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Salvation Army Tree of Lights



Congrats and THANK YOU to all Rotary members for this year's support of the Salvation Army Tree Of Lights Bell Ringing Campaign. Rotary rang bells from 8 to 8 on 12/23 and nearly dou-



bled last year's results, helping Salvation Army to exceed this year's \$90,000 Kettle goal. The Salvation Army mail-in campaign is also approaching its \$111,535 goal and remains open until the end of January - Salvation Army, 525 Alby Street, PO Box 524, Alton, IL 62002.

Submitted by Ed Morrissey

From Our President

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Another holiday season has passed and the hectic pace of the season is behind us. It's time to look forward to the New Year and what it has to offer. Thanksgiving and Christmas are special times to give thanks for what we have been given and for the loved ones with whom we share our lives. Why not make every day a special day to give thanks and share with others? We have an opportunity to make a difference in our lives and those around us by living the Christmas season all year through.

Rotary Programs



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.

Jan 15 **Moonlight Restaurant**
 Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Ron McMullen, President of Alton Memorial Hospital, will discuss the expansion plans currently under way at Alton Memorial Hospital and the fundraising program being sponsored by the Alton Memorial Health Services Foundation to accomplish that expansion.

Jan 22 **Moonlight Restaurant**
 Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Senator William Haine will discuss recent and pending legislation in the Illinois legislature.

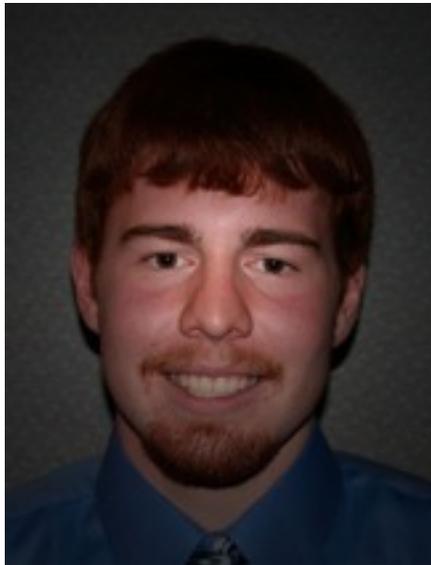


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Students of the Month

Brandon Twichell, a senior at Alton High School, and Jennifer Meckles, 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 December 11th.

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 seniors and are selected on the basis of outstanding scholarship, participation in school activities, and 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 year of the program and since the program started 164 students were honored from the three area high schools

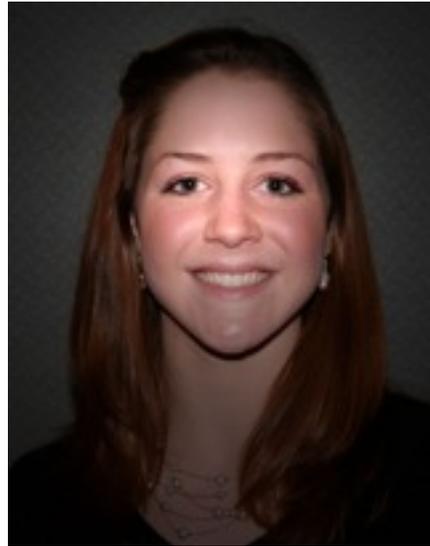


Brandon Twichell is the son of Mark and Susan Twichell of Alton. Brandon has been on the school's high honor roll since enrolling at Alton High. He is a member of the National Honor Society and the Quill and Scroll Society. He has been an active participant in the Saturday Scholars program. A member of the Redbird Bowling team,

he was recognized as the Scholar Athlete of the team.

Twichell has been a busy member of the Redbird Word staff and is presently serving as the school paper's Editorial Director. He is a member of a number of school clubs including the Latin, Chess, and Mathematics Clubs. He is also a member of the school's WYSE program and a member of the Piasa Creek Water Education Team.

An Eagle Scout, Twichell recently received the Eagle Scout Bronze Palm. He is very active in his church St Ambrose where he serves as a lector, altar boy and a member of the Youth Group. His interest in journalism is reflected in serving as a writer/photographer in the By Teens/ For Teens in the Telegraph. He plans to enroll at the University of Missouri and major in journalism.



Jennifer Meckles is the daughter of Jay Meckles and Sandy Barnes of Alton. She is an honor student and a member of the National Honor Society. She has been a member of the Student Council for four years and serves on the Young Adults Committee of the Growth Association, A Student Ambassador, she served as Class President during

her Sophomore and Junior years.

Meckles has been very involved in the girls athletic program at Marquette participating in Volleyball, Basketball and Softball. It is in softball where she has excelled. She has played select softball for eight years and for three years she was named to the first team all-conference squad.

Last year she was selected to the All-Metro squad and to the Telegraph All Area Softball team. Her volunteer work has centered around participation in school and athletic and community charitable ac-



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Jeannine Kelly presented each of the with a plaque recognizing their selection to his honor.

As Rotarians we can be thankful for the fantastic group of members we have in this Club and for all the service projects we do. One of the new projects we initiated this year was the Dictionary Project for the local 4th grade students. It was a huge success! My thanks go out to all involved, including Tom for “leading the way” with this project, Alan for his donation of stickers and use of his office, all those who placed stickers on the books, all those who visited the 4th grade classrooms to hand out the dictionaries, and to the other members for supporting this project. I hope we can continue this project in future years. I think it truly made an impact on the students, and I know it made an impact on those of us who handed out the dictionaries.

