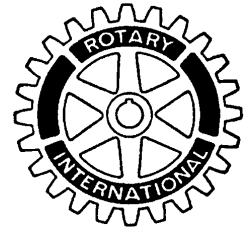


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A Message from RI President Bhichai Rattakul

We have reached the midpoint of this Rotary year, and it has been a challenging six months, marked by economic uncertainty and instability around the world. Despite their own hardships, Rotarians are doing their part to bring peace and harmony to troubled areas. Through humanitarian service projects, they are offering hope to those who have almost given up on life and are helping to *Sow the Seeds of Love*, which have taken root and changed so many lives for the better.



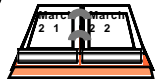
As we enter the second half of the year, I would like to ask Rotarians to look within themselves and ask, "Can I do even more?" I would like to ask members to challenge themselves to achieve an even higher level of service. Such a commitment reflects the very essence of a Rotarian.

Each club needs to evaluate its progress at this point. When I had the honor to begin serving in this position in July 2002, I appealed to all Rotarians to focus on three major areas: increasing membership based on specific club goals and the classification system, supporting at least one project or program of The Rotary Foundation of RI, and initiating or continuing at least one activity within each of the four Avenues of Service (Club, Vocational, Community, and International). I did not introduce any new programs because I felt that concentrating on these basics would result in a strong, well-balanced club.

During my travels, I have witnessed the dedication and tireless work of Rotarians around the globe. They are an inspiration to their clubs and their communities. I am gratified that Rotarians have wholeheartedly embraced this year's polio eradication fundraising campaign, Fulfilling Our Promise: Eradicate Polio, to raise US\$80 million to help eradicate polio by 2005. I encour-

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Our Rotary Calendar



January 6 **Holiday Inn**
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Todd Runkwitz, Gateway International Speedway, will speak on the events and plans for Gateway International.

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

Jan 27 **Moonlight Restaurant**
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Club Assembly - Committee Updates

February 3 **Holiday Inn**
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Dennis Wingertsahn, Southern Division Manager Illinois American Water Company, will speak to the club on the progress and plans for the future of the water company.

February 10 **Holiday Inn**
Board of Directors meeting, 5:00

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Board Minutes for November

The November 18, 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, John Rain, Scott Neudecker, Mike McCormick, Sam Stemm, Bob Fowler, Dan Saeger, Larry Thompson, Jeannine Kelly, Von VanDiver, Martha Morse, Ford Phillips and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour.

On a motion by Rain, seconded by Stemm the minutes were approved. On a motion by Juravich, seconded by Stemm the treasurer's report was approved.

The memberships of Gail Weinrich, Frank Dwyer, and Roger Hoffard were accepted by the Board on a motion by Moyer, seconded by Neudecker.

In Community Service Kelly said the committee would meet tonight after the regular meeting and present a report at next months Board meeting. Community Christmas 2002 is collecting food, clothing, and toys for those in need. It was decided that Alton-Godfrey Rotary would focus on one item, coats. It was suggested that since the Alton Belle is not contributing \$2000 for the purchase of new coats that we could do this. McCormick suggested that we have members bring in coats in on 12/16/02. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Phillips that coats be collected with the final date being 12/16/02. This was amended by Rain to have the coats brought to the Club Assembly. The motion passed as amended.

In Vocational Service, tonight is Student of the Month.

In International service there was no

report.

In Club Service, McCormick stated that the 11/25/02 meeting with be a club assembly with election of officers and directors. Jeannine will be nominated treasurer.

For the Foundation Moyer reported that Alton-Godfrey Rotary has raised \$14,166.30 for the Polio Eradication 2002 Campaign. This is 14 Paul Harris Fellows. He would like to see the club make the \$15,000 mark. It was approved on a motion by Moyer, seconded by McCormick to use fine and 50-50 money to make up the difference.

In Fundraising, Johnson stated that items are still needed for the Hatha-way Holiday Pops auction.

In old business, McCormick contacted 4 other places to see if they would work for our meetings. Johnson's Corner is too small; Sportsmen's Club is not interested; Sports Tap is interested with meals being \$11.00; Moonlight is also interested with meals being \$9.00. Seymour did point out this is not the first time we have looked for a new meeting place. There was concern that Moonlight may be too far out. The Board did authorize McCormick to book a meeting at Moonlight in January before we make a commitment. The Executive Secretary review is due to the Board in January or February. The request from Alton Park & Rec for the carillon donation was referred to Community Service. There was no interest from the membership to participate in the Alton Human Relations Commission.

