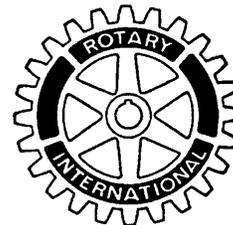


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Booth House Update

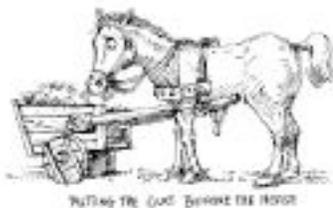
When you first looked at the graphic at the right, what did you see? Did you see a stemmed glass or two faces looking at one another? Looking at the picture at the bottom of the page, do you see a man playing the sax or a pretty woman? When you view the Booth house project, do you see a project you can be proud of?



Just like each of the pictures, whatever you saw originally, when you look a second time, your view changes. In this article, I will answer some concerns members have expressed in our club assembly on April 5th and since then about the Alton Godfrey Rotary Centennial Project.

"The first time I heard about the Booth House was when it appeared in the paper".

Unlike all previous projects AGR has completed successfully in the past, this project is linked to the RI centennial year. Last June, I completed our application for our centennial project and submitted the application to RI before the June 30, 2003 deadline. An article appeared in the July 03 Ratchet outlining each step in the decision making process to arrive at selecting the Booth House as our centennial project. We had started the process at a club assembly on September 30, 2002 where I called for ideas we could consider for our centennial project. It was not until after the application was turned in that the first objection was expressed. We have been addressing concerns as they have been brought up. Since we do not have control on articles which appear in the newspapers and items on WBGZ, there is no blame or problem with regard to this free publicity.



"How much will this project cost, what is our club's responsibility, and where will the money come from?"

This is actually three questions all on the money issue with this project. The new Booth House is currently projected to cost \$2,022,000. This included everything necessary to remove the current facilities, temporarily house the current clients, site acquisition, site preparation, construction, and furnishing. Through the Illinois Affordable



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Our Rotary Calendar



May 3 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dale Chapman, president of Lewis and Clark Community College and chairman of the Illinois Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission will present the plans for the Illinois celebration.

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. Club Assembly - Committee Assignments for 04-05, Booth House

May 31 No Meeting
Memorial Day Holiday

June 7 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Bethany Boyer-Richlin will address the

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Housing Program, tax credits will be sold on donations from Capstone Development and their associates. A Grant will be applied for with the IHDA Trust Fund and Madison County Housing Development leaving a balance of \$102,140. There are no plans or interest to use funds currently in the Piasa Foundation. All area foundations will receive a letter requesting a donation to the project. Also a donation campaign will be conducted to the residents and the businesses of the community. Donation requests will be sent to Alton Township and Godfrey Township and to the Village of Godfrey and the City of Alton. Area volunteer organizations have already submitted donations and others will be requested.

“Just exactly what is the role of our club’s membership with this project”

At many of our club’s projects, we have had members who have laid bricks, prepared concrete forms, painted walls, applied roofing, etc. We are an active and involved club and Dick Jones recommended we select a project which would involve everyone in the club. When the decision had to be made regarding a centennial project, the board agreed to submitting the Booth House as our best choice. Since that decision, much has been done to further describe the project. Since Capstone Development became involved, a tremendous load and responsibility was lifted from our club. They take the role of project manager and grant applicant. This leaves our club with the following responsibilities.

Funding Committee

- Coordinate with United Way
- Capital Campaign
- Salvation Army Capital Trust
- Foundation and Corporate donors
- City of Alton
- Village of Godfrey
- Alton-Godfrey Rotary gifts-in-kind

Permits and Regulations Committee

- Salvation Army approval
- city permits
- county permits
- building requirements

Insurance Committee

- review liability issues
- recommend any insurance required

Demolition Committee

- arrange demolition with City of Alton
- disconnect and secure all services and utilities.

