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Tom Juravich-2nd yr	Tom Wyatt-1st yr
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From The President

Alton/Godfrey Rotary Celebrates Rotary International's 100th Birthday

"There are few organizations that last a hundred years," says Glenn Estess, Rotary International president. "The fact that Rotary has reached this important milestone is a sign that there is a tremendous need for all that Rotary offers."

On Wednesday, February 23rd, our club joined thousands of clubs around the globe to celebrate this significant birthday. As President Estess says, just reaching this milestone indicates our organization provides important services. In communities throughout the world, Rotary Clubs are being formed as one way to address the needs of their local population. Because of the Object of Rotary, the 4-Way Test, and our motto "Service above Self", a group of people in a community organized under those guidelines is likely to succeed.

The day following our celebration, a search of the Internet for news stories on what other Rotary Clubs had done to celebrate the 100th year, resulted in over 125 stories posted which did not include our story which appeared in *The Telegraph*.

At noon Wednesday the La Salle, Peru and Illinois Valley Sunrise Rotary clubs joined with clubs across the globe in ringing bells to ceremonially ring in the 100th year of the service organization. Sunrise Rotary President Mark Dudek led the 65 Rotarians in attendance in a toast to usher in the anniversary year

In St Croix, Virgin Islands the past president in remarks said, "in the 47 years that the local club has been in existence it has followed the example of Rotary International and has donated more than \$1 million to the community and raised more than \$90,000 for the Rotary Foundation."

In Slidell, Louisiana, despite the pouring rain, a crowd gathered under the Heritage Park gazebo to help the Slidell Northshore Rotary Club celebrate the 100th birthday of Rotary International as well as the completion of its centennial project to plant over 300 trees along Pontchartrain Drive. In the crowd were 11 Rotarians from Russia in-

Rotary Programs



March 7 St. Paul's Episcopal Church

20th Annual Chili Chowdown, Serving 11 am - 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

March 14 Moonlight Restaurant

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

March 21 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Harvey Veit will discuss a historical subject: Clothing worn in the American Colonies in the 1700's and will introduce the American History Museum project.

March 28 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dan Beiser will discuss upcoming legislation.

Students Of The Month

The Alton/Godfrey Rotary Club honored Erika Paul, a senior at Alton High School, and Megan Saenz, a senior at Marquette Catholic High School as the Students for the Month for the month of February at the Club's regular meeting at the Moonlight Restaurant on February 14.

Erika Paul is the daughter of Lynn and Julie Paul of Godfrey. Paul has been a regular on the high honor roll since she enrolled at Alton High and is presently serving as President of the National Honor Society. She has earned recognition and been listed in the National Honor Roll and Who's Who Among American High School Students. A member of the Saturday's Scholar program, Erika was a recipient of the KMOX Student Achievement Award during her junior year.



She has been nominated for the DAR Good Citizenship Award and attended the World Affairs Conference sponsored by Rotary International at the University of Wisconsin. The recipient of numerous awards and accolades, Paul was one of only eight seniors selected by the high school principal to serve on the Senior Leadership Council.

Active on her school's Volleyball team, she was selected as the Scholar Athlete for the team during her junior and senior years. She was also selected as the recipient of an IHSA Good Sportsmanship Award.

Paul has been active in journalism activities serving as Editorial Editor of the Red Bird Word and Vice President of the Quill and Scroll Society. A member of the Scholar Bowl team, she has been active in the music program as a member of the Concert Choir and the Symphonic and Concert bands. With club memberships

too numerous to mention she finds time to participate in school theater productions.

Community service activities include working on Student Pride projects including the Bucket Brigade, ringing the bells and working in the Salvation Army Food Pantry. She volunteers at Beverly Farms and is an active volunteer at the Calvary Baptist Church. She plans to major in American Government and Political Science when she attends college.

Megan Saenz is the daughter of James and Melissa Saenz of Godfrey. Megan Saenz has achieved the honor or high honor roll every term since she enrolled at Marquette. She was inducted into the National Honor Society and presently serves as the organization's Secretary. She was also selected to Who's Who Among American High School Students and is a Marquette High Student Ambassador as well as a member of SADD.



Saenz has been a member of the soccer team for three years and a member of the golf team for four years. During her junior year she received All-Area honors from the Telegraph and third team from the Metro East Coaches Association for golf.

Saenz has devoted many hours of community service to her Church, St. Ambrose, and has also worked at the Arms of Love. Upon graduation Saenz plans to enroll at SIUE and major in Marketing.

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

—Tom Juravich

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vited to spend the week with host families in Slidell. "This is the best thing to do for your community, when you do things voluntarily," said Annie Nekrasova, a Rotarian from Volzhsky, Russia. "I will always support such projects."

In Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, Rotarians, the mayor and special guests gathered at Wacker Park to pay tribute to Herbert Taylor and Rotary International by erecting a granite monument in honor of Herbert Taylor in the Memorial Rose Garden and Mayor Gamble declared February 23rd as Rotary Pauls Valley Day in conjunction with Rotary's 100th anniversary. Herbert Taylor created the 4-Way Test and served as this club's third president in 1923-1924 and later as president of Rotary International during the golden anniversary year in 1955-1956.

The Rotary Club Taiwan yesterday issued two sets of stamps with logos that included the word "Taiwan," in order to commemorate the centennial anniversary of the establishment of Rotary International. The two logos feature a dove and a picture of Taiwan, respectively. "It is the first time that stamps have actually been designed by members of the Rotary Club. The design also represents Taiwan's yearning for peace," said Thomas Ong (翁耀堂), one of the two designers of the stamps. The other designer is Wu Chin-sheng (吳進生). Both designers are members of Rotary Club Taipei Banka, a chapter of Rotary Club Taiwan District 3480.

