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Rotary Names Student of Year

Erika Nicole Paul, daughter of Lynn and Julie Paul of Godfrey and a Recent graduate of Alton High School was selected as "Student Of The Year" for the 2004.2005 school year by the Alton Godfrey Rotary Club. She was selected from among 18 "Students of the Month" from Alton , Marquette Catholic, and Mississippi Valley Christian high schools. With her selection comes a \$2500 scholarship applicable to tuition and fees at the college of her choice. She was honored at the June 13th meeting of the Alton/ Godfrey Rotary Club at Julia's Banquet Center. Paul was presented the award by Larry Thompson, President of the Alton/Godfrey Rotary Club .

Erika Paul was honored as Alton High School's "Student of the Month" for February. She has a distinguished academic record at Alton High ranking among the top students in her graduating class. She has received numerous academic awards including membership in the school's National Honor Society of which she served as President during the past year. She has earned recognition and been listed in the National Honor Roll, Who's Who Among American High School Students, was a recipient of the KMOX Student achievement Award during her junior year, and was selected by



the Alton High Principal to serve on the select Senior Leadership Council.

She is the subject of a series of accolades and honors recognizing her scholarship, active participation in school activities and her dedication to her school and community through active involvement in numerous projects and events. She was a Silver Medallion recipient, awarded the Good Citizen's award by the DAR, and participated in the Saturday Scholar program at Alton High.

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Rotary Programs



Jul 4 **No Meeting**

4th of July Holiday

Jul 11 **Moonlight Restaurant**

Board of Directors Meeting 5:00 p.m.
 Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Our speaker will be Hal Stone, the President of the local USO Board of Directors in St.Louis. He will discuss the present operations of the USO in St.Louis and their plans for the expansion of services to Ft.Leonard Wood.

Jul 18 **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.

Jul 25 **Moonlight Restaurant**

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Sue Mueller, new director of Alton Little Theater, will speak..

Aug 1 **Moonlight Restaurant**

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Program to be announced.

Christopher Mendenhall, a senior at Alton High School, and Bruce Vest, 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 9.



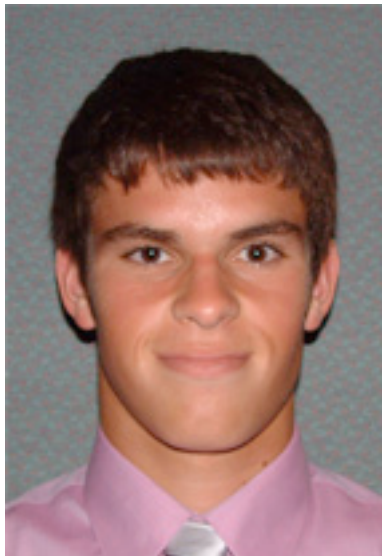
Christopher Mendenhall is the son of Douglas and Stephanie Mendenhall of Alton. The recipient of many academic honors, Chris is a Silver Medallion award winner, an Illinois State Scholar, an All American Scholar, and the a recipient of the SAR Outstanding Citizen Award. He was selected to the National Society of High School Scholars, Who's Who Among American High School Students, and received the Alton Principal's Excellence in Education Award. He also was awarded the Tulane University Distinguished Scholar Award. Mendenhall ranks second in a class of 538 students.

Mendenhall is a member of the National Honor Society, the Student Council and participated in the Saturday Scholars program. He participated in the Math League and received an Excellence in Mathematics Award. He also was a participant in the WYSE [World Youth in Science and Engineering] competition.

Chris was a member of the Red-bird Baseball and Hockey teams and received the St. Louis Post Dispatch Scholar Athlete Award. He has also contributed his time and efforts to a number of community service activities including Pride's Bucket Brigade and Make a Difference Day activities. He also participated in the annual Salvation Army bell ringing campaign and the annual Red Cross blood drives.

After graduating from Alton High. Mendenhall plans to enroll at Tulane University and major in Engineering.

Bruce Vest is the son of Bruce and Kathleen Vest of Godfrey.



