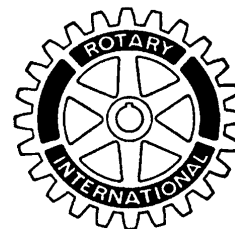


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Tom Juravich-2nd yr Tom Wyatt-1st yr
John Keller-2nd yr
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From The President

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! It is already December of this Rotary year which means my turn as president of Rotary is nearly half over. We have many rotarians to thank for our recent successful projects including: Gail Weinrech and Richard Rook for the golf tournament; Sharon Johnson, Martha Morse, and Angie Adams for the auction and the Holiday Extravaganza reception; Bill Moyer and Gene Crivello for the Grampa Woo cruise; Chuck Norman for the community Christmas tree; Marty Carrow for distributing the pecans; and many others. Thank you all for your involvement in Rotary.

This is our centennial year internationally and our 84th year locally. On February 23, 2005, we have a special meeting and birthday party planned at Copley’s West 9th to celebrate the 100 years.

In the June, 2002, issue of *The Rotarian*, clubs were challenged to develop a special centennial project with four criteria. The criteria were to fulfill a clearly identifiable community need; to provide a solution that has measurable results; to involve the active participation of Rotarians (as opposed to simply providing funding to another organization); and to create a permanent sign, plaque, or inscription at the project site that identifies both the sponsoring Rotary club and Rotary’s Centennial year. With these criteria, our club initiated plans for a centennial project and settled on the Booth House as the most challenging and useful project from the list of ideas submitted.

Because the Booth House project is moving slowly and awaiting a purchase by the Salvation Army of a remaining lot, we have the opportunity to change our plans for a centennial project to be completed within the centennial year. At the November board meeting, Dave Walker and Mike Seymour initiated discussion to use significant funds from the Piasa Foundation for projects at the Jacoby Arts Center. Rotarians would provide labor and contracting services with these funds to fulfill the criterion of “active participation”.

After discussion, it was determined the Community Service committee should consider other possible projects, and we called for members to submit written proposals for consideration by the committee. Community Service Chairman, Scott Neudecker, will hold a committee meeting in January to choose a project or projects from those submitted and the committee decision will be announced at a club meeting in January. The board will then discuss and take action on the committee decision at the board meeting in February.

Finally, in the Spring, we will be able to tackle a project which benefits the community and could be designated as our Centennial Project.

Our Rotary Calendar



Dec 27

No Meeting

Holiday

Jan 3 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. The speaker will be Chrissie Chapman, board member of the Community Cultivators the group who runs the Children's Discovery Garden in La Vista Park in Godfrey.

Jan 10 Moonlight Restaurant

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

Jan 17 Moonlight Restaurant

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

Jan 24 Moonlight Restaurant

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

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Students Of Month - November

Jade Knight, a senior at Alton High School, and **Megan Hoover**, 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 **November**.

Jade Knight is the daughter of Douglas and Rhonda Yawberry of Alton and ranks in the upper ten percent of her class. She is a member of the school's National Honor Society and has been an active member of the French Club,



Jade is quite active in Alton High's music program performing with the Symphonic Orchestra, the Jazz Band, Pep Band and is the Drum Major for the Marching 100. She is the principal clarinet in the Symphonic Orchestra and was the recipient of the Arion Award where a music performer is selected by fellow students and staff members to perform a solo with the Band. Knight has been involved in a number of All-State Band performances and was selected to attend a number of Band festivals held around the state. In her spare time, Jade teaches clarinet and piano to beginning students. She also performs in

school musicals. As a member of the National Honor Society, Knight has been involved in the Bucket Brigade and other Pride sponsored activities. She also volunteers at the Salvation Army. After High School, Jade plans to attend the University of Chicago and major in medicine or music education.

Megan Hoover is the daughter of Paul and Karen Hoover of East Alton and also ranks in the top ten percent of her class. She has consistently earned the high honor roll throughout her high school attendance and is a member of the National Honor Society. Hoover serves as a Student Ambassador and is a member of the school's Scholar Bowl team. She has participated on the Explorer girls volleyball team for two years and served on the prom committee. She has also been very active in the Students Against Drunk Driving organization. Megan worked with the East Alton Rotary Club to raise money for student scholarships. She also participated in a house renovation community project. After graduation, Megan plans to attend the Illinois State University and major in Biology.



