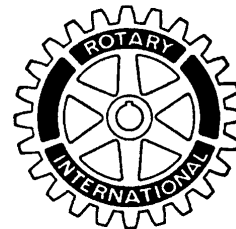


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ALTON/GODFREY ROTARY CLUB HONORS SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Anna Sophie Hilgard, a senior at Alton High School, and **Meredith Hoeffert**, 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 Moonlight Restaurant on September 13th.

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 \$2500 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 126 students were honored from the three area high schools

Anna 'Sophie' Hilgard is the daughter of Dr. James and Jennifer Hilgard of Godfrey and she entered her senior year ranked first in her class. She has recently been recognized for her accomplishment of making a perfect score on the ACT test, not once but twice, a feat which is quite exceptional. A National Merit Semifinalist, Hilgard has been active in WYSE [World Youth Organization in Science and Engineering] achieving a high rank in regional and sectional competition in Chemistry and Mathematics. She also received a first place award at the SIUC Mathematics field day. As a top scholar in her class, Sophie has been a member of the Red Bird Scholar Bowl Team, serving as a team captain She is also a member of the National Honor Society.

Besides her outstanding academic record, she has been active in a variety of school activities including membership in the Marching 100, serving as a

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Our Rotary Calendar



Sep 20 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.

Sep 27 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Judge Gordon Maag will address the club on tort reform and other issues.

Oct 4 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Vicki Baxter, Outreach Coordinator for the Cub & Boy Scouts Trails West Council, will speak to the club on their Inner City Outreach Program.

Oct 11 Moonlight Restaurant
Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Students of the Month for October will be honored.

Oct 18 Grampa Woo Boat
Annual Cruise aboard the Grampa Woo boat. Rotarians and guests will gather at the Alton Marina at 4:30. Departure is at 5:00 and we will return at 8:00 pm. Proceeds from this cruise will benefit the YWCA.

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section leader with that group. She has been a member of the Alton High Jazz Band and Symphonic Band for four years. She was a member of the Soccer team her freshman-sophomore years and a member of the Tennis squad her sophomore year.

Beside a full schedule of study and school activities Hilgard contributes her spare time to working with the Nature Institute. She has not selected a college to attend after graduation.

Meredith Hoefert is the daughter of Joseph and Jennifer Hoefert of Godfrey. She has achieved the school's high honor roll throughout her high school attendance at Marquette and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Meredith has been active in school activities. She has been a member of the Pom squad for three years and a participant in the school's annual Musical every year. A member of the yearbook staff, she is serving as the Yearbook editor her senior year. She has been a member of the Student Council every year and is serving as Student Council President this year. She has been a Student Ambassador for two years and participates in school drama productions

Hoefert has been particularly active with Student Pride participating on a Bucket Brigade painting group, working on a highway cleanup crew, and participating in Pride's Make A Difference Day. She plans to pursue a career in nursing.

Larry Thompson, President of the Rotary Club, presented each of the students with a plaque recognizing their selection to this honor.

—Tom Juravich

Minutes-July Board Meeting

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

On a motion by Dave Walker, seconded by Bill Moyer, the minutes were approved. On a motion by Dave Walker, seconded by Ford Phillips, the treasurer's report was approved.

Tom Juravich proposed Kent Newcomb for membership. On a motion by Dave Walker, seconded by Josh Farley, the membership proposal was accepted pending successful publication and attendance at two meetings.

In Community Service, Scott Neudecker said that July is Rotary Literacy Month. District Governor, Eric Dolbeare, has a booklet that Clubs can purchase and distribute to local schools. There is an opportunity to get a simplified grant for \$500.00 for a project in the community. Mike Tillman will look into various projects and report back to the Club. There is also \$1500.00 available for an international project. Larry Thompson would like this to be a water project.

In Club Service, Sharon Johnson said the committee is still looking for sponsors for the golf tournament benefiting the Booth House. The tournament will be held September 17, 2004, beginning at noon. There will be a silent and live auction and the committee is asking each Rotarian to donate money or items to be auctioned. The cost is \$100 per player. The cost for dinner for non-golfers is \$20.00. The goal is to raise \$10,000. Larry Thompson is meeting with the North Alton Businessmen's Association tomorrow to talk to them about the Booth House. They are to present him with a check to be used for the Booth House.

In Vocational Service, Dan Saeger will have a member speak on their vocation the second Tuesday of each month. He is also going to establish a mentoring program. The District Chair of Vocations services wants clubs to promote member vocation.