Vest ranks at the top of his class and is currently President of the school's National Honor Society. He has been recognized with an AP Scholar award and an Excellence in Mathematics citation.

Vest has been a participant in WYSE competition during the past two years finishing first in Mathematics and Chemistry at the regional level and first in Chemistry at the Sectional level. He placed sixth in Mathematics and fourth in Chemistry in State competition.

A member of Alpha and a student Ambassador for two years, Vest has been actively involved in the athletic program at Marquette playing on the football, basketball, and tennis teams all four years. He was selected to the All-Conference Football team his senior year and was chosen as offensive MVP. He was also recognized by the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association by being selected to the Class 3A academic All-State Team.

After graduating from Marquette, Vest plans to enroll at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and major in Engineering.



Active on her school's volleyball team, she was selected as the Scholar Athlete for the team during her junior and senior years. She was also selected as captain of the team her senior year and was also the recipient of the IHSA Good Sportsmanship Award. She has been active in journalism activities serving as Editor of the Red Bird Word and Vice President of the Quill and Scroll Society. A member of the Scholar Bowl team, and extremely active in the music program, she served as secretary of the Concert Choir and also was a member of the Symphonic and Concert Bands. She received numerous I ratings in solo and ensemble competition and was selected to the Illinois Music Educators All State Choir

Paul has represented her school at a variety of conferences and special events including the annual Rotary World Affairs Conference, the Madison County Youth Forum, and the Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Forum. Her club memberships were numerous but she is particularly proud of and active in the Madison County Teenage Republicans Group.

When she had spare time Paul gave of her self to a number of community-service activities including such Student Pride projects as Bucket Brigade and Make a Difference Days. She participated in the annual Salvation Army Christmas Bell Ringing program, served as a volunteer at Beverly Farms and is an active member of her the Calvary Baptist Church. She has volunteered at the Arms of Love Pregnancy Center, participated in the Relay for Life events and will be traveling to Ambato, Equador this summer where she will help children learn to speak English and work with the local population on community development projects.

Paul will enroll at Southern Methodist University where she will major in Political Science and Government. She will be enrolled in the college's honors program there as a Huffington Scholar

One of the members of the Alton High School faculty described Paul as an individual who gave the most to everything she did and got everything she could out of each experience.

April Minutes

The April 11, 2005 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 Mike Seymour, Tom Juravich, Bill Moyer, Larry Hauck, Scott Neudecker, Sam Stemm, Dan Saeger, Tom Wyatt, Allen McBride, Josh Farley, Mike McCormick, Ford Phillips, Sharon Johnson, Ron Mayhew, Jeannine Kelly, Martha Morse and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour.

On a motion by Tom Juravich, seconded by Ford Phillips the minutes were approved. On a motion by Tom Juravich, seconded by Bill Moyer the treasurer's report was approved. New members proposed were Jasper Fisher and Steve Thompson. On a motion by Dave Walker, seconded by Ron Mayhew these memberships were approved. There were no conditions since both had already attended two meetings.

In Community Service Scott Neudecker said the Bucket Brigade is scheduled for May 21. Concerning Eagle View Park the property in

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Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Program to be announced.

Aug 29 Moonlight Restaurant

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- Joel Copley, Bill Hoagland - Program Directors



question belongs to Mississippi Lime. He has contacted them but has had no response.

In Vocational Service, Dan Saeger said that in the future member vocation presentations will not be held on the same evening as Student of the Month Technical Vocational Scholarship Program is moving slowly.

In International Service Bill Moyer said one student from Marquette will attend the World Affairs Seminar. They are still trying to get a student from Alton High School.

There are 10 couples (12 Rotarians) from our club attending the International Conference. They will be leaving by train June 18th and return on the 22nd. The registration fee for members will be reimbursed by the Club.

May Minutes

In Club Service, 6 members went to the District Assembly. Concerning the Booth House Larry Thompson said the Salvation Army is still in the process of purchasing the house. Until this is done the project is at a stand still. To date the Chili Chowdown has netted \$3,974.55. There are still members who have not paid for their tickets. Members need to be reminded that this is a mandatory fundraiser.

