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Mission Recognition



In November 2006, The Hayner Public Library District rolled out a new program to recognize the youth of our Riverbend communities. As reflected in news headlines, TV, movies, popular music and literature, kids grow up in a very different world today. Violence, crime and substance abuse are rampant throughout our culture and affect all ages. The concept of carefree and innocent childhood has long been displaced by the reality of kids growing up too quickly and having to make decisions and choices based on peer and media pressures instead of a positive value system.

However, there also are a lot of great kids out there - we just don't hear about them. Everyone likes approval and recognition. We all know that positive feedback is critical to reinforcing good work. Thus, The Hayner Public Library District has developed *Mission: Recognition* to applaud the contributions of the youth of our community. Each month a committee of library staff and community volunteers will evaluate nominations identifying local young persons who have acted in a praise-worthy manner. Nominations may be submitted by a relative, neighbor, teacher- anyone who observes an action that has a beneficial impact on another individual or on the community at large. The impact does not have to be extraordinary but

Rotary Programs



Dec 4 St. Anthony's Health Center
 Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Annual Christmas Program - Spouses Night.

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

Dec 18 Rolling Hills Golf Course
 Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Club Christmas Party. Family night. Special guest will be Santa Claus to provide a preview of his upcoming world tour.

Dec 25 No Meeting
 Christmas

Jan 1 No Meeting
 New Year's Day

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

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Students of the Month

Stephanie Leavell, a senior at Alton High School, and Sydney Scheiter, 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 November at the Club's regular meeting at the Moonlight Restaurant on November 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 \$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 tenth of the program and since the program started 166 students were honored from the three area high schools

Stephanie Leavell is the daughter of Doug and Elizabeth Leavell of Godfrey. A senior who plans to attend Northwestern University and major in Journalism, Leavell is planning to pursue a career in an area she loves and as a student has excelled. She was selected to appear as a guest columnist in the Alton Telegraph and is the monthly writer for "Cutting Class" for the Teen Page in the Telegraph. At Alton High she serves as Cover Stories Editor for the Redbird Word.

Stephanie is a member of the Student Council, the National Honor Society, and serves as a student mentor and Freshman Ambassador. A member of the school's Quill and Scroll Society, she was a nominee for Prom Queen and was a part of the Prom Court at the last Alton High Prom

Always willing to help, Stephanie has been a regular Salvation Army bell ringer and was one of the many students who helped teachers make the move to the new high school facilities.



Sydney Scheiter is the daughter of Justin and Linda Scheiter of Godfrey. She has been a regular on the school's high honor roll since she first enrolled at Marquette. She presently serves as President of the National Honor Society and serves as a Student Ambassador. Her essay was recognized in the Knights of Columbus essay contest during her junior year.

Scheiter has excelled in athletics at Marquette where she was a stalwart performer on the tennis squad earning All-Conference selection in doubles her junior and senior year. She has also been a standout on the varsity girl's basketball squad earning All-Conference status last year. Her interest in athletics carries over to her volunteer work. She helps coach the St. Mary's girl's basketball team and is a regular at the annual girls basketball camp. She has worked as a regular at the soup kitchen and was a student worker at the annual Marquette dinner /auction.

Sydney plans to continue her education after high school but has not selected a college

should demonstrate an admirable, unselfish value judgment. Three categories of nominations will be evaluated: individuals 0 to 6th grade, middle school age and high school age. Nomination forms are available on The Hayner Public Library District Web site (www.haynerlibrary.org) or in hard copy at all Hayner library locations. Monthly winners will be featured in our local news media, and each will receive an award certificate, a medal and a gift certificate to a local bookstore.

In early November this program was announced in a special media event to the press, educators and community leaders. Victor Pacini, a motivational and inspirational speaker and performer from Chicago, has partnered with the library on this program. To kick off the project, Victor performed at assemblies at our local public and private schools, generating excitement and enthusiasm for kids of all ages to participate in “doing the right thing.”

Please join us in making the **Mission: Recognition** program a success. No deed is too small to be recognized. Let’s tell the youth of our community that we value them and appreciate all their contributions to making the Riverbend a great place to live!

The **Mission: Recognition** program is funded through a private endowment to The Hayner Public Library District

Submitted by Jeff Owen, Executive Director, Hayner Public Library District

Salvation Tree of Lights

This season, as many of us gather with family and friends to celebrate the holidays, some are facing the oncoming winter season with meager resources to meet even their most basic needs.



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Salvation Army helps individuals and families who find themselves in need of emergency assistance with shelter, food, utilities, medication, etc. in which they may not be able to provide themselves due to circumstances beyond their control.

Thanks to all our Rotary volunteers ringing Salvation Army bells to help these families.

There are still a few open spots that could use an eager volunteer. Please call Ed if you could help complete our schedule. Also, consider inviting another family member to ring bells with you. No matter how cold it is out-

Jan 15 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Program to be announced.

Jan 22 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Program to be announced.

Jan 29 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Program to be announced.

