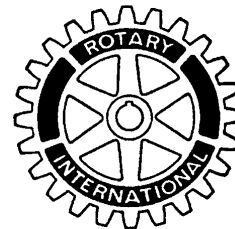


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Alton Community Service League Donates to Booth House Project

On Monday, March 8th, Rose Halverson of the Alton Community Service League, presented a check for \$3,225 to Captain Linda Vandiver and Larry Thompson, Alton Godfrey Rotary Vice President. The League held their regular luncheon meeting at the Alton Salvation Army where Captain Vandiver presented the need for a new Booth House. Larry Thompson described the role Rotary has taken toward the construction of the new Booth House and briefly described the new building. After the presentations, the check was presented.

Booth House Update

A meeting between representatives of Capstone Development and the St. Louis Salvation Army Midland Division was held on February 18, 2004. Bill Luchini and Dan Schnefke of Capstone and Major Bob Thomson, Clay Simmons and Chuck Martin of the Salvation Army and Larry Thompson representing the Alton Godfrey Rotary Club met to review plans for the Booth House to be constructed in Alton.

The floor plan was presented showing the arrangement of rooms for men upstairs and women downstairs. An office area and control area will be included downstairs in the section which will join to the present Alton Salvation Army building. An elevator will be designed into the project, however, building code should not require an elevator because both levels will have ground level access.

Funding of the project involves the use of the Salvation Army 501 (c)(3) organization, Salvation Army Services, Inc. Major Thomson and Clay Simmons are to make sure the funding for this project can pass through this organization. This is an Illinois corporation which will help with grant applications to the Illinois Housing Development Authority, Federal Home Loan Bank, and Madison County Community Development.

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Our Rotary Calendar



Mar 22 Moonlight Restaurant
Special Board Meeting 5:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. A representative of Alton Steel will speak on the steel industry in Alton.

Mar 29 Lockhaven CC
Gordon F. Moore Service Above Self Award Dinner. Paul Lauschke to be honored. Cash Bar 5:30, Dinner 6:30 p.m.

April 5 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Details to be announced.

April 12 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 16 - 18 Springfield, Illinois Crowne Plaza Hotel
2004 District Conference will be held in Springfield at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Check with Mike McCormick for details.

April 19 Rolling Hills
Steak Fry at the Rolling Hills Golf Course Club House 6:00 p.m. Golf

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Board Minutes for January

The January 12, 2004 meeting of directors of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club was called to order at 5:00 p.m., by President Mike McCormick. Others in attendance were Mike Seymour, Tom Juravich, Sharon Johnson, John Rain, Sam Stemm, Jeannine Kelly, Ford Phillips, Larry Hauck, Josh Farley, John Keller, Dave Walker, Ron Mayhew, Ed Mosrissey, Scott Neudecker, Bill Moyer, Larry Thompson, Terry Woelfel and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour.

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

In Community Service there was no report.

In Vocational Service, tonight is Student of the Month.

In International, there was no report.

In Club Service, Larry Thompson reported for the Booth House Committee that they are still waiting on the design and budget from the architect. The committee plans to have a fundraiser this spring with Gail Weinrich serving as the Chair. Mike Tillman was complimented on the wonderful job he did with organizing the Christmas party. The Board said the party would be at Rolling Hills again this year. The new Assistant Governor is Joe Malench from Edwardsville. The District Conference is April 15 - 17 in Springfield.

For the Foundation Bill Moyer attended a foundation meeting in Collinsville. The Foundation is asking every member to donate \$100.00. This is up to the individual clubs and as of now there is no cause for this money. It was suggested that a Foundation expert from the District come and speak to the Club.

In Correspondence, a request was received from Bill Bryant asking for a leave of absence from 12/3/03 through 1/29/04. On a motion by Walker, seconded by Moyer the request was approved.

In old business, there are still a few members that have not paid for their pecans. These individuals will be called before a bill is sent. After all are sold a profit of \$2,942.64 should be realized. The Board began discussion on the by-law changes. Most of the changes are being made to reflect what we as a Club actually do. In Article IX Leave of Absence it was felt that guidelines are needed as to the criteria followed in granting a leave. It was felt that a leave does not alleviate responsibility to the Club. Approval of the by-laws was tabled until the next meeting.

In new business, the Chili Chowdown will be held on March 1. A letter was received from Steve Cousley advising that the State Bass Tournament will be held in the area on June 5 & 6 and would like participation from Rotary but nothing was specified. Bill Moyer said the Heartland Chautauqua will be here again on June 21, 2004 for the tent raising and would like the Club to participate. On a motion by Dave Walker, seconded by Ford Phillips it was approved that the Club would participate, the extent of which is to be determined at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by,
Melissa Seymour, Executive Secretary

February Treasurer's Report

Previous Balance	\$20,462.72
cleared payments	-\$12,566.67
cleared deposits	\$4,861.40
Cleared Balance	\$12,767.45
uncleared payments	-\$6,711.52
uncleared deposits	\$6,262.46
Account Balance	\$12,318.39



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Booth House Update...cont.

