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Alton High Gets Interact Training

By Brian Bergin



On Saturday April 8, 2006, approximately 25 members of the Alton High Interact Club attended a training seminar at the new High School. The presentation was conducted by Jean Jumper from Jacksonville. The training consisted of the history of Rotary, responsibilities of participants, formation of committees, tips for a successful club, and some ideas about possible projects and fundraising.

Although it was early on a beautiful Saturday morning, the members were attentive and willing to share their ideas about what direction the club should proceed. Almost all of the members stated that they got involved to provide a service to the communities of Alton and Godfrey and beyond.



Rotary Programs



May 1 Moonlight Restaurant
 Jacoby Arts Center reception for members of Alton-Godfrey Rotary and spouses at 6: pm.

May 8 Moonlight Restaurant
 Board of Directors meeting, 4:45 p.m.
 Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Students of the Month for May will be honored.

May 15 Golf Tournament
Rolling Hills
 The 4th annual Alton/Godfrey Golf Tournament will be held at the Rolling Hills Golf Course beginning with tee-off at 12:00 noon.

May 22 Moonlight Restaurant
 Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Our speaker will be Mike Slaughter, Principal at Marquette Catholic . He will talk about the school in general and about the new drug testing program in particular.

May 29 No Meeting
 Memorial Day Holiday

Jun 5 Moonlight Restaurant
 Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Catherine Copley, Environmental Toxicologist, will be our guest speaker.

Students of the Month

Sarah Schrimpf, a senior at Alton High School, and **Ted Kratschmer**, 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 **April 10th**.

The Student of the Month program was initiated by the Alton/ Godfrey Rotary Club to recognize the accomplishments of area youth. Students selected must be a 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 \$3000 scholarship which will be presented to one of the eighteen students honored as a "Student of the Month" during the school year. This is the eighth year of the program and since the program started, 154 students have been honored from the three area high schools

Sarah Schrimpf is the daughter of James and Catherine Schrimpf of Godfrey. She is a graduate of in Alton High School's special education program, participating in Academic and the work/study curriculum, frequently achieving the school's honor roll.



At Alton High School, Sarah gained work experience in a many different fields, includ-

ing childcare at St. Francis Day Care Center, food services at St. Anthony's Hospital, and housekeeping services at Saint Claire's Hospital. Beside learning skills required for the jobs, Sarah said she learned the importance of attitude, responsibility, and pride from doing your best. She also completed academic classes, making her eligible for a high school diploma.

Sarah currently volunteers at Alton Memorial Hospital, working with the Central Services department.

She also volunteers at Alton High School, working out of the guidance counselor department.

Sarah's interests include reading, music, swimming, fashion and interior decorating. After high school she plans to attend Lewis & Clark Community College participating in a school to work transition curriculum. She would like to continue her future work in the community.

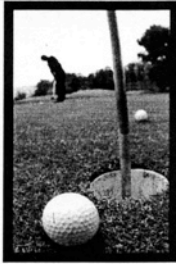
Ted Kratschmer is the son of Mark and Mary Jo Kratschmer of Godfrey. He has been a regular on the Marquette High Honor Roll throughout his high school career and is a member of the school's National Honor Society. During his junior and senior years, he has been a medallist on the school's Worldwide Youth Science and



Engineering team.

Kratschmer has been active in the school's athletic program participating on the football, basketball, and baseball teams for four years. He was recognized as a lineman of the week during his senior year on the football squad. A member of the Student Council for four years, he presently serves as President of the Student Council.

He has been active in the school's drama program with lead roles in several productions. A school Ambassador, he also is involved with the campus ministry. He was the recipient of the National Service Award from the North American Ursuline Educational Services for his volunteer service project at the Nature Institute. When he is not participating in school activities he volunteers as a counselor at the Nature Institute, as a counselor at the Jensen/Schmidt Tennis Camp for Down Syndrome Children and working at the Crisis Food Center. After graduating from Marquette, Ted plans to enroll at Notre Dame or St. Louis Universities to study Biology.



2006 Alton-Godfrey Golf Challenge
When: May 15, 2006
Where: Rolling Hills Golf Club
Time: Noon Start

We, the Alton-Godfrey Rotary club, invite YOU to join us in an afternoon of camaraderie, fun, and of course, golf. Although we host this tournament each year, this year, we ask you to join us to help raise funds for our scholarship fund and community projects.

Each year, Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club gives one deserving student a scholarship to their college of choice. In addition, we have actively worked to help improve our community. Last year we remodeled and installed a kitchen at the Jacoby Arts Center and currently are funding the restoration of the fountain in the circle near St. Anthony's Hospital.

We ask you for your help, as this year, we would like to be able to give out an additional scholarship as well as raise funds for future projects. It is our belief that if we join together we can and will make a bigger impact.

Please join us on Monday, May 15, 2006 as we compete for a good cause to determine who has the best golf team! You can come away with prize money, a trophy, and memories of an afternoon of fun!

With much appreciation,
 Alton-Godfrey Rotary Golf and Fund Raising Committees

For additional information contact:
 Golfing: Gail Weinrich at 618-466-4966 or Dan Adams at 618-208-3358
 Auction: Sharon Johnson 618-465-6566

June 11-14, 2006 Copenhagen, Denmark & Malmo, Sweden
 Rotary International Convention

Jun 12 Moonlight Restaurant
 Board of Directors meeting, 4:45 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 2005-2006 school year.

Jun 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.

Jun 26 To Be Announced
 Annual Meeting. Induction of New Officers, Board of Directors, and Paul Harris Fellows. Sharon Johnson will be passing the gavel to new president Jeannine Kelly.