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- Joel Copley, Bill Hoagland - Program Directors

side, this is truly a heart warming experience! Extra bells will be at all locations.



If considering a contribution this year to the Salvation Army Tree of Lights, please make it at one of our kettles or mail to Ed Morrissey and it will be delivered for Rotary.

Thanks again for your participation this busy time of year.

Submitted by Ed Morrissey

October Minutes

The October 9, 2006 meeting of directors of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club was called to order at 5:00 p.m., by President Jeannine Kelly. Others in attendance were, Mike Seymour, Ron Mayhew, Scott Neudecker, Dick Jones, Bryan White, Rod Elias, Joel Copley, Dana Eastman, Roland Hansen, Mike Tillman, Tom Turpin, Larry Thompson and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour.

On a motion by Scott Neudecker, seconded by Dick Jones the minutes were approved. On a motion by Dick Jones, seconded by Scott Neudecker the treasurer's report was approved.

In Club Administration, Larry Thompson reported that there were 100-150 in attendance at the District Conference. He received some information at the conference that he will pass on to the committee chairs at the Club Assembly. The President Elect training is 3/23 & 24, 2007 and this is a required training. The District Conference will be October 26-27, 2007 in Springfield. The District has been collecting more money than needed so there was a surplus of \$20,000 turned over to the new administration, thus no increase in our dues. It was reported that there were a few outstanding dues. These members will be contacted by a board member to see if they still wish to remain in the Club. Jeannine will meet with Mark Weber, St. Anthony's, to see if they will still be hosting the Christmas Party. For the Piasa Foundation, Dick Jones reported that the balance is now \$17,028.87. St. Ambrose has asked that their \$5334.63 donation for the Booth House be returned. The same was true with the Service League asking that their \$3,225.00 donation be returned.

In Club Public Relations Sam Stemm, spoke for Ford Phillips, concerning the Rotary International PR Grant. RI is offering \$3000 PR grants to clubs that apply to help promote Rotary worldwide. The \$4500 campaign will run on WBGZ between Jan 1, 2007 and Jun 1, 2007 at the club's discretion. Funding would be \$500 club contribution; \$1,000 in-kind donated by WBGZ; \$3,000 PR grant. It was approved on a motion by Dana Eastman, seconded by Rod Elias that the board accept the proposal and commit the \$500.00.

Jeannine said the sign up is slow for the Grampa Woo and she would like to change the time to 2:30 – 5:30 and eliminate the dinner but have hors d'oeuvres instead. The board directed her to do what she feels is best.

In the dictionary project Jeannine said she has not any success in contacting David Elson. Tom Turpin said he will contact Don Lindsay, Supt. of Elementary Education to get approval to bring the program into the schools. For the new student recognition program the board consensus was the decision on who should be recognized should be made by the high school staff. Phil Trapani felt that he could come up with a program that would satisfy the criteria in honoring other deserving students. This new recognition program will be in addition to the Student of the Month award.

In new business, Tom Turpin proposed that our Club nominate Larry Thompson for District Governor. Dick Jones suggested that this be tabled in order to give Larry time to think it over. This was seconded by Mike Seymour and approved by the board.

In mail/correspondence information from The Alzheimer's Association and Marion Medical Mission was referred to Club Administration.

Rhonda Lewis and Mike Drake, Alton Park Department, updated the board on the progress of the Rotary Fountain. They explained their workforce was spread thin with both the Hellrung Park project and the fountain project. They pulled off the fountain in order to complete Hellrung Park before the grant deadline. The board had some questions with the concrete block foundation and suggested that the Park Department hold off and talk to the fountain manufacturer about installation plans.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Seymour, Executive Secretary

October Report

Previous Balance	\$17,391.81
cleared payments	5,783.02
cleared deposits	6,117.71
Cleared Balance	17,726.50
uncleared payments	5,102.64
uncleared deposits	0.00
Account Balance	12,623.86
New Payments	1,273.12
New Deposits	3,128.50
Ending Balance	14,479.24

Club Officers 2005-2006

President.....	Jeannine Kelly
	25 Logan Road, Alton, 465-0123
Vice-President.....	Josh Farley
	1211 Callahan Dr, Alton, 465-5257
Secretary.....	Scott Neudecker
	5212 Richland Woods Dr., Alton, 462-4697
Treasurer.....	Ford Phillips
	1007 Henry St., Alton, 463-0769
Executive Secretary.....	Melissa Seymour
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Board of Directors 2005-2006

Allen McBride-3rd yr	Dan Saeger-2nd yr
Martha Morse-3rd yr	Tom Turpin-2nd yr
Mike Seymour-3rd yr	Joel Copley-1st yr
Mike Tillman-3rd yr	Dana Eastman-1st yr
Bryan White-3rd yr	Rod Elias-1st yr
Ron Mayhew-2nd yr	Roland Hansen-1st yr
Bill Moyer-2nd yr	Dick Jones-1st yr
Mike Osborne-2nd yr	Sharon Johnson-PP