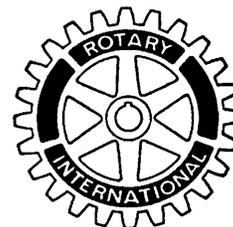


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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2003-2004

Ford Phillips-3rd yr      Dan Saeger-2nd yr  
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Mike Seymour-3rd yr      Larry Hauck-1st yr  
Von Vandiver-3rd yr      Tom Juravich-1st yr  
Josh Farley-3rd yr      John Keller-1st yr  
Ron Mayhew-2nd yr      Sam Stemm-1st yr  
Bill Moyer-2nd yr      Dave Walker-1st yr  
Scott Neudecker-2nd yr  
Past President Ed Morrissey

## Alton Godfrey Rotary Committees      Our Rotary

**To get something done a committee should consist of three people, two of whom are absent.**

Author: Anonymous

**A committee is a group of the unwilling, chosen from the unfit, to do the unnecessary.**

Author: Anonymous

**If you want to kill any idea in the world today, get a committee working on it.**

Author: Charles F. Kettering

**A camel is a horse designed by a committee.**

Author: Anonymous

**A committee is a group that keeps minutes and loses hours.**

Author: Milton Berle

While the committee concept takes hits all the time from all sides, a good committee structure is the only way to involve every member of an organization in the administration of that organization. Rotary is no exception. When I attended my first President Elect Seminar/District Assembly with Ed Morrissey two years ago, I attended a session where a document was distributed showing where a club had involved every member of the club on at least one committee. In my career in education, I was an advisor to the Alton High School Student Council for 21 years and during that time, helped to create a very effective committee structure. I realized it could be my objective as a Rotary president to revitalize the club's committee structure.

I have been a member of the Alton Godfrey Rotary since March 1995. My first years in Rotary were spent trying to determine how I could contribute to the organization. I volunteered for the Bucket Brigade, brick laying at Lincoln Douglas Square, and other similar projects, but I did not have any involvement in club administration until I was invited to become a board member. It is my intention to make the path to club involvement much

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## Our Rotary Calendar



**May 31**      No Meeting  
Memorial Day Holiday

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

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## Minutes-April Board Meeting

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

On a motion by Dave Walker, seconded by Scott Neudecker the minutes were approved. On a motion by Dave Walker, seconded by Tom Juravich the treasurer's report was also approved.

On a motion from Larry Thompson, seconded by Tom Juravich the membership proposal of Brock Hendricks was accepted pending successful publication & attending 2 meetings. On a motion by John Rain, seconded by Ed Morrissey the membership proposal of James Claywell was accepted pending successful publication and attending 2 meetings.

In Community Service, Mike McCormick is getting quotes for Rotary bronze plaques to be placed at Lincoln-Douglas Square.

In International Service, a student from Alton High School and Marquette High School will be attending the World Affairs Seminar June 13 - 18 in Whitewater, WI. Bethany Boyer, a student from Principia is going to Finland on the Rotary exchange will address our club on May 24 before she goes and then again upon her return.

In Club Service, the District Conference is April 15-17 in Springfield. A vote will be taken on increasing the District dues by \$10.00 to help defray costs of the centennial conference in Chicago and cover District administrative costs.

Also, in Club Service, concerning the Booth House Larry Thompson started by saying that the budget for this project was presented to the membership at the last meeting. \$102,240.00 needs to be raised between Alton-Godfrey Rotary and the Salvation Army. He then addressed the concerns of the membership with parolees staying there. He said they do once in awhile but he has spoken to Sheriff Hertz who has no reports of any incidents concerning parolees at the Booth House. Terry Woefel said the IDC would be happy to send more parolees here. Larry stated that the Salvation Army has a prison ministry program and any parolees are recommended from this program. He read a letter from Linda Vandiver stating they are not necessarily going to increase the number of parolees and they do not receive money for taking them in. John Rain said he received phone calls from the membership with their concerns makes this an issue. Is this an appropriate project for Rotary? They are upset Rotary is taking this on. Dave Walker said the biggest concern is we didn't consult the members and they don't care. They were never told personally - only in a newsletter. He feels an opportunity was lost to consult the Club. Larry said there were no numbers to give anyone until the special meeting. Sam Stemm

## Committees...continued

shorter for all our members through a committee organization.

At the recent club assembly, I intended to show the overall committee structure, and I have distributed copies of the club's committee structure at earlier club assemblies. Both membership in the Alton Godfrey Rotary and membership on its committees are voluntary. Each member is asked to serve on at least one committee as part of their club membership responsibility. Earlier this year, I distributed a survey asking for members to volunteer for committees. There was not a great response, so I took the responsibility to appoint members. If you have been assigned to a committee you do not wish to serve with, you should ask to be assigned to another, and you need to select the other committee. New members of our club are asked to submit their choices for committee membership to the president when they have had time to examine the choices.

