Mural	\$39,900	Corporate	\$36,500
Building Prep	1,928	Kick-Off Party	850
Purchase of Prints	9,387	Sale of Prints	10,955
Monument	500	Piasa Foundation	14,500
Miscellaneous	4,378		
Total	56,093	Total	62,805

continue to rise when the fair market value of our homes is decreasing.

Oct 11 Alton Sports Tap

Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 PM. Regular Meeting 6:00 PM. Students of the Month for October will be honored.

Oct 18 Rolling Hills

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.

Oct 25 Alton Sports Tap

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM. Our program will be a presentation by Violet Phiri, a representative of African Vision of Hope, who will discuss that organization's ongoing efforts to build schools in Zambia.

Oct 29-30 Hilton Hotel, Springfield

District 6460 Conference presented by the Rotary Club of Springfield.

Bill Hoagland, Program Director



New Generations Gives Rotary A New Avenue To Serve

This September's New Generations Month takes on a different meaning than in the past.

The commitment to getting youth and young adults actively involved in Rotary was strengthened in April when representatives at the Council on Legislation approved New Generations as the fifth Avenue of Service. [Read more.](#)

RI President Ray Klingensmith says the new Avenue of Service improves the value of youth programs and their impact on Rotary's future.

"The Council wanted to be sure New Generations programs were given adequate attention by clubs," says Klingensmith. "Rotarians just want to be up front and recognize the importance of these programs. New Generations isn't just important to the future of Rotary but also our communities and the world."

New Generations Service acknowledges the positive change implemented by youth and young adults involved in leadership development activities, community and international service, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding. Programs include [RYLA](#), [Rotaract](#), [Interact](#), and [Rotary Youth Exchange](#).

"We truly have the finest youth programs in the world," says Klingensmith. "Their intrinsic value continues to escalate. We do a great job with these programs, we just need to give them more visibility."



Interact Members who assisted at the dedication of the Mural Project. Interact has over 40 Members this year.

This month is a chance to celebrate the new Avenue of Service, says Vicki Puliz, chair of New Generations Service for District 5190 (parts of California and Nevada, USA).

"News of the Council's decision was welcomed with excitement and enthusiasm by Rotarians in our district," says Puliz. "We are using this as a way to emphasize how Rotary International views New Generations and its importance. It's a springboard to communicate even more

with our clubs about these programs."

Virtually every club in her district is involved with one or more of the four youth programs. A wide range of district programs fall under the New Generations umbrella, says Puliz. "Focusing more on youth is crucial for Rotary to thrive and survive," she says. "It's one of the reasons why we have programs on literacy, leadership training, and ethics for young people."

She recommends that every club appoint a New Generations Service chair. "We've learned that our youth programs benefit from communication and coordination," says Puliz.

New Generations joins Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service as an Avenue of Service. Before starting a project, Rotarians are asked to think broadly about how their club and its members could contribute within each avenue.

Klingensmith says the best clubs are the ones that are well balanced.

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