In International Service, Bill Moyer said this year's foundation mission is "Every Rotarian, Every Year". The Rotary Foundation has set a goal of every Rotarian contributing \$100 every year. We need a committee under International Services and have someone speak to the Club about the Foundation and its purpose. Erika Paul from Alton High attended the World Affairs Seminary in June. She will make a presentation to the Club of her experience.

In new business, Sam Stemm said WBGZ has tickets available in the horseshoe for the first U of I football game against Florida A&M, September 4, 2004, 5:00 p.m. There is also an annual streetfest that day beginning at 1:00 p.m. The tickets have a face value of \$17.00 but WBGZ can get them for \$8.00. The board decided to make this a Club sanctioned activity with Sam chairing an Alton-Godfrey Rotary Day. On a motion by Moyer, seconded by Juravich the board approved selling the tickets for \$10.00 as a small fundraiser for the Club.

Also, in new business, Larry Thompson brought up that our dues to District are going to raise \$10.00 this year. On a motion by Terry Woelfel, seconded by Sharon Johnson it was approved to raise the dues from \$130.00 to \$140.00.

In mail correspondence the board accepted the resignation of Monica Bristow. The District Conference is December 3 - 4 in Grafton. A letter from Harold Walters concerning hosting an inbound was passed on to International Service.

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

Minutes-September Board Meeting

The August 9, 2004, meeting of directors of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Larry Thompson. Others in attendance were, Dave Walker, Sharon Johnson, Bill Moyer, Allen McBride, Ron Mayhew, Dan Saeger, Ford Phillips, Josh Parley, Sam Stemm, Mike Seymour, Tom Wyatt, John Keller, Scott Neudecker, and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour.

On a motion by Mike Seymour, seconded by Dave Walker the minutes were approved. On a motion by Bill Moyer, seconded by John Keller the treasurer's report was approved.

John Keller proposed Dave Elson for membership. Sam Stemm proposed Jim Schrader for membership. Terry Woelfel proposed Nathan Henderson for membership. Larry Hauck proposed Johnny Aquirre for membership. On a motion by Bill Moyer, seconded by Sharon Johnson the membership proposals were accepted pending successful publication and attendance at two meetings.

In Community Service, Scott Neudecker has scheduled a committee meeting after the steak fry on August 16.

In Club Service, for the Booth House Larry Thompson has received the first and second floor plans and a sketch of the house from Capstone Development and asked for board approval to use this rendering for fundraising. The lot on 5th Street has not been purchased. Von Vandivier replacement, Capt. Grindle, is going to approach the owner. If this lot is purchased it could change the way the building sits on the lot. Mike Seymour cautioned that any drawings should reflect the actual design of the building. Bill Moyer concurred accurate drawings were essential. Larry also informed the Board that we couldn't run any fundraisers after October 1 when the Tree of Lights and United Way are going on. For the golf tournament Sharon Johnson said they are still looking for sponsors. The Grampa Woo cruise is October 18. Sam Stemm said the tickets for the U of I game will sell for \$15.00 and they have a face value of \$12.00 so the club would make \$3 00 per ticket. The bus will leave Alton Square at noon and return by 11:30 p.m.

In Vocational Service, Dan Saeger will have a member speak on their vocation the second Monday of each month.

In International Service, Bill Moyer is going to put together a committee for "Every Rotarian - Every Year". Erika Paul was the student from Alton High who attended the World Affairs Seminar. At some time she will address the club on her experience. The District Governor has given us a list of projects that we can consider for this year.

A request was presented from the Boys & Girls Club of Bethalto to cosponsor their event National Kids Day in the amount of \$16.90. On a motion by Dave Walker, seconded by John Keller, a donation of \$100.00 was approved.

In old business, there was not enough time to discuss the 2004-2005 budget. The board will discuss the budget at the next meeting.

In new business, the Growth Association and Alton-Godfrey Rotary blood drive is September 15.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Seymour, Executive Secretary

The Rotary Program...continued

Nov 1 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Details to be announced.

Nov 8 Moonlight Restaurant
Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Students of the Month for November will be honored.

Nov 15 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Details to be announced.

Nov 22 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Club Assembly for the election of new officers and board of director members for 2005-2006. There will be other reports to the membership.

Nov 29 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Details to be announced.

—Joel Copley/Bill Hoagland



September Treasurer's Report

Previous Balance	\$9,920.32
cleared payments	-\$7,408.98
cleared deposits	\$8,769.73
Cleared Balance	\$11,281.07
uncleared payments	-\$4,194.80
uncleared deposits	\$1,202.00
Account Balance	\$8,288.27
New Deposits	\$1,880.00
Ending Balance	\$10,168.27