A budget for the Booth House Project was presented by Bill Luchini. Details of the budget will be presented to the Alton Godfrey Rotary Club Board of Directors at a special board meeting on March 22, 2004.

Rotary Foundation

One of the annual activities of Rotary District 6460 is to conduct a fund drive to raise money to contribute to the Rotary International Rotary Foundation. The money raised by the district is returned to the district after three years to provide funding for the District to send a GSE team somewhere in the world, to fund the matching grant program, and to fund the simplified grant program. Each club is encouraged to develop an international project to use the matching grant and a local project to use the simplified grant. Our club's International Service Committee is to apply for the matching grant each year and our Community Service Committee is to apply for the simplified grant.

The funding program for this year involves the note cards which were distributed at the March 15th meeting. You may use these notecards as a gift from District President Rod Buffington. You are asked to donate to the funding program by sending your donation to Alton Godfrey Rotary, Box 848, Alton, IL 62002. For each \$1,000 contributed to the Rotary Foundation from our club, we may elect a member as a Paul Harris Fellow.

—Larry Thompson

“Baseball In St. Lou”

On Sunday, May 2nd, the Rotary District 6460 will be attending the Cubs-Cardinal baseball game. Tickets are still available. You may still sign up at our meeting.

The Rotary Program...continued

outing to precede. Contact Richard Johnson for details.

April 26 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Club Assembly. Plans for 04-05 Rotary year to be announced. Committee organization presented.

May 3 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Details to be announced.

May 10 Moonlight Restaurant
Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Students of the Month for May will be honored.

May 17 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.

May 24 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Details to be announced.

May 31 No Meeting
Memorial Day Holiday

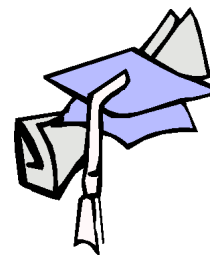
June 7 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Program to be announced.

June 14 Moonlight Restaurant
Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Student of the Year will be recognized. High Schools will receive recognition plaques listing the names of the students who were recognized as Students of the Month during the 2003-2004 school year.

June 22 Haskell Park
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Tent Raising for the Heartland Chautauqua. The menu is pizza and salad from Imo's.

—Joel Copley/Bill Hoagland

Students of the Month



JOHN PERRY JR., a senior at Alton High School, and **JOHN C. WUELLNER**, 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 February at the Club's regular meeting at the Moonlight Restaurant on JANUARY 13.

The Student of the Month program was initiated by the Alton/ Godfrey Rotary Club seven years ago to recognize the accomplishments of area youth. Students selected must be a junior or senior and are selected on the basis of outstanding scholarship, participation in school activities, and/or community service activities. Students selected for this honor are recognized and presented with an award at a Rotary Club meeting and will be eligible to compete for a \$2500 scholarship which will be presented to one of the eighteen students honored as a "Student of the Month" during the school year

John Perry is the son of John and Christy Perry of Alton. He has consistently been recognized for his academic accomplishments by being named to the school's honor roll. Perry has been very active in the school's athletic program throughout his high school career. He has been a member of the Redbird football and basketball teams. When he is not actively involved as a participant in sports he acts as an assistant coach for the annual powder puff game.

Perry serves as a mentor in the school's Young Adult Program and is very active in church activities at the St, James Baptist Church. Upon graduation Perry plans to join the United States Air Force and specialize in Air traffic control and computer information technology.

John C. Wuellner is the son of Doctors John and Kathie Wuellner of Alton. A regular on the school's high honor roll, Wuellner is a member of the National Honor Society and is an Illinois State Scholar. In WYSE Regional competition John received a second place award in physics.

He has been a member of the school's soccer team throughout his high school career and was also a member of the trap team as well. He was also a member of Marquette's Scholar Bowl Team and participated in the annual fall drama production. He has been an active member of the Ambassador Club and was a People to People Ambassador to Australia during the summer of 2002.

Wuellner has also been active in service activities working at the Catholic Children's Home and with the Oblate's Community Garden as well as the Children's Garden at LaVista Park. During the past summer he trapped and banded geese for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. After graduation he plans to attend the United States Air Force Academy majoring in aviation and biology.

Perry and Wuellner were presented with recognition plaques by club president Mike McCormick.

—Tom Juravich, Student of the Month Chairman