In old business the Board decided to order Rotarian shirts. Our cost of the shirts is \$14.00. They will be sold for \$20.00 as a small fundraiser for the Club. July 24 is the Rotary night at the ballpark. The Cubs and Cardinals are playing and we have 25 tickets for our club from the District at a cost of \$33.00 each. This is a District fundraiser for Cardinal Care.

In new business the Growth Association is asking us, as a new member, to be a sponsor for the Duck Race at Raging Rivers for \$750.00. Sam Stemm, as a member of our membership committee, felt this would be a good way to promote Alton-Godfrey Rotary. This motion was seconded by Larry Hauck and approved by the Board. The funding will come from the general fund.

Larry Thompson asked the Board to consider a new computer for the Club. He had a price on a Dell for \$1285. A committee was formed of Larry Thompson, Ford Phillips, and Ron Mayhew to check the options and seek other bids.

A motion was made by Dave Walker, seconded by Sam Stemm to purchase the Piasa Bird pins to pass out at the international Convention.

The May 9, 2005 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 Mike Seymour, Tom Juravich, Bill Moyer, Larry Hauck, Scott Neudecker, Sam Stemm, Allen McBride, Josh Farley, Mike McCormick, Ford Phillips, Terry Woelfel, Sharon Johnson, Ron Mayhew, Jeannine Kelly, Martha Morse and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour.

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

New member proposed was Dorothy Hutchinson Gross by Sharon Johnson. On a motion by Dave Walker, seconded by Bill Moyer her membership was approved pending filing appropriate papers.

In Community Service Scott Neudecker said the Bucket Brigade is scheduled for May 21 and Alton-Godfrey Rotary is painting the Robert Wadlow House. The Wadlow house also has windows and carpentry work to be done. This will involve more than just May 21.

The Community Service Committee met and had no specific recommendation for a project. Scott made a motion that the money in the Piasa Foundation be used only for a major Rotary Project of at least \$10,000. No action was taken on the motion. The Board decided to make a decision as projects are brought forward. Sam Stemm said we can't bind a future Board.

Correspondence from the Friends of Haskell House was referred to Community Service. Bill Moyer asked to refer a request to Community Service that we consider adopting Lincoln Douglas-Square maintenance for the next five years.

In Vocational Service, no report.

In International Service Bill Moyer said that there are now two students attending the World Affairs Seminar. The students are Jay Brefeld and Scott Yanta.

In Club Service, there are still those who have not paid for their tickets. The names of those

not paying will be published in The Ratchet. The Gordon Moore Community Service Award will be held sometime in the fall. Larry Thompson said that the Salvation Army has made an offer for the house on Easton Street.

In old business Martha Morse is the Club contact for the Montage. The Montage alone is \$20. It can be purchased framed from \$65 - \$95. A motion was made by Larry Hauck, seconded by Ron Mayhew that A-G Rotary purchase 10 of these framed to distribute to business to display. An amended motion was made by Larry Hauck, seconded by Sharon Johnson that the number of framed prints be reduced to 5. The amended motion was approved.

Larry presented a quote of \$1316.00 to the Board from Telsar Lab for a new Clubcomputer. On a motion by Ron Mayhew, seconded by Mike Seymour the quote was accepted.

Several requests were received to help fund individual projects. Mike Seymour pointed out that it is not Club policy to fund any individual's request for donation of funds.

In new business the Student of the Year dinner will be held at Julia's Banquet Center on June 13, 2005. A \$300 deposit is required that will come off the final billing. On a motion by Larry Hauck, seconded by Ron Mayhew this was approved.

June Report

Previous Balance	\$18,084.80
cleared payments	12,979.51
cleared deposits	5,653.65
Cleared Balance	10,758.84
uncleared payments	1,727.45
uncleared deposits	6,625.00
Account Balance	15,656.49
New Payments	1,321.04
New Deposits	1,153.07
Ending Balance	15,488.52



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