- Joel Copley, Bill Hoagland - Program Directors

Partial List Of Auction Items

Auction Item	Donor
Birthday Pool Bash	YWCA
Fighting Illini Basketball Tickets	Jim Towey
1 Round of Golf for Four with Carts	Lockhaven Country Club
Overnight Pheasant Hunt for Four Hunters	Bill Hoagland
Overnight Fishing Trip for Three People	Bill Hoagland

March Minutes

The March 13, 2006 meeting of directors of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club was called to order at 4:45 p.m., by President Sharon Johnson. Others in attendance were, Tom Juravich, Sam Stemm, Ron Mayhew, Dave Walker, Dan Saeger, Scott Neudecker, Larry Thompson, Larry Hauck, Bill Moyer, Mike Seymour, Jeannine Kelly, John Keller, Josh Farley and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour.

Others in attendance: Mike McCormick and Jeff Weber.

On a motion by David Walker, seconded by Sam Stemm the minutes were approved. On a motion by Bill Moyer, seconded by Scott Neudecker the treasurer's report was approved.

On a motion by Tom Juravich, seconded by Dan Saeger the following were approved for membership pending attendance to two meetings: George Provenzano by Sharon Johnson and Jess Woodman by Larry Hauck.

In Community Service, Larry Hauck reported that the committee met on March 8. He brought back two recommendations to the Board. The first is the Lars Hoffman Park (Hoffman' Garden). The Hoffman Park committee is asking for \$40,000. The area for the park is owned by Great Rivers Land Trust but Godfrey will maintain the park and take ownership of lighting of the bluffs and all flower gardens and will pay for the electric. Mike and Jeff said that at this time there are no other organizations committed to the project. The total project cost is estimated at \$200,000 and the committee is hoping to raise \$100,000 with additional funding coming from grants. Godfrey does not want to use taxpayer money to build the park but will do in kind donations. The committee consists of Mary Woodcock, Judy Hoffman, Don Huber, Mike McCormick, Jeff Weber and Dick Snyder, LCCC. On a motion was made by Bill Moyer, seconded by Mike Seymour it was approved for Rotary to commit \$35,000 contingent on the additional \$65,000 being raised.

At the Community Service meeting Bill Moyer asked that \$30,000 be appropriated to maintain and enhance Lincoln-Douglas Square for the next five years to include an agreement with the City that Rotary adopt care of Lincoln-Douglas Square. Dave Walker suggested that we make the City enter into an agreement for the City to maintain the area. Community Service recommended that \$30,000 be appropriated to maintain and enhance the area. It was approved on a motion by Sam Stemm, that this be tabled until the Board finds out the amount of money in the Piasa Foundation. The Executive Secretary reminded them that \$32,000 has already been

committed to the City for the fountain project and \$35,000 for Hoffman Park.

Mike Seymour reported that 120 more people than last year were served at the Chili Chowdown. The Service Above Self dinner is scheduled for April 3.

In International Service, Bill Moyer said he received an email from Fred Osborne advising that Alton-Godfrey needs to send in the \$3000.00 for the International Project.

In Vocational Service, Dan Saeger said the Interact Club is waiting on dates for training.

In Club Service Jeannine Kelly said she and Josh Farley will be attending PETS March 24 and 25, 2006. For fundraising, Josh Farley said the group had discussed the possibility of holding an adult Easter egg hunt and a Father's Day outing as fundraising events. Larry Hauck had a fundraising suggestion. That Alton-Godfrey Rotary hold a pancake breakfast on a Sunday like the Kiwanis Club used to do at the Sportsman's Club. This was referred to the fundraising committee.

In old business Larry Thompson said that the by-laws were emailed to the membership. Larry has mailed the letter to the Salvation Army stating that at this time Alton-Godfrey Rotary is withdrawing from the Booth House project.

On a motion by Larry Thompson, seconded by Bill Moyer the Board accepted the resignation of Tom Wyatt from the Board of Directors.

In new business, it was approved on a motion made by Dave Walker that the club pays for the meals for the officers of the Interact Club to attend the Service Above Self Award dinner.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Seymour, Executive Secretary

March Report

Previous Balance	\$4,417.55
cleared payments	8,112.56
cleared deposits	7884.44
Cleared Balance	4,189.43
uncleared payments	1,962.30
uncleared deposits	0.00
Account Balance	2,227.13
New Payments	1,550.00
New Deposits	0.00
Ending Balance	677.13

Club Officers 2005-2006

President.....	Sharon Johnson
	301 Prospect, Alton, 465-8244
Vice-President.....	Jeannine Kelly
	25 Logan Road, Alton, 465-0123
Secretary.....	Josh Farley
	1420 Liberty, Alton, 462-5257
Treasurer.....	Scott Neudecker
	5212 Richland Woods Dr., Alton, 462-4697
Executive Secretary.....	Melissa Seymour
	3026 Edwards St., Alton, 462-7206

Board of Directors 2005-2006

Larry Hauck-3rd yr	Mike Tillman-2nd yr
Tom Juravich-3rd yr	Brian White-2nd yr
John Keller-3rd yr	Ron Mayhew-1st yr
Sam Stemm-3rd yr	Bill Moyer-1st yr
Dave Walker-3rd yr	Scott Neudecker-1st yr
Allen McBride-2nd yr	Dan Saeger-1st yr
Ford Phillips-2nd yr	Tom Turpin-1st yr
Mike Seymour-2nd yr	Larry Thompson-PP