Another service project, one we’ve been involved in for years, is the Salvation Army Bell Ringing. It was a huge success this year thanks to Ed and Patty for “leading the way” and to all those who participated in the bell ringing. What a wonderful project this is and how fortunate we are to be able to help those who sometimes can’t afford to feed their own families. We are truly blessed with generous and caring members who give their time and other resources to make these service projects a success.

Let’s ring out the old year and welcome the new by giving thanks every day for the opportunities we’ve been given and for all the wonderful family and friends we have. Let’s give thanks for our Rotary family and for all the opportunities we have been given to share with others. Let’s make 2007 a year to live the Christmas season all year through!

Yours in Rotary,
Jeannine

Taking Down The Tree



How Many Rotarians Does It Take?



Does He Actually Think The Cone Needs His Help?



3 Guys Hiding In The Truck Eating Donuts & Drinking Coffee

Jan 29 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Professor Stephen Kerber of SIUE will discuss his new book (co-authored with Amanda Bahr-Evola) regarding the Mississippi River Festival, which was held on the SIUE campus in the 1970's and which attracted an amazing array of well-known artists, including the Eagles, Jackson Brown, and Bob Dylan, to name a few. The book consists of numerous photographs taken during those concerts, so maybe some Rotarians should show up just to be satisfied that they are not recognizable in the pictures (if you get my drift.)

Feb 5 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Joel Copley, accompanied by a wine expert, will conduct a wine seminar including wine tasting.

Feb 12 Moonlight Restaurant

Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Students of the Month for February will be honored.

Feb 19 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Victor Pacini, a motivational and inspirational speaker and performer from Chicago who is working with Hayner Library on the Mission Recognition Program, will be our speaker.

Feb 26 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Third Quarter Club Assembly. The annual budget will be reviewed.

- Joel Copley, Bill Hoagland - Program Directors

November Minutes

The November 13, 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, Ron Mayhew, Scott Neudecker, Dick Jones, Bryan White, Rod Elias, Joel Copley, Dana Eastman, Roland Hansen, Mike Tillman, Tom Turpin, Dan Saeger, Ford Phillips, Mike Osborne, Allen McBride, Sharon Johnson, and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour.

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

On a motion by Larry Thompson, seconded by Tom Turpin, the membership of Captain Tooley was accepted pending his attending two meetings.

In Club Administration, there was no change in the Piasa Foundation. Bryan White reported that there is still a problem with the menu at Moonlight. Rod Elias suggested that maybe the price could be raised and eliminate either the salad or desert for a better entrée. Bryan is going to speak to Mike Castelli about this. The election of officers and directors for 2007-2008 will be at the club assembly 11/20/06.

In Club Public Relations, Ford Phillips said the Public Relations grant application is complete and has been sent to the District.

In membership, Joel Copley has speakers booked for the rest of the year. The St. Anthony's Christmas dinner is scheduled for 12/4/06. The family Christmas party is scheduled for 12/18/06.

In Service Projects the dictionary project was discussed. Jeannine said the Grampa Woo was cancelled and the profit from that was earmarked for the dictionaries. There are 700 4th grade students in the public and private schools and the dictionaries are \$1.00 each. Tom Turpin said it is already scheduled to hand out dictionaries to the Public school students on November 30 and the private schools December 7. On a motion by Tom Turpin, seconded by Dana Eastman, it was approved that Alton/Godfrey Rotary appropriate \$1000.00, including shipping, to proceed with the dictionary project. McBride printing is donating the recognition stickers for the dictionaries. In conjunction with this project, Jeannine would like to have a "Rotary Word of the Week" with the cooperation of the school systems.

There was no report on International Service. There will be a speaker at the 11/27 meeting from Kenya to let us know what was done with the dental equipment donated by Mel Schulmeister.

There was no information from Phil Trapani on the new Student Recognition Program. Dana Eastman said there is a Mission Recognition Program through Hayner Library that recognizes area youth that is similar to what Alton/Godfrey Rotary is seeking to do. He will try and get a representative to come and speak to us about this program that is underwritten through the Hayner Foundation.

Dan Saeger said the Alton High Interact Club is having some difficulties. Brian Bergin and Leslie Mayerhofer, club sponsors, have less time to spend with the kids this year. One of the problems is that they do not have regularly scheduled meetings. Dan is going to attend a meeting with them this week and find out what we can do to keep the club from disbanding.

In old business Tom Turpin said that Larry Thompson accepted the nomination for District Governor for 2009-2010. On a motion by Tom, seconded by Ford Phillips, it was approved to send in the paperwork on the nomination.

In new business Dana Eastman said he has reserved three spaces for next year's Whitewater World Affairs Seminar. Sharon Johnson presented a request from the Alton Symphony Orchestra asking for \$1000 to provide transportation for students to attend the Christmas Concert. It was approved on a motion was made by Rod Elias, seconded by Ron Mayhew, that we donate the \$1000.00 to support the students and the symphony.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Seymour, Executive Secretary

November Report

Previous Balance	\$17,726.50
cleared payments	6,320.68
cleared deposits	10,651.33
Cleared Balance	22,057.15
uncleared payments	13,326.69
uncleared deposits	0.00
Account Balance	8,730.46
New Payments	365.00
New Deposits	365.00
Ending Balance	8,730.46

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
	3026 Edwards St., Alton, 462-7206

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