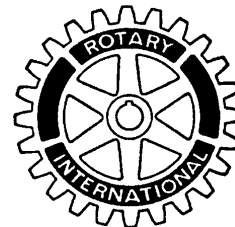


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Sharon Johnson	Tom Juravich
Jack Leonard	Bill Moyer
John Rain	Mike Seymour
Michael St. Peters	Larry Thompson
Dave Walker	Gene Watt
Pete Zimmer	

Past President Allen Klope

From the President ...

We've inducted three new members into the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club since the beginning of the new Rotary year on July 1. Welcome to Jim Baiter, Von VanDiver, and Bob Fowler. Our goal is to add at least one new member every month. How long has it been since you've proposed a new member in the club? Now is a great time to be thinking about proposing a new member.

At our meeting on October 1st, Ed Morrissey and his committee will host a Membership Night. This will be a great opportunity for prospective members to come hear what Rotary means to our community. Tom Bower of the Peoria North club and the District 6460 Membership Chair will be our special guest speaker.

District Governor Susie Smith was quite impressed with our club when she visited on August 20th. She asked me to pass along her thanks for the warm reception she was afforded. Those who attended the meeting, I think, found her story of a lifetime of involvement with Rotary interesting and inspirational.



Dave Walker is beginning the process of updating our membership directory (a.k.a., the black book). Be sure to see Dave before or after an upcoming meeting regarding updating your picture and info. It is hoped we can have the updated membership directory completed by the end of the year.

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The Rotary Program



- Sept 3** **No Meeting**
Labor Day Holiday
- Sept 10** **Holiday Inn**
Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 pm. Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. September Students of the Month will be honored.
- Sept 17** **Rolling Hills**
Steak Fry at the Rolling Hills Golf Course Club House-6:00 pm.
- Sept 24** **Holiday Inn**
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Club Assembly
- Oct 1** **Holiday Inn**
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. M-Night will feature Tom Bower, member of the Peoria Rotary Club. Tom is a motivational speaker who will expound on the benefits of membership in Rotary.
- Oct 8** **Holiday Inn**
Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 pm. Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. October Students of the Month will be honored.
- Oct 15** **Rolling Hills**

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Board Minutes for July

The July 9, 2001 the meeting of directors of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Sam Stemm. Others in attendance were Mike Seymour, Tom Juravich, John Rain, Bill Moyer, Don Miller, Ed Morrissey, Allen Klope, Charles Eighner, Mike McCormick Sharon Johnson, Dorothy Hutchinson-Gross, Pete Zimmer, Dave Walker, and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour.

On motion by Moyer, seconded by Seymour, the minutes of the June meeting were approved. On a motion by Miller, seconded by Moyer the treasurer's report was approved.

The 2001-2002 budget was presented to the Board. Discussion followed concerning the need for more fundraisers this year to cover project costs. There was discussion on ways to defray the cost of the *Ratchet* by either having the members get it from the website or selling ads again. On a motion by Moyer, seconded by Walker the budget, as presented, was approved.

In Committee Reports, Rain, for International Service, reported that we still have 60 computers left that do not have monitors. Stemm said that Senior Services Plus would like 30 of them. Calhoun School would like to put a bid in on them. Johnson is going to check with the YWCA to see if they have any interest in the computers. He is still working on the Puerto Vallarta matching fund program and stated that East Alton and Wood River would like to join us on this project.

In Vocational Services, Eighner stated that he wants to reinstate the membership vocational program. He will have a club member speak every month at the Student of the Month meeting.

In Club Service, Walker reported that the black book is being updated and October is the target date for publication. A time and location for pictures will be announced. The Board authorized the \$1,800.00 expenditure for 150 books. Klope will take care of member classification. Eighner suggested having the members write down what they believe their classification is and have the committee review it. The increase in meal costs to \$11.00 in 2002 was referred to Club Service. Terry Woefel is going to help with membership development. Stemm encouraged board members to call and invite a lost member to a meeting. We need to redevelop the existing membership.

The Foundation chair, Moyer, reported that we have fallen behind in contributions to -the Foundation. In the 1980's our club raised \$40,000 for Polio Plus. The Foundation does many worthwhile things worldwide and our club needs to become more active.

The Fund Raising chair, Seymour, reported that he is looking at several ideas to not just raise money but to draw the Club closer together. Currently he is working on plans for a dance in September

The program chair, Hutchinson-Gross, is open to any suggestions for programs.

