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The scholarship was established by the terms of the sale of the Nokomis Library-Clubhouse to the Chamber of Commerce in 1972. The Nokomis Club appointed a Scholarship Committee beginning in 1975 that determined the criteria a recipient is required to meet, and evaluates the applications submitted. The Scholarship Committee is assisted by the high school Career Counselor who advises students on their career plans, and acts as a liaison between the club and interested high school students. The Career Counselor also publicizes the scholarship to those students who have the potential to meet the scholarship requirements so they may submit an application.

Only applicants who are graduating seniors from Redmond High School are eligible for consideration for the scholarship. Factors considered by the Scholarship Committee include parental occupations, the number of siblings in the family, and whether a sibling is currently attending college. The college where the applicant intends to matriculate, the potential area of study, and the current class rank provide further information. The applicant must also attach a résumé that includes high school activities and interests, community activities, work experience, and achievements, awards, and honors. In addition the applicant is required to submit an essay that describes their reasons for deciding to pursue an education beyond high school.

The availability of this scholarship has been very significant to the recipients, and several of the winners have responded with inspirational letters to the club. Recipients have commented that the scholarship award provided the opportunity that made a higher education possible.

In order for the scholarship fund to become viable, the Chamber contributed \$300 each year for 15 years into the fund to ensure a scholarship would be awarded. During the ensuing years, substantial donations including one of \$10,000 have increased the scholarship monies. Two major fundraising events—the raffle of a quilt handmade by Nokomis members in 1985 and raffle of a Christmas Gift Basket in 2009—made significant contributions to the fund.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

1975-76

Sylvia Neslund
Dorothea Trippett
Jennie Shobert

1976-77

Jennie Bryden
Audrey Johnson
Blanche Hansen

1977-78

Hazel Johnson
Mildred Streeter
Grace Thomas

1978-79

Grace Thomas
Jennie Bryden
Hazel Johnson

1979-80

Grace Thomas
Jennie Bryden
Hazel Johnson

1980-81

Grace Thomas
Hazel Johnson
Jennie Bryden

1981-82

Mildred Streeter
Jennie Shobert
Hazel Kerwin

1982-83

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1983-84

Jennie Shobert
Olive Geneen
Hazel Kerwin

1984-85

Olive Genin
Marie Wood
Hazel Kerwin

1985-86

Olive Genin
Ila Shelton
Clair Nielsen

1986-87

Clair Nielsen
Helen Usibelli

1987-88

Marie Wood
Joan Radtke
Alice Lechner

1988-89

Marian Curry
Helen Hunt
Jennie Bryden

1989-90

Edna Jennings
Audrey Gorlick
Helen Usibelli

1990-91

Marie Wood
Audrey Gorlick
Helen Usibelli

1991-92

Marie Wood
Audrey Gorlick

1992-93

Marie Wood
Audrey Gorlick

1993-94

Marie Wood
Audrey Gorlick

1994-95

Marie Wood
Audrey Gorlick

1995-96

Helen Usibelli
Audrey Gorlick

1996-97

Helen Usibelli
Audrey Gorlick

1997-98

Audrey Gorlick
Helen Usibelli
Marie Wood

1998-99

Audrey Gorlick
Helen Usibelli

1999-2000

Helen Usibelli
Audrey Gorlick

2000-01

Audrey Gorlick
Helen Usibelli
Clare "Amo" Marr

2001-02

Audrey Gorlick
Helen Usibelli
Clare "Amo" Marr

2002-03

Audrey Gorlick
Helen Usibelli
Clare "Amo" Marr

2004

Audrey Gorlick
Helen Usibelli
Clare "Amo" Marr

2005

Doris Townsend
Linda Hussey
Naomi Hardy

2006

Doris Townsend
Marian Curry
Lori Snodgrass
Mary Kay Hallman

2007

Doris Townsend
Marian Curry

2008

Doris Townsend
Marian Curry
Anne Dumond

2009

Doris Townsend
Anne Dumond

2010

Doris Townsend
Anne Dumond
Marian Curry

2011

Doris Townsend
Anne Dumond
Marian Curry

*Learning without thought is labor lost;
Thought without learning is perilous.*
~ Confucius



