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Our President's Induction Speech *by Mike Tillman*

Rotary Programs



Greetings

Welcome to this, the first meeting of our 91st year as a Rotary club. It is my honor and privilege to stand before you as the President for the year 2011-2012.

Acknowledgements:

I would not be here without the help of many people; my parents, my friends, fellow Rotarians, the Alton-Godfrey Rotary officers that have gone before me, and most of all my family. With your help, guidance, and support now and in the coming year, I hope to continue those traditions worth continuing, and identify new avenues to pursue. I would like to make special mention of the presence of Roz Walker, who is here as a guest of Chuck Norman. Welcome Roz, we are happy you could attend. Dave Walker sponsored me for membership into the Alton Godfrey Rotary club 10 years ago, hard to believe how quickly time passes, and I am and will continue to be eternally grateful to him and Roz. Dave is seldom out of the collective consciousness of this club and his influence on this club and its legacy is

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Jul 4 **Holiday**

No meeting

Jul 11 **Alton Sports Tap**

Board of Directors Meeting 5:00 PM.
Regular Meeting 6:00 PM. The program will feature the Marquette Catholic High School girls soccer team who recently won the Class A-1 state championship. We will have the coaches, team members and as many parents as are able to attend subject to available seating.

Jul 18 **Rolling Hills**

Special Board of Directors Meeting 5:00 PM. Steak Fry at the Rolling Hills Golf Course Club House 6:00 PM. District Governor Gordon Jumper will make his official visit to the club representing Rotary International. A golf outing may precede the meeting. Contact Richard Johnson for details.

Jul 25 **Alton Sports Tap**

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM. Our speaker will be Rev. David Crowley, the new minister at the First Presbyterian Church, who is also a student of United States history. He will discuss Lyman Trumbull, a US

Student of Year

by Alex Schenk

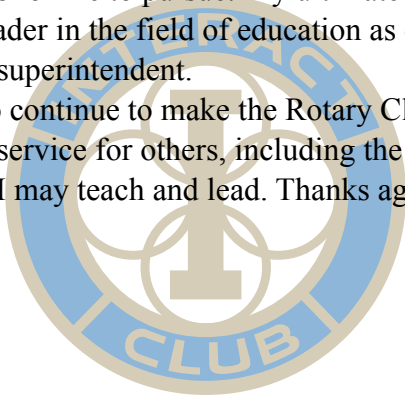


I can say without a doubt that being named Student of the Year has been the greatest honor I have ever received. I believe that Rotary's student award program has become one

of the most recognizable and distinguished community honors one can earn at the high school level. I have been fortunate to have worked with Rotary at the high school level through Interact Club; thus I've seen first hand the commitment that the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club has for the community and those in it. The Club has shown me that service is not limited to a high school or university level; it is a lifelong trait.

Being named Student of the Year was a reflection of four years of hard work at the high school level. However, I am now ready begin a new chapter in my life. Rotary's scholarship will help me attend Saint Louis University in the fall where I will study education. I hope that my time in college will open up even more opportunities for me to pursue. My ultimate goal is to become a leader in the field of education as either a principal or superintendent.

I hope to continue to make the Rotary Club proud through my service for others, including the future generations I may teach and lead. Thanks again for your generosity.



Our Newest Paul Harris Fellows



Butch Chappel

Andy Bowen

Interact News

Cami Giertz

The 2011-12 Interact officers received their pins at our annual meeting. They are Megan Meyer, President; Allison Brotherton, Vice-President; Brendal Farrell, Secretary; and Nick Roberts, Treasurer. Megan spoke of the many accomplishments of the Alton High Interact Club during 2010-11. Some of those were volunteering at the Mural dedication, raising \$6100 for St. Baldrick's, raising \$500 for American Red Cross support for Japan earthquake victims, and raising \$800 in their spring fundraiser. Congratulations on another productive year.



Pictures From Annual Meeting



Entertainment by *The Red Barn*



Sam Stemm, Roland Hansen, Mike Tillman, Bob Hamilton, and John Hopkins



The passing of the torch

Senator from Alton, who drafted and was primarily responsible for the passage of the 13th Amendment to the US Constitution. (When in Alton, he lived in the “Trumbull House”, located on Henry Street across from the homes now occupied by Rotarians John Hopkins and Ford Phillips.)

Aug 1 Alton Sports Tap

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM. Program to be announced.

Aug 8 Alton Sports Tap

Board of Directors Meeting 5:00 PM. Regular Meeting 6:00 PM. Program to be announced.

Aug 15 Rolling Hills

Steak Fry at the Rolling Hills Golf Course Club House 6:00 PM. A golf outing may precede the meeting. Contact Richard Johnson for details.

Aug 22 Alton Sports Tap

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM. Program to be announced.

Aug 29 Alton Sports Tap

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM. Program to be announced.

Bill Hoagland, Program Director



Another Satisfied Customer

By Dennis Wilson



Our very capable crew of Gail Weinrich, Bob Hamilton, Art Williams, Dale Neudecker, Steve Tassinari, Allen Klope, John Rain, and I braved a typical humid summer day in the midwest to finish another Pride home. The home owner was extremely pleased with our work.

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strong now and will be into the future. Finally, I would like to say thanks to my family, especially my lovely wife, Elyse, for all of their help and support. Your continued support during the upcoming year will be critical to my success as Club President and I stand here more confident in that than in my own abilities.

Successes:

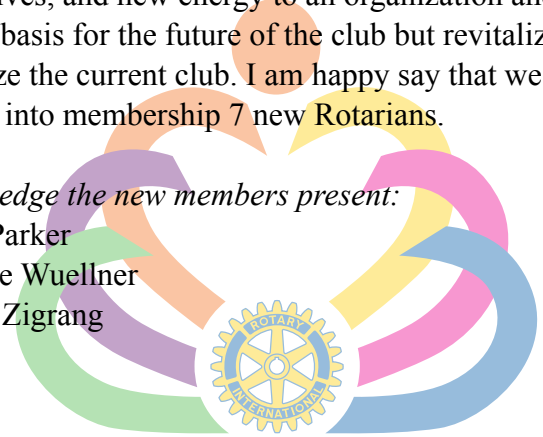
As Roland so ably detailed in his speech, and not wanting to incur the wrath of the Sargeant-At-Arms. I'll forgo enumerating the multitude of service projects this club this club participated in this past year. Suffice it to say that you should all be proud of the club's achievements. Here's to a year well done.

New Members:

Another area that we as a club have made a concerted and intentional focus is on new membership. New members are the lifeblood of any organization, especially a service organization. New members bring new ideas, new perspectives, and new energy to an organization and are not only the basis for the future of the club but revitalize and reenergize the current club. I am happy say that we received into membership 7 new Rotarians.

Acknowledge the new members present:

Liz Parker
 Augie Wuellner
 Tom Zigrang



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Club Officers 2011-12

President..... Mike Tillman
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Board of Directors 2011-12

1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year
Andy Bowen	Mike Fitzgerald	Dick Jones
Butch Chapel	Ebony Huddleston	Ron Mayhew
Wayne Sivia	Chuck Norman	Ken Spells
	Jeni Thompson	Sam Stemm
	Pete Zimmer	Gail Weinrich
		PP Roland Hansen