

Alton-Godfrey Rotary Community Christmas Concert to be presented December 14th

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The Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club (AGRC) will help brighten the Christmas season in the River Bend with its 3rd Annual Community Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 14 at 3:00 p.m. at the Ann Whitney Olin Theater in Hatheway Hall at Lewis and Clark Community College.

An impressive list of local choirs will perform. The vocal groups scheduled to perform are St. Mary's Catholic Church Choir of Alton, Limited Edition from Lewis and Clark Community College, Seasons of Life Women's Choir, and SrQ Barbershop Quartet. The concert will conclude with an audience sing-along featuring the assembled choirs.

John Hopkins, president of the AGRC, says the club is excited about the concert. "Rotary has a long history of bringing the community together, and we are grateful to the groups that have enthusiastically agreed to be a part of the concert to support the Rotary scholarship fund."

Proceeds from the concert will benefit the AGRC's scholarship fund. Each month during the school year the club honors two students from Alton High School, Marquette Catholic High School, and Mississippi Valley Christian as students of the month. For the past 17 years, the AGRC has awarded a college scholarship at the end of the school year to one of the student of the month qualifiers. The current scholarship award is \$5,000.

Tickets for the AGRC Community Christmas Concert, which are \$10 each, are available from Alton-Godfrey Rotary members, Norton-Rain Insurance on State Street in Alton, Scheffel Boyle in the Wall Street Building in Downtown Alton, and WBGZ Radio on Market Street in Alton, and will be available at the door.

The Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club dates to 1921 and has served the community continuously since then. In addition to the scholarship program, the AGRC supports education by providing dictionaries to all area 4th graders each year. Other AGRC projects of note include statues at Lincoln-Douglas Sqaure, the Wadlow Statue in Upper Alton, various fountains, a Habitat for Humanity house, the greenhouse at the Community Support Garden, and most recently the steamboat mural in downtown Alton.