Site Preparation Committee

- arrange/coordinate/supervise volunteer participation

Construction Committee

- arrange/supervise volunteer participation

- arrange gifts-in-kind of construction materials.
- supervise construction

Interior Design Committee

- arrange/supervise volunteer participation
- arrange gifts-in-kind for materials needed
- supervise interior preparation

Landscape Design Committee

- arrange/supervise volunteer participation
- arrange gifts-in-kind for materials needed
- supervise landscape installation

Ground Breaking & Dedication Committee

- schedule and arrange the program
- invite and host guests
- arrange media coverage

Correspondence Committee

- prepare mailing for capital campaign
- prepare and record thank you letters for all contributors and participants

“The Booth House is a halfway house for the Illinois Department of Corrections”

This statement is entirely false. After the club assembly where this issue was brought up, I met with Sheriff Bob Hertz, the Salvation Army Mid-States Division in St. Louis, Captain Linda Vandiver, Booth House Director, Lana Watson, and Alton Chief of Police, Chris Sullivan.

At the club assembly, it was suggested that the Salvation Army had an arrangement with the IDOC to take parolees after they are released from prison. After checking into this matter, it turns out the Salvation Army does not have an arrangement to accept parolees. Since the Salvation Army is not a government supported organization, it does not have any obligation to accept parolees. The program which does exist is the Salvation Army Prison Ministry program. The Salvation Army with the permission of IDOC goes to several prisons throughout the state (as does other church organizations) to deliver the message of salvation to prisoners. In cases where the prisoner is from our area and they do not have family to return to when released, the prisoner may apply for temporary housing at the Booth House. The professional social workers of the Salvation Army then examines the application to determine whether the applicant qualifies. The Alton Booth House, as a matter of policy, does not accept applicants who have a history of violent behavior. The Booth House does not have armed staff to control violent individuals. Also, the Booth House does not accept clients with a record of sex offenses or arson offenses because of the presence of children in the Booth House facility.

The primary goal of Salvation Army is to help people in need. Our local Booth House considers it is more important to accept a homeless family in our area than to accept a parolee who will-

The Rotary Program...continued

club previewing her year as a student in Finland.

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 21 Haskell Park
Tent Raising for the 2004 Heartland Chautauqua, 6:00 p.m., Imo's Pizza Party to follow.

June 28 Principia College
Annual Meeting. Induction of New Officers. Mike McCormick will be passing the gavel to new president Larry Thompson.

July 5 No Meeting
4th of July Holiday

July 12 Moonlight Restaurant
Board of Directors Meeting 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Member vocation. Details to be announced.

July 19 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.

July 26 Moonlight Restaurant /Lloyd Hopkins Field
Spouses Night. Special Board of Directors Meeting 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Eric Dolbear, 2004-2005 District 6460 President will be introduced and will speak to the club on plans for the centennial year. Immediately following Eric's address, the club will reconvene at Lloyd Hopkins Field for Rotary Night at the Bomber's game.

—Joel Copley/Bill Hoagland

Booth House Update...continued

ingly committed a crime. In 2003, only 6% of the clients either had spent time in prison or were parolees. While it has been pointed out that 67% of released prisoners return to prison because of another violation, 33% do not return. Some of the 33% who do not return to prison are individuals who have accepted Jesus as their Savior because of the Salvation Army ministry program.

Applicants who are accepted to the Booth House are counseled and assisted to find employment and housing. After a short stay in the Salvation Army Booth House, many individuals are restored as productive members of our community. No one can think of a better program to enthusiastically support with all our energy and financial resources. Alton Godfrey Rotary is honored to be able to help improve the Booth House facilities. It is obvious the Booth House is a major asset to our community which solves serious problems some of our community members encounter.

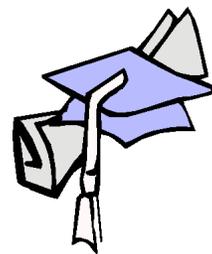
The objections which have been raised by Rotary members in recent weeks are the result of either misinformation or misunderstanding. The board has been working to bring all the information available about this project to the members. If you are still questioning this project, please talk to one of the officers to have your concern addressed. If we may not have the information, we will make every effort to get accurate answers to your concerns.

The Booth House and Salvation Army are important members of our community. The new Booth House has been under consideration since the early 1990's and now is beginning to take shape. The Booth House will be constructed and Alton Godfrey Rotary is honored to be able to participate.

—Larry Thompson, President-Elect

Students of the Month

SASHA GARNEY, a senior at Alton High School, and **KELLY BEIERMANN**, 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 March at the Club's regular meeting at the Moonlight Restaurant on March 8, 2004.