Students Of Month - December

Andrea Greenberg, a senior at Alton High School, and **John R. Keller**, 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**.

Andrea Greenberg is the daughter of Ray and Diane Greenberg of Alton, and ranks in the upper ten percent of her class. She is a member of the school's National Honor Society and has consistently achieved the school's high honor roll throughout her high school career. As a member of the National Honor Society, she volunteered to participate in Pride's Adopt a Highway and Bucket Brigade programs. Andrea has been an active member of the Student Council and in this capacity participated in the planning and work associated with a variety of school sponsored events such as the Prom and the school's annual Homecoming celebrations. She has chaired many committees and finds the time to participate in the annual Powder Puff Bowl which helps to provide funds to purchase coats for students who are unable to afford them. She has been unselfish in helping others. She serves as a student math tutor during study hall periods. In addition, she is an active member of the St. Mary's Youth Group and as a member volunteers to work at the Senior Citizens' Center at St. Clare's. The past two years, she has volunteered to work at Our Lady of the Snows for World Youth Day. She has organized teams and volunteered for sponsored retreats offered through the Diocese of Springfield for the past three years. After graduating, Andrea plans to attend Franciscan University of St. Joseph and major in Elementary Education.



John "J R" Keller has been a fixture on the school's honor roll all four years of attendance at Marquette. This accomplishment is further amplified since he has been enrolled in the honors curriculum. JR has been a member of the Student Council and is presently serving as President of the senior class. Keller has been active in school activities serving as a Student Ambassador while participating in the Students Against Drunk Driving organization. Keller was a key member of the Explorer boys' golf team for the past four years helping them to three appearances in the State Championship Finals. Last spring, he was selected to the All-Area Golf team. He has also been a member of the Explorer baseball team for four years. In his spare time, Keller participates in Pride Sponsored youth programs, serves as a volunteer on special projects at Beverley Farm, and assists with the annual Celebration of Christmas at Rock Springs Park. After graduation, Keller plans to attend the University of Kansas and major in Sports Management or Sports Medicine.



Minutes-October Board Meeting

The October 11, 2004, 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, Dave Walker, Dan Saeger, Ron Mayhew, Jeannine Kelly, Mike Tillman, and the Executive Secretary, Melissa Seymour.

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

In Community Service, Scott Neudecker said his committee has not met yet concerning the Community Literacy Project & District Fundraiser. He has contacted The Telegraph about Rotary participating in the Newspapers in Education program. The money for this would come from the District Simplified Grant. A detailed request from the Madison County Arts Council (Jacoby building) has been referred to Community Service for action.

In Vocational Service, tonight is Student of the Month.

In International, Bill Moyer said he has not been able to reach the participant we sent to the Work Affairs Seminar to have her come to a meeting. Concerning the "Every Rotarian, Every Year" program, he reported that not much has been done yet to implement this in our club. Five people will be attending the Foundation meeting on the International project. Rob Stewart from R.I. will be coming to a meeting to speak on the Rotary Foundation.

In Club Service, Sharon Johnson said the nominating committee has not met yet. She asked any 3rd year board member to let her know if they would like to continue on the Board. December 11 is the date for the Holiday Concert at Hathaway Hall. Larry Thompson said he would like to join the Growth Association. The board had questions about joining because most of our members already belong. Dave Walker suggested that we wait until they invite us to join and then consider it at that time. To date, the golf tournament/auction has raised \$10,318.00. Next year, the auction will not be held in conjunction with the tournament, but rather we will hold a dinner auction. The committee is also thinking of changing location and holding the tournament on a Monday, maybe in April. There are 99 people signed up for the Grampa Woo excursion.

In old business, \$445.00 was donated to the Club by Mark Humphrey from the meeting at Subway. This was referred to Community Service to decide a use for the funds. A proposal was made at the last meeting to make a \$1000.00 donation to the Alton Symphony from the Piasa Foundation. An amendment was made to this by Sam Stemm that one-half come from general funds and one-half from the Piasa Foundation. The amendment passed.

In new business, the resignation of Tyler Shaper was accepted by the Board.