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

Respectfully submitted
Melissa Seymour, Executive Secretary

August Treasurer s Rep	
Previous Balance	\$6,610.36
cleared payments	-\$2,860.34
cleared deposits	\$7,132.01
Cleared Balance	\$10,882.03
uncleared payments	-\$2,356.73
uncleared deposits	\$6,076.00
Account Balance	\$14,601.30

SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

W E N D Y WOOD, a senior at Alton High School, and **VALERIE HOVEN**, 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 SEPTEMBER at the Club's regular meeting at the Alton Holiday Inn on SEPTEMBER 10TH.

Wendy Wood is the daughter of Michael Wood and Kimberly Elliott. She resides with her grandmother Dorothy Wood of Alton. She has received numerous awards for her poetry. She was a semifinalist in the International Open Poetry Contest, a finalist in the Montel Williams poetry contest "Cure for Multiple Sclerosis," and her poetry entitled "Accept Me" was published by poetry.com in the Poetry Anthology.

Wendy has been a member of the high school chorus and during her junior year she received the Leadership and Education award presented by Impact. She also was a recipient of an award during her sophomore and junior years from the Illinois Youth with Disability Leadership Summit. She is also Alton High's representative to Transitional Services. For the past two years she has given of her time and energy as a peer tutor helping other students.

Upon graduation she plans to attend Lewis & Clark Community College and then transfer to SIUE. Her ultimate career goal is to receive a Masters in Social Services.

Valerie Hoven is the daughter of

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Steak Fry at the Rolling Hills Golf Course Club House-6:00 pm.

October 22 Grandpa Woo
Annual Cruise aboard the Grandpa Woo boat. Boarding at the Alton Marina 4:00. Departure is at 4:30 and we will return at 8:00 pm.

October 29 Holiday Inn
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Members of the Lewis and Clark Museum Commission will update the club on the progress of the museum and the anniversary events.

November 5 Holiday Inn
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Natalie Stevenson will present the Easter Seals and Christmas ornament program.

November 12 Holiday Inn
Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 pm. Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. November Students of the Month will be honored.

November 19 Holiday Inn
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Details to be announced.

November 26 Holiday Inn
Club Assembly. Presentation of the slate and election of officers for 2001-2002.

December 3 St. Anthony's
Annual Christmas gathering at St. Anthony's Hospital.
—Dorothy Hutchinson-Gross

From the President ... cont.

Our Student of the Month programs are about to begin again (Sept.. 10). Our next steak fry is set for Sept.. 17. And we have a Club Assembly set for Sept.. 24, then the Membership Night on Oct. 1. Hope to see you at all the meetings. Call a fellow Rotarian who hasn't been seen at a meeting lately and invite him or her to join us in the weeks ahead.
—Sam Stemm

M-Night Meeting - October 1st

Our Fall M-Night membership meeting will be held October 1st at the Holiday Inn. Special speaker will be Tom Bower, Rotary Regional Membership Chairman from Peoria Heights. We are working on our program now and this evening promises to be very interesting. Cocktails and refreshments will start at 5:30.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a prospective member or guest. This will be a great opportunity to bring a friend, neighbor, business associate, etc. You will be glad you did, as everyone will thoroughly enjoy this evening.

September Students of the Month ... cont.

Randy and Brenda Hoven. She has been quite active in school affairs presently serving as President of the Student Council. She was selected as class president and as a member of the Student Council each year she has been at Marquette. She is presently the Editor of the Yearbook and has been a member of the year book staff throughout high school. She is a Student Ambassador and a member of the Campus Ministry. She has also been a member of the school newspaper staff throughout her high school career.

Valerie has been active in school theatrical programs serving as a member of the cast of several dramatic productions. A member of the Prom Committee, she also participates in the school's athletic program serving as the scorekeeper for the Varsity and JV basketball teams. She is a member of the YWCA Leadership Development Institute and was selected to Who's Who Among American High School Students.

As a heart transplant recipient she has participated in various American Heart Association activities especially in preparing young heart transplant recipients for their surgery and recovery.

Sam Stemm, President of the Rotary Club, presented each of the students with a plaque recognizing their selection to this honor.
—Tom Juravich

"I will never forget the man who came to my office and invited me to Rotary. He changed my life. And I submit you too will always remember your sponsor. There are millions of quality men and women who are Rotarians, but not yet members of a Rotary club because no one has ever asked them. We must do so now."

Richard D. King,
2001-02 RI President