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

1975 Diane Hancock	1993 Jennifer Baungard
1976 Lisa Cavagnaro	1994 Kimberly Fleming
1977 Renee Wood	1995 Heidi Yoneda
1978 Lori Sutherland	1996 Bernard Doud
1979 Sandi Joan Kinger	1997 Sara Wolbrecht
1980 Leslie Rae	1998 Abraham Bennett
1981 Paula Lloyd	1999 Jared Radtke
1982 Carrie McGrath	2000 Kristin Wobker
1983 Wendy Demeter	2001 Caroline Chapman
1984 Elizabeth McClintick	2002 Katlyn Caldart
1985 Michelle Moshier	2003 Kelsey Mydske
1986 Kym Murphy	2004 Jennifer Ray Wilson
1987 Carla Warren	2005 Julia Marino
1988 Michelle Manwaring	2006 Kaia Modeen
1989 Oosha Solanki	2007 Sean Tennis
1990 Claudia Ulisi	2008 Holly Hallmark
1991 Rebecca Ashburn	2009 Benjamin Thompson
1992 Rebecca Appleton	



True scholarship consists in knowing
not what things exist, but what they mean;
it is not memory but judgment.

— James Russell Lowell

The office of the scholar is to cheer,
to raise, and to guide men
by showing them facts amidst appearances.
He plies the slow, unhonored, and unpaid
task of observation.
He is the world's eye.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson



**DIANE HANCOCK AWARDED
FIRST NOKOMIS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP IN 1975**



DIANE HANCOCK

Diane Hancock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N.K. Hancock of 10101 162 Ave. N.E., Redmond, has received the first Nokomis Club Scholarship.

The scholarship is given this year in honor of the United States Bicentennial.

Hancock is a student at Bellevue Community College. A graduate from Redmond High School with the class of 1975, she plans to continue her education at Seattle Pacific College.

19 July 1988

Dear Ladies of Nokomis,

Hello! I hear that you and my grandmother, Helen Davis, have run into each other recently. I'm happy that she passed your address along to me so that I may drop you a line and let you know what I've been up to.

I graduated from Redmond High School in 1984, and was a recipient of the Nokomis Club Scholarship, which I put to good use at the University of Washington. This spring I graduated from the UW School of Nursing with honors—magna cum laude. It feels good to be through with school for a while and that all the hard work has paid off.

Right before graduation, I got married to a Redmond High alum. It has been an eventful spring! We now live in Rochester, NY, where he is a second year medical resident and I am just starting out as a nurse.

I miss Redmond and Western Washington, but we plan to move back to the area at the first opportunity. Seeing another part of the country has its benefits, too. We'll enjoy our time here.

I've decided to take some classes at the University of Rochester this fall and next spring. There are so many things I would have liked to learn about, but my nursing school schedule wasn't flexible enough. Hopefully I'll be headed into a graduate or professional school program within the next five years. I'll have plenty to keep me busy for a while.

I hope this finds you all well. I want to thank you again for your generosity towards my education. It was and still is very much appreciated!

Fondly,

Elizabeth McClintick

Kirkland, Washington
February 9, 1989

*Nokomis Club of Redmond
Redmond, Washington*

Dear Friends:

As you may recall, you awarded me your scholarship for 1986 as I was graduating from Redmond High School. I would like to report to you on the progress of my education.

I have been a student at Bellevue Community College for the past three years and will complete my last course next quarter. I have been working for the Bellevue YMCA the past year driving the children's van every day. I pick up the elementary children at several schools and take them to the Y for the afternoon programs. I also spend time with the kindergartners at the Y.

I'm very proud to say that I have been accepted as a transfer student at Western Washington University for Fall 1989. I am applying for entrance to the School of Education and completing several scholarship applications.

If you would like to give another boost to a struggling student of education, I'm taking up a collection. Your confidence in me three years ago helped me along the way and I really needed and appreciated that.

