Alton-Godfrey Rotary presents A Salute to Veterans featuring The Glendale Riders on Nov. 14

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ALTON-GODFREY - The Glendale Riders will headline the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club's (AGRC) 14th Annual Benefit Concert on Saturday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ann Whitney Olin Theater in the Hatheway Cultural Center at Lewis and Clark Community College in Godfrey.

The concert will feature The Glendale Riders in a traditional classic country stage performance along with a salute to military veterans.

Antione Williams, president of the AGRC, says the club is excited about the concert. “We’re thrilled to have The Glendale Riders back again this year after a one-year hiatus. They have proven to be one of the most popular groups in the area with a strong commitment to the community. The Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club has a long history of service to the community, and we are grateful that The Glendale Riders have once again enthusiastically agreed to perform in concert to support the Rotary scholarship fund.”

Members of The Glendale Riders include: Steve Schwegel, lead vocals and rhythm guitar; Jeff Bensman, lead guitar and lead vocals; Jared Bensman, fiddle and guitar; Jim Bensman, drums and vocals; Chris Hammann, bass guitar; and John Hand, keyboard and vocals. Schwegel says band is excited to perform the show at Hatheway Hall. “We put on Rotary concerts at Hatheway in the past and have really enjoyed it. It's a unique opportunity for fans of traditional classic country to enjoy a show at a venue like this. It's one of the favorite shows for us to do and we think everybody’s going to enjoy the music as much as we enjoy performing.”

Proceeds from the concert will benefit the AGRC's scholarship fund which awards $9,000 in scholarships annually. Each month during the school year the club honors students from Alton High School and Marquette Catholic High School as students-of-the-month. For the past 27 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 $6,000. In addition, AGRC awards a $3,000 in scholarships annually to a Lewis and Clark Community College students who are pursuing degrees in the industrial arts.

Tickets for *A Salute to Veterans featuring the Glendale Riders*, which are $20 each, are available from Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club members, Norton-Rain Insurance on State Street in Alton, Carrollton Bank on the Homer Adams Parkway in Alton, and Scheffel Boyle on State Street in Alton.

Beverages (beer, wine, soda, and water) will be offered for sale in the upper Hatheway lobby prior to the concert and during intermission.

In addition to the scholarship program, AGRC projects of note include statues of Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas as well as the community Christmas Tree at Lincoln-Douglas Square, the Robert Wadlow Statue in Upper Alton, various fountains including the Rotary Centennial Fountain at State House Circle, a Habitat for Humanity house, the steamboat mural in downtown Alton, boat docks at Camp Warren Levis, a picnic pavilion at Haskell Park, and Alton-Godfrey Rotary Park on Third Street in Alton which commemorates the club's century of service to the community. U.S. Flags placed along Broadway and surrounding streets in celebration of America 250 were funded in part and placed with the assistance of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club.