December Treasurer's Report

Previous Balance	\$15,340.86
cleared payments	-\$8,239.91
cleared deposits	\$6,027.03
Cleared Balance	\$13,127.98
uncleared payments	-\$8,349.15
uncleared deposits	\$0.00
Account Balance	\$4,778.83

In new business Seymour said that he would like to see the 4-Way Test put on the billboard at the corner of Broadway & Market. Thompson suggested having a poster contest and incorporate the winning poster on the billboard. This was referred to Club Service. Seymour & Moyer will make contacts to try and get the billboard rental donated.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Seymour,
Executive Secretary

The Rotary Program...continued

pm. Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Students of the Month for February will be honored. Spouse's Valentine Night

February 17 Holiday Inn
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Past President Recognition Program. Sue Fitzgerald, St. Anthony's Hospice, will speak about the care and support of the hospice services program.

February 24 Holiday Inn
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Marty Hendin, St. Louis Cardinals, will bring the news of the Cardinals' 2003 season.

March 3 St. Paul Episcopal
18th Annual Chili Chowdown, Serving 11 am-1 pm, 4:30 pm-7 pm

March 10 Holiday Inn
Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 pm. Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Students of the Month for March will be honored. A club member will provide an update, news, and events related to their vocation.

March 17 Holiday Inn
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. St. Patrick's Day M-Nite. Rotarians are asked to invite a guest for this special program.

—Dorothy Hutchinson-Gross

December Students of the Month

JOANNA BRATTON, a senior at Alton High School, and **ANDREW McGARRAHAN**, 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 December at the Club's regular meeting at the Alton Holiday Inn on December 9.

Joanna Bratton is the daughter of James and Noel Bratton of Godfrey. She has a 3.798 grade average and has consistently achieved recognition on the school's honor roll as well as membership in the National Honor Society. She is a participant in the Upward Bound Program and has held a number of offices in the minority excellence program.

Active in school organizations, Bratton was selected to Who's Who Among American High School Students, is a member of the Social Studies Club, a former member of the Alton Junior Marketplace, and was a participant in the SIUE Martin Luther King high school essay, poetry and visual arts contest. She has also been an active participant in the Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering Society.

Bratton has been an active participant in the schools girls athletic program where she has participated on the girl's varsity track,



A Message from RI President Bhichai Rattakul...continued

age every Rotarian to contribute to this historic effort. We must keep our promise to the world's children.

The 2002-03 Rotary year will culminate with the RI Convention in Brisbane, Australia, 1-4 June (see pages 17-46). This event provides Rotarians with an opportunity to learn more about Rotary's programs, make contacts for initiating service projects, and enjoy fellowship at the international level. Clubs are also preparing for the greatest celebration of all < Rotary's centennial in 2005. I encourage every club to organize a centennial community project to serve as a lasting reminder of Rotary's contributions to the world.

As we begin the new year, I would like to wish you and your families happiness, health, and peace. My greatest hope for 2003 is that every Rotarian experience the true joy of Rotary service. This can take many forms, whether it's reading a book to a child, building a shelter for the homeless, or teaching people a vocation that will provide financial and emotional security. As we begin the second half of this Rotary year, let us continue to *Sow the Seeds of Love*, both at home and abroad.

Bhichai Rattakul
President, Rotary International



tennis, and basketball teams. She was the four time recipient of the 110 percent Award in Basketball. She is presently the Captain of the girl' basketball teams. She was selected as a Snow Duchess her Sophomore year and this fall was selected as the Alton High Homecoming Queen.

She has not only excelled in her school activities but has been very active in community service ventures serving as a volunteer as for a variety of community activities. She has also worked at the local daycare center and assisted at local nursing homes. Upon graduation she plans on pursuing a degree in electrical engineering either at the University of Missouri-Rolla or at the University of Illinois.

Andrew McGarrahan is the son of Kevin and Cathy McGarrahan. He has been a member of the schools Scholar Bowl team for the past three years and recently was the recipient of the DAR Good Citizenship award. He has been an active member of ALPHA[Adolescents Learning Peers in Positive Health Alternatives], the school's Campus Ministry, and as a member of WYSE.

McGarrahan has been a member of the varsity football team for the past three years and has been extremely active in the drama program. He has contributed over 500 volunteer service hours mostly at the St. Louis Science Center during his high school attendance. Upon graduation, McGarrahan plans to attend St. Louis University and major in Biomedical Engineering.

Ed Morrissey, President of the Rotary Club, presented plaques recognizing selection to this honor.
—Tom Juravich