Sasha Garney is the daughter of Seeram and Karla Garney of Godfrey. At Alton High she has combined her love of children and talent for office skills in two classes at the J B Johnson Career Development Center. Garney participates in the Child Care class by developing lessons and teaching preschool children. Her teacher describes her as an excellent student who is wonderful with the children and who is very involved with the Child Care Club. In her Office Procedures class she is learning work place survival skills and is a committed student according to her teacher.

Garney works at a local restaurant and is extremely active at the Anchor of Hope Fellowship Center where her father is the pastor. She teaches Sunday School, does book-keeping and clerical work, and helps with the Food Pantry.

After graduation Garney plans to attend college and major in social work.

Kelly Beiermann is the daughter of Donald and Sheila Beiermann of Godfrey. She is a member of the schools National Honor Society and consistently achieves the high honor roll. She was selected to Who's Who Among American High School Students and currently serves as Secretary for the Student Council. She is an ALPHA peer leader, a member of the Campus Ministry, and serves as a school Ambassador.

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Board Minutes for February

The February 9, 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, Larry Hauck, John Keller, Ford Phillips, Dave Walker, Ron Mayhew, Ed Morrissey, Scott Neudecker, Bill Moyer, Larry Thompson, Terry Woelfel and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour.

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

On a motion by Dave Walker, seconded by Ford Phillips the membership of Pete Zimmer was approved pending successful publication.

In Community Service there was no report. Two requests for funding were referred to this committee. One is from the Great Rivers Choral Society for \$250.00. The other request is from the Bluff City Bombers for \$500.00 which will give us a center field sign.

In Vocational Service, tonight is Student of the Month.

In International, there was no report.

In Club Service, Larry Thompson along with Clay Simmons of the Salvation Army, the architect and others are going to Jefferson City on February 10. They are going to look at the Booth House there because it is very similar to what is wanted in Alton. The question was raised about the possibility of getting some of the Kroc money that was donated the Salvation Army. Larry said this money is for community centers but that Alton may fall into this category since the Salvation Army already provides a community center with a shelter attached. Larry Thompson has met with Joe Malench (Assistant Governor-elect) and the other president-elects. The District Conference is April 15-17 in Springfield.

In old business, the Board continued dis-

ussion on the by-law changes. Most of the changes are being made to reflect what we as a Club actually do. On a motion by Walker, seconded by Stemm the by-laws were approved as amended. The changes will be presented to the membership at the next club assembly. Dave Walker said the Black Book we go to the printers in the next couple of weeks.

In new business, Sam Stemm said the Chili Chowdown the tickets will be in next week. DJ has been contacted and everything is on line. Advertising is being donated by The Telegraph, Advantage, and WBGZ.

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

Respectfully submitted by,
Melissa Seymour, Executive Secretary

Board Minutes for March

The March 8, 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, John Keller, Ford Phillips, Dave Walker, Ron Mayhew, Scott Neudecker, Bill Moyer, Larry Thompson, Josh Farley, Terry Woelfel, Tom Wyatt and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour.

On a motion by Dave Walker, seconded by Mike Seymour the minutes were approved. On a motion by Mike Seymour, seconded by Dave Walker the treasurer's report was **also** approved.

In Community Service, Jeannine Kelly brought back three recommendations to the Board. The first one was a request from Alton Marketplace for the Heartland Chatauqua in the amount of \$5,000.00. The committee recommended that a \$3,000 donation be made. On a motion by John Rain, seconded by Dave Walker it was approved to donate \$3000.00 and provide the Club meal for the Heartland Chatauqua tent raising. The second request was from the Bluff City Bombers for a \$500.00 sponsorship which includes the Alton-Godfrey Rotary sign being placed in the outfield. A motion was made by Mike Seymour, seconded by Ford Phillips

that we make the donation because it is a community activity and gives Rotary exposure. There was then discussion as to whether the Bombers will even have a season. The motion was amended to state that the donation be made after July 1. The board passed the motion as amended. There will be a Rotary night and the Board would like to have other clubs involved. The third request was from the Great Rivers Choral Society for \$250.00 and the committee recommended this donation. On a motion from Dave Walker, seconded by Tom Juravich the donation was approved.

In Vocational Service, tonight is Student of the Month. The committee will have its scholarship decision made by June 1. Tom made a request for the Board to consider presenting the Student of the Year at the annual meeting. They are taking this under advisement.

In International Service, the information on the World Affairs Seminar in White-water, WI was referred to the committee. Also referred to the committee for action was coming up with a project to participate in a \$1,000.00 matching grant. There is also a \$500.00 simplified grant for a community project.