In correspondence, the following were received: a thank you for the \$100.00 to the Boys and Girls Club of Bethalto, an invitation to the 100 Black Men dinner, RYLA information on a conference April 8-10, 2005, was referred to Tom Juravich. announcement of a fundraising walk for Beverly Farms on October 10.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Melissa Seymour, Executive Secretary

Rotary Program...cont.

Jan 31 Moonlight Restaurant

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

Feb 7 Moonlight Restaurant

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

Feb 14 Moonlight Restaurant

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

Feb 23 (Wednesday) Copley's West 9th

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Rotary International celebrates 100 years of service on this day. Alton Godfrey Rotary will celebrate with a birthday party at Copley's West 9th. Spouses night.

Feb 28 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Club Assembly. The annual budget will be reviewed.

—Joel Copley/Bill Hoagland

December Treasurer's Report

Previous Balance	\$28,726.94
cleared payments	-1,398.04
cleared deposits	4,142.40
Cleared Balance	31,471.37
uncleared payments	-6,560.38
uncleared deposits	0.00
Account Balance	24,910.99
New Payments	9,039.46
New Deposits	3,854.50
Ending Balance	19,726.03

Minutes-November Board Meeting

The November 8, 2004, 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 Tom Juravich, Sharon Johnson, Bill Moyer, Larry Hauck, Scott Neudecker, Sam Stemm, Dan Saeger, Ron Mayhew, Jeannine Kelly, Mike Tillman, Tom Wyatt, Josh Farley, Alien McBride, and the Executive Secretary, Melissa Seymour.

On a motion by Sam Stemm, seconded by Scott Neudecker, the minutes were approved. On a motion by Sam Stemm, seconded by Ron Mayhew, the treasurer's report was approved.

In Community Service, Scott Neudecker said he applied for the District Simplified Grant. The money is going to be used for the N.I.E. program with the Telegraph. The Club will donate \$500 with matching funds from the District. This will get newspapers to four classes for the entire school year. Rotary will get recognition via a story in the Telegraph about Rotary.

Also, in Community Service Scott said he received correspondence from several people concerning using the Piasa Foundation funds on one big project. Mike Seymour sent correspondence requesting that the Jacoby Arts Center be considered for the funds as did Dave Walker. The committee reviewed the correspondence and felt it worthy to bring to the Board. Larry Thompson said the Booth House money would still stay in the account. Also, some money should remain in the Piasa Foundation account to keep our 501(c)(3) status. Dave Walker emailed the following motion: That the Alton/Godfrey Rotary Club set aside \$50,000 of the Piasa Foundation funds to be donated to the Jacoby Arts Center on a matching fund basis for Rotarians or other service clubs making donations to the Center. Ron Mayhew placed the motion on the floor seconded by Josh Farley. Sam Stemm said he felt that if the motion were to pass tonight, the Board would be open to criticism from the Club. Tom Juravich stated that the Board needs to get input from the members. A motion by made by Tom Juravich, seconded by Josh Farley that the motion be tabled until the 12/13 Board meeting. The members will be asked at the Club assembly 11/22/04 for ideas of other worthy projects that could be funded by the Piasa Foundation.

In Vocational Service, Dan Saeger reported that the committee met last week. They decided to focus on technologies in the community in cooperation with the schools. Maybe consider a scholarship once a year that could be matched by a business, i.e. automotive, Roberts Ford.

In International Bill Moyer said that Bob Stewart from District will speak on the Foundation at the November 29, 2004 meeting. There is no international project selected at this time.

In Club Service, Sharon Johnson reported that the nominating committee is still looking for someone to take the position of treasurer next year. She was hoping someone from the Board would take the position. She will submit the nominating report at the November 22, 2004 meeting. Marty Carrow is chairing the pecan committee. They have ordered 1632 bags of pecans. Larry Thompson said we are still waiting on plans and the architectural rendering for Booth House. The Grampa Woo cruise raised \$772.50 each for the USO and the YWCA.

In new business, John Rain is going to chair the Gordon Moore Community Service Award committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Melissa Seymour, Executive Secretary



Tuesday evening, December 21, Rotary provided many members to help with the Christmas Celebration fund drive. Pictured are two of Santa's very special helpers