One way or another, I will be sending you a graduation announcement in about another three years. I can see myself in front of a classroom now, and I'm more excited than ever. Maybe I can student teach in Redmond!

*Kindest regards,
Kym Murphy*

2006 NOKOMIS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED to KAIA MODEEN



Kaia Modeen, 2006 Nokomis Scholarship Winner, standing, describes her college plans to the Nokomis Club membership at their meeting June 2nd. Listening are left to right: Doris Townsend, Scholarship Chair, Audrey Gorlick, and Linda Hussey.

May 2006

Dear Ms. Townsend,

Thank you very much for the wonderful scholarship. It is a huge honor. Next year I plan to be at the University of Washington, and this will be a huge help. I look forward to meeting you at the lunch on June 2, and telling you more about my plans. Thank you again.

Kaia Modeen

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JUNE 14, 2007

DEAR MS TOWNSEND AND NOKOMIS CLUB MEMBERS

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR THE \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP THAT YOU HAVE AWARDED ME! THE COLLEGE I AM ATTENDING, WHITWORTH COLLEGE IN SPOKANE, IS A PRIVATE COLLEGE AND THE FINANCIAL BURDEN IS DAUNTING, SO YOUR AWARD IS MUCH APPRECIATED!

I GRADUATED FROM REDMOND HIGH SCHOOL WITH MY REGULAR CREDITS AND MY RUNNING START CREDITS FROM BCC LAST NIGHT! IT FELT SO GOOD TO RECEIVE MY DIPLOMA AND I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO BEGINNING MY LIFE AS A COLLEGE STUDENT IN THE FALL! I HAVE ALREADY SIGNED UP FOR CLASSES AND AM TAKING AN ANCIENT HISTORY CLASS, SPANISH, A BUSINESS MATH CLASS, AND I AM TRYING TWO NEW FIELDS OF ENDEAVOR: GUITAR AND KARATE! EVENTUALLY, I PLAN TO MAJOR IN BUSINESS, BUT FIRST I MUST GET MY BASIC COURSES COMPLETED.

THANKS AGAIN FOR THE WONDERFUL SCHOLARSHIP AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE LUNCHEON ON JUNE 29TH!

SINCERELY,

Sean Tennis

SEAN TENNIS

RECENT GRADUATE OF REDMOND HIGH SCHOOL

Nokomis Club honors city's finest, regardless of age

By MARY STEVENS DECKER
Staff Writer

On Friday, June 29, the women of Redmond's Nokomis Club shared lunch at the Family Pancake House, awarded its annual college scholarship, honored one of its oldest members for volunteer service and began planning for a 100-year anniversary celebration in 2009.

If that seems like an awful lot to pack into one meeting, you probably don't know the history of this sisterhood of movers and shakers.

A touching poem by Eileen McCoskrie, circulated at the June meeting, gives a clue about the origins of the group that formed during pioneer days and opened Redmond's first public library in 1927.

In part, the poem reads:

"A diverse club that met each month on a Friday noon

Meant a stolen hour from solemn duties

At washboards, treadle sewing machines, wood-burning stoves,

Feeding chickens, children and hungry men.

It meant an hour to talk and laugh, to exchange ideas.

At least the ideas women were allowed to have.

And don't forget—to do good works



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Sean Tennis grins as he responds to a question after the ladies of the Nokomis group presented him with a \$1,000 scholarship during a lunch meeting at the Redmond Family Pancake House on Friday, June 29.

Who could fault books for a library, and Friends of the Redmond Library to place a work of art at the present site of the library.

No man would dare..."

The entire poem and other memorabilia will be featured in a commemorative booklet for the club's centennial, and the Nokomis Club is collaborating with

mother of Hiawatha in Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's epic poem "The Song of Hiawatha," a favorite reading selection at the turn-of-the-century.

At least one Nokomis member, Audrey Gorlick, could actually tell you what life was like when Redmond was a rough-and-tumble logging and farming town. She's 102 years old and a recent recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Award.

Yet the ladies of Nokomis don't just live in the past. One of the ways they look to the future is by giving scholarships to ambitious high school graduates.