In Club Service, Larry Thompson reported that the Alton Community Service League donated \$3,225.00 toward the Booth House. The committee is still in the process of getting a cost on the entire project. The International Conference for 2005 will be held in Chicago on June 8, 2005. Clubs from the area are planning on getting together and taking the train. Rooms need to be reserved fairly soon. Past District Governor, Chuck Farrar, will come to one of our meetings and speak to the Club about the convention. Larry said at the PETS conference there was discussion on changing the District dues from \$16.00 to \$26.00 per member with \$5.00 going toward administrative costs.

In old business, the by-laws are being mailed and will be voted on at the April 26 meeting. There were 752 meals served at the Chili Chowdown. A final report will be will be forthcoming.

Students of the Month...continued

Beiermann participated on the Explorer tennis team and was selected as a member of the First team All South Central Conference Team her sophomore and senior Years. She also qualified for the state tennis tournament during those years as well.

Kelly has been actively involved in community service work, volunteering to work in the Sisters of Charity Soup kitchen in St. Louis as well as working to raise funds for the Mission Trip to Mexico where Marquette students work with the poor in Mexico. She plans on attending Lewis & Clark Community College on a tennis scholarship and then plans to complete her work at Quincy University where she will major in Business/Marketing and Communications

Mike McCormick, President of the Alton/ Godfrey Rotary Club presented the students with their recognition awards.

Greg Jackson., a senior at Alton High School, and **Reesa Mercado**, 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 April at the Club's regular meeting at the Moonlight Restaurant on April 12, 2004.

Reesa Mercado is the daughter of Isabelo and Deita Mercado of Glen Carbon. She is a member of the National Honorary Society and has been an active member of the Campus Ministry throughout her attendance at Marquette. She has consistently earned a place on the schools high honor roll and has been a school Ambassador for the past three years. Mercado has been active in Marquette's music and theater programs participating in the fall productions and the spring musicals for the past two years.

Reesa has been an active member of the Girl's Scouts for eight years and has been involved in a number of service projects sponsored by her parish church, St. Boniface. Upon graduation from Marquette Mercado plans to enroll at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and major in Biology.

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In new business, Mike McCormick is looking into placing bronze Rotary plaques at the Lincoln-Douglas Square facing the intersection where the tree is placed. The cost is approximately \$4,000.00. The Board approved his moving forward with the project. Richard Rook sent a letter to the Board requesting permission to speak at the next meeting concerning the golf tournament. This request was approved.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Seymour, Executive Secretary

March Treasurer's Report

Previous Balance	\$12,767.45
cleared payments	-\$7,917.58
cleared deposits	\$7,730.50
Cleared Balance	\$12,580.37
uncleared payments	-\$1,667.21
uncleared deposits	\$4,607.00
Account Balance	\$15,520.16

April Treasurer's Report

Previous Balance	\$12,580.37
cleared payments	-\$11,074.76
cleared deposits	\$8,152.39
Cleared Balance	\$9,658.00
uncleared payments	-\$9,706.60
uncleared deposits	\$6,637.50
Account Balance	\$6,588.90

Greg Jackson is the son of Bo and Sue Jackson of Godfrey and has been recognized for his academic achievements by *being* a regular on the schools high honor roll and an active member of the school's National Honor Society.

Jackson's academic honors include the President's Academic Achievement Award, selection as an Illinois State Scholar, a Young Achiever Award, an Honors Thespan and a recipient of a Silver Medallion Award. He was also accepted and attended the National Youth Forum on Technology.

Greg has been very active in school activities serving as an officer of the National Honor Society and the Student Council. He is the director of the Alton High Video Yearbook and has been very active in school drama and music activities. He has been a member of the Men's Ensemble, the Show Choir, the Concert Choir, the Percussion Ensemble, The Marching 100 and the Thespan Troupe 126.

He has been an active member of the Student Pride committee participating in a variety of beautification projects such as highway cleanups and the Bucket Brigade. He has also been active in National Honor Society projects such as the blood drives and raising money for Muscular Dystrophy . As Director of the Video Yearbook, the group donated all its profits to the Boys and Girls Club.

Greg plans to attend Purdue University and major in Computer Graphics Technology.

Mike McCormick, President of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club presented the students with their recognition awards.

—Tom Juravich, Student of the Month Chairman