In Chennai, India, Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa has called for a concerted and coordinated effort to put down terrorist forces and said hesitation and absence of firmness in this regard would only strengthen the hands of such outfits that would be emboldened to consider the State as a soft target. Speaking after receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award and the Paul Harris Fellow Recognition at a function organised for the centennial celebration of the Rotary Movement here yesterday, the Chief Minister said the forces of globalisation have opened up the world not only for the growth of international trade, but for the growth of global terrorism as well. Thanking the Rotary Movement for conferring the award, Jayalalithaa said, "I have tried to envision, formulate and implement policies which measures up to the high ethical standards embedded in Mahatma Gandhi's Talisman and Rotary's Fourway test."

And finally another article begins with -

PO'IPU — The walls were still showing the studs. But, the roof was on, and so were the doors, as members of the Rotary Club of Poipu Beach dedicated the county water-rescue facility located in the back of the Kaua'i Fire Department Koloa fire station Wednesday. Claude Thompson, district governor of the Hawai'i Rotary clubs, was on hand to join the celebration on the date of the 100th birthday of the Rotary clubs, his stay shortened by the need for his presence at Centennial Celebrations on Maui, the Big Island, and O'ahu.

Special thanks goes to Josh Farley for chairing the committee to organize our celebration, to Gene Crivello for recognizing our Rotarians and guests, and to Ron Mayhew for his work on the special history edition of *The Ratchet*. There are 31,000 Rotary clubs in the world, but our club was able to celebrate the centennial with a dinner at Copley's West 9th. We thank Chef Ryan, Joel and the crew at Copley's for a wonderful evening.

—Larry Thompson, President 2004-05

Minutes - January Board Meeting

The January 10, 2005, meeting of directors of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club was called to order at 5:00 p.m., by President Larry Thompson. Others in attendance were Mike Seymour, Tom Juravich, Sharon Johnson, Bill Moyer, Larry Hauck, Scott Neudecker, Sam Stemm, Dan Saeger, Ron Mayhew, Mike Tillman, Tom Wyatt, Dave Walker, Ford Phillips, Alien McBride, Josh Farley, Mike McCormick, John Keller and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour.

April 4 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Scott Weiner will relate his experiences at a St. Louis Cardinal Fantasy Baseball Camp in Florida.

April 11 Moonlight Restaurant

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

April 18 Rolling Hills

Steak Fry at the Rolling Hills Golf Course Club House 6:00 p.m. Golf outing to precede. Contact Richard Johnson for details.

April 25 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Club Assembly. Plans for 05-06 Rotary year to be announced. Committee organization presented.

—Joel Copley/Bill Hoagland



January Treasurer's Report

Previous Balance	\$28,700.45
cleared payments	-7,503.56
cleared deposits	4,414.52
Cleared Balance	25,611.41
uncleared payments	-5,616.46
uncleared deposits	0.00
Account Balance	19,994.95
New Payments	-1,753.86
New Deposits	1,175.00
Ending Balance	19,416.09

On a motion by Dave Walker, seconded by Tom Juravich the minutes were approved. On a motion by Dave Walker, seconded by Scott Neudecker the treasurer's report was approved.

Richard Ingersoll was proposed for membership by Steve Tassinari.. On a motion by Dave Walker, seconded by Bill Moyer his membership was approved pending his attending two meetings.

In Community Service Scott Neudecker said the committee is scheduled to meet 1/17/05. They have applications from 11 groups requesting funds. They plan to bring a recommendation to the Board.

In Vocational Service, Dan Saeger has met with Chris Norman, Asst. Principal at Alton High School. Alton High has a program that honors technical students on a quarterly basis. Dan asked if everyone was on board for a vocational scholarship program. If so, what kind of budget would he have. The Board told him to bring a proposal back. It was also discussed to consider having an outstanding occupational student of the year with students from Alton High School, Marquette Catholic High School, and LCCC participating. This could maybe incorporated into the Student of the Month banquet.

In International Service Bill Moyer said the Works Affairs project is June 11-17, 2005. He has been unsuccessful is getting in touch with last years attendee as a guest speaker. On the International project, he is still fine tuning the list, it will probably be a water project. He also said R.I. has asked us to

contribute to the tsunami by giving a donation to the Red Cross.

In Club Service, Sharon Johnson said there is still some pecan money outstanding. Chili Chowdown is scheduled for March 7th. Larry Thompson needs to meet with Matt Grindle to get an update the purchase of the remaining lots for the Booth House.

In old business, Larry Thompson said the R. I. report showed that Alton-Godfrey Rotary gave the second highest donation to Polio Plus in the District, \$15,132.55. A motion was made by Larry Hauck, seconded by Sharon Johnson that A-G join the Growth Association with the dues being \$165.00.

In new business, Bill Moyer brought up monitoring the funds of the Piasa Foundation and said that Dick Jones, as treasurer, has done a wonderful job. Bill feels that the immediate past president should be the second signature on the checks along with Dick Jones. Bill made a motion to this seconded by Sharon Johnson. The motion was approved.

A request was received from Steve Mayberry, a local poet, asking that we sponsor him in a competition. On a motion by Dave Walker, seconded by Sharon Johnson the Board declined.

Jacoby Art Center received a \$2,000 donation for office windows. They have asked A-G to install them.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted Melissa Seymour, Executive Secretary

Monday, March 7

Chili Chowdown



Please respond to Mike Seymour's email to let him know when you are willing to work.