This year's \$1,000 recipient was Redmond High School's Sean Tennis. A Running Start student, football and trumpet player among other things, his culminating project was remodeling his parents' bathroom.

He also has his own pressure-washing and landscaping business, which he'll hand down to his brother when he heads off to Whitworth College this fall.

A \$10,000 donation from Gorlick's nephew, Richard Hirsch, made Tennis' scholarship possible and will help the Nokomis women send other young people to college for several years to come.

But the club can use some support from the community as it strives to install the bench or statue at the Redmond Regional Library in 2009.

If you'd like to make a contribution, contact Arno Marr at (425) 881-5141.

HOLLY HALLMARK RECEIVES 2008 NOKOMIS SCHOLARSHIP



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Hallmark earns scholarship

Holly Hallmark, a 2008 graduate of Redmond High School, is this year's recipient of the \$1,000 Nokomis Scholarship funded by the Audrey Gorlick Foundation. Hallmark is the daughter of Jan Hallmark of Redmond.

She plans to attend Brigham Young University/Idaho majoring in English.

This award recognizes high academics, community involvement, extracurricular activities and future goals. Hallmark served on the Principal's Advisory Committee, was active in student government, drama, and served as editor of the opinion section of the school newspaper.

Holly Hallmark, 2008 Nokomis Scholarship Recipient, standing third from left, meets with the Nokomis Club June 20th. Standing alongside Holly are left to right: Pat Jovag; Helen Usibelli, Treasurer; Hallmark; Anne Dumond; Doris Townsend, Scholarship Chair; Christine Himes; Alexa Munoz; Esther Buller; and Jan Hallmark. Seated left to right are Rose Weiss, Vice President; and Cathie Moody, Secretary.

June 2008

I want to thank you all so much for all of your kindness and generosity. Without your help, I'm not even sure what I'd be doing for school. I feel so proud that because of your help, I am able to pay for college on my own. I cannot express how happy and thankful my mother and I are.

It was a pleasure to meet those of you who were able to attend the luncheon. I had a lovely time. I thank you again, with all my heart.

Holly Hallmark

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Nokomis: 100 years of service

Pioneer women's club established Redmond's first library in 1927

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Redmond's Nokomis Club celebrated its centennial year in 2009.

Established in 1909 as an organization of pioneer women, Nokomis was named for a figure in Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's "The Song of Hiawatha."

The ladies of Nokomis promoted reading and education and established Redmond's first public library in 1927. They continued to fund and operate the library until it became part of the King County Library System (KCLS) in 1947.

Since the 1950s, the group has awarded an annual scholarship to a Redmond high school senior. Recently, Nokomis members raised \$1,090 for the next Audrey Gorlick Memorial Scholarship, to be given at the end of this academic year to a graduate heading to college or a technical school.

Gorlick was a longtime Nokomis member who was profiled in the July 19, 2008 edition of the Redmond Reporter, shortly after she passed away at the age of 103.

For the most recent scholar-



Officers of Redmond's Nokomis Club stand in front of an art piece called "Women of Vision" in the lobby of the Redmond Regional Library. The art commemorates the organization's role in establishing Redmond's first public library in 1927. From left to right are Nokomis secretary Catherine Moody, president Clare Amo Marr and vice-president Rose Weiss. Not pictured is treasurer Helen Usibelli. MARY STEVENS DECKER, *Redmond Reporter*

ship fundraising campaign, Nokomis member Sharon Daley spearheaded an effort to involve Redmond businesses. Accents Etcetera fashioned a gift basket including donations from 21 Redmond businesses and totaling \$874.50 in merchandise. KidsArt also donated a \$146 scholarship.

QFC Bella Bottega allowed Nokomis members Judy Lang and Marge Hanson to sell \$550 worth of raffle tickets outside the

store. QFC employee Eric Sadlier was the lucky winner of the gift basket.

Visitors to the present-day Redmond Regional Library, 15990 NE 85th St., can view a special piece of fused-glass art called "Women of Vision," presented to the KCLS by Nokomis on March 7, 2009. The art adorns the lobby of the library as a reminder of some of Redmond's first true champions of knowledge.