The club's by-laws describe the term of committee membership in Article VII, Section 2(e). *Where feasible and practicable in the appointment of club committees, there should be provision for continuity of membership, either by appointing one or more members for a second term or by appointing one or more members to a two-year term. No member shall be eligible to serve on the same committee for more than two successive years, except as otherwise specifically provided in these by-laws.* One of the first orders of business of each committee's first meeting will be to identify the term of service of each member.

In the next several weeks, committee chairpersons will receive committee assignments. At an appropriate time, the chairperson will call the committee members to arrange a meeting. Some committees will need to meet immediately and others should wait until later. By the way, our club has a policy to award an attendance make-up for each committee meeting and work project, and it is necessary for each committee chairperson to submit the names of members in attendance at these activities to Melissa Seymour for attendance credit. There is no reason for our active club to not have nearly perfect attendance.

Each committee chairperson will submit a report to the appropriate club service chairperson who will report the committee action to the board. In some cases, the club chairman will be invited to submit the report in person to the board. There will be at least four quarterly club assemblies and committees will be asked to report to the membership at these club assemblies. As president, I will designate when reports to the membership will be expected.

Our club's committee organization will become part of our website. Membership and other details of committees will be updated regularly.

—Larry Thompson, President-Elect



## The Rotary Program...continued

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

### April Minutes...cont.

said parolees are the issue but feels this is a proper project for Rotary "Service Above Self. We need to be aware that the Salvation Army has strict rules and do not have to take in parolees. Tom Juravich has also received calls from some members with concerns. He said the Board has committed itself and needs to get membership on board. Bill Moyer asked if we collect for the Salvation Army at the kettles why can't we do this. Scott Neudecker was concerned because we have not been given any specific details. Larry Hauck thinks this is a good project and the Board has overreacted to the parolee situation. There is no proof of what the influx would be. Sharon Johnson felt we need to rally around the project. Mike Seymour said he had received similar calls to Tom with concerns about the Board committing to something without a budget and with no goals established. He would feel more comfortable if the Salvation Army would let us know exactly what they expect of Rotary. The issue was tabled until the next meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa Seymour, Executive Secretary

## Students of the Month

**Lauren Black**, a senior at Alton High School, and **Thomas Haine**, 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 May at the Club's regular meeting at the Moonlight Restaurant on May 10, 2004.



Lauren Black is the daughter of Jethro and Debra Black of Alton. She is a member of the school's National Honor Society and has consistently achieved the school's high honor roll. Her academic awards include a Silver Medallion Award, recognition as a Baron and Budd Young Scholar, selection for a George Merck Scholarship, a participant in the President's Award program and an Alton High School Gold Card holder.

Lauren has been a participant in the minority student excellence program at Alton High and has been a member of the school's choir and other musical organizations during her tenure at Alton High. She is a member of the French Club, a Math League participant and has worked on a variety of other school activities and organizations.

Black has been actively involved with community service and volunteer projects including serving as a tutor for some student athletes, working on the United Way, participating on a Bucket Brigade team, and serving as a Salvation Army Bell Ringer.

She has been a member of the St. Louis Children's Choir and sang at the White House this past December. She was awarded scholarships for touring to Vienna, Prague, Salzburg, London, and Wales. She is an active member of her Church's youth group and after graduating plans to enroll at the Georgia Institute of Technology and major in Biology.

Thomas Haine is the son of William and Anna Haine of Alton. A National Merit finalist, Haine is a member of the school's National Honor Society, is a Silver Medallion recipient and was selected as the Scholastic Athlete of the Year.

Active in school athletics, Haine was a member of the Explorer varsity football team for three years earning selection to the All-Conference and All-Area teams this past year. He was also selected to the All-State Academic Team. He also was a member of the school's varsity basketball team the past two years and has been extremely active in Marquette's theater program with the male lead in the last three musicals.

Thomas is a member of the campus ministry, a member of St. Mary's Bible School and traveled to Mexico as part of an International Youth Service project. After graduation, Haine plans to enroll at Princeton University.

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

—Tom Juravich, Student of the Month Chairman

### May Treasurer's Report

Previous Balance	\$9,658.00
cleared payments	-\$9,831.60
cleared deposits	\$8,597.41
Cleared Balance	\$8,423.81
uncleared payments	-\$2,995.08
uncleared deposits	\$0.00
Account Balance	\$5,428.73
New Deposits	\$1,003.33
Ending Balance	\$6,432.06