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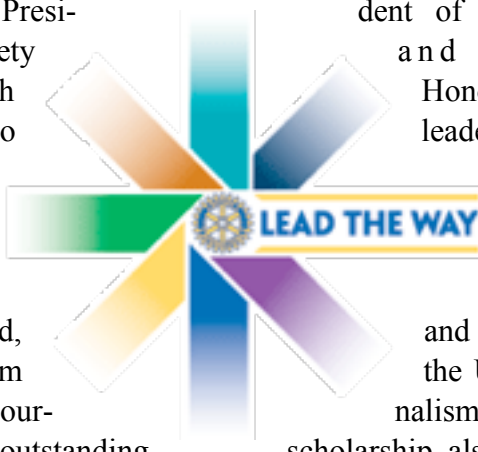
## Scott Yanta - Student Of Year

By Tom Juravich

Scott Yanta, son of Myles and Mary Yanta of Alton and a recent graduate of Alton High School was selected as "Student of the Year" for the 2005-2006 school year by the Alton/Godfrey Rotary Club. He was selected from among 18 "Students of the Month" from Alton, Marquette Catholic, and Mississippi Valley Christian high schools. With his selection comes a \$3,000 scholarship applicable to tuition and fees at the college of his choice. He was honored at the June 12 meeting of the Alton/ Godfrey Rotary Club at Julia's Banquet Center. Yanta was presented the award by Sharon Johnson, President of the Alton/ Godfrey Rotary Club .



Scott Yanta was honored as Alton High School's "Student of the Month" for September. An Illinois State Scholar he had a distinguished academic record at Alton High ranking among the top students in his graduating class. He served as President of the school's National Honor Society and consistently achieved the High Honor Roll as well as being selected to many of the leadership positions in activities he participated in. His honors included the Yale Book Award , the KMOX Student Achievement Award, and the Best Sports Writing Award from the University of Missouri's School of Journalism workshop. His outstanding scholarship also earned him selection as the Scholar Athlete for Soccer for the past two years and the Scholar Athlete for baseball his junior year. Yanta was a member of the



## Rotary Programs



### Jun 5 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Catherine Copley, Environmental Toxicologist, will be our guest speaker.

### June 11-14, 2006 Copenhagen, Denmark & Malmo, Sweden

Rotary International Convention

### Jun 12 Moonlight Restaurant

Board of Directors meeting, 4:45 p.m. Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Student of the Year will be recognized. High Schools will receive recognition plaques listing the names of the students who were recognized as Students of the Month during the 2005-2006 school year.

### Jun 19 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.

### Jun 26 To Be Announced

Annual Meeting. Induction of New Officers, Board of Directors, and Paul Harris Fellows. Sharon Johnson will be passing the gavel to new president Jeannine Kelly.

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## Students of the Month

Jonathan Franklin, a senior at Alton High School, and David Hernandez, 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 8, 2006.

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 \$3,000 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 eighth year of the program and since the program started 162 students were honored from the three area high schools.



David Hernandez is the son of Hector and Paula Hernandez of Godfrey. David is an Illinois State Scholar and has been a permanent fixture on the school's High Honor Roll. He is a member of the school's National Honor Society and was the recipient of the Jane Morrissey

Award for outstanding achievement in Foreign Languages.

Hernandez has been a key member of the School's Scholar Bowl Team for the past three years leading this year's team to a 4th place finish at State. He was selected to the All State Team as a result of his performance. He has earned an additional accolade by finishing 6th in the state in engineering graphics at the Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering competition.

He has participated in the schools soccer and tennis programs as well as the fall play and the spring musicals.

Hernandez has been an active member of the St. Mary's Youth Group and a regular volunteer at the Jensen-Schmidt tennis academy for those with Down Syndrome. He plans to enroll at the Illinois Institute of Technology and major in Architecture.



Jonathan Franklin is the son of Robert and Vallarie Franklin of Alton. He has been very active in Student Council activities always volunteering for the setup and cleanup committees for special events. He is a very active member of the Commercial Art Club and is a top student in

the school's Graphic Arts program. He has been a program coordinator in the Minority Student Excellence program and is also a member of the Upward Bound program.

Franklin has been selected for a Student of the Semester award and was honored by having his Art work exhibited at the Florissant Community College Art Show. He has achieved the school's honor roll and serves as a Student Ambassador and Mentor.

In his spare time, he finds time to serve as a Tutor/Mentor for the Stars Program. He also is active in his Church and is a regular student volunteer for the Bucket Brigade. After graduation Jonathan plans to Attend Maryville University or Florissant Valley Community College majoring in Graphic Design.

Sharon Johnson , President of the Rotary Club, presented each of the students with a plaque recognizing their selection to this honor.

Redbird Soccer team and was selected as a team captain. He was honored for his play by being selected to the Telegraph all area team as well as selected to the Southwestern conference all conference team. He also received honorable mention on the IHSA all sectional team. His soccer experience included participation in the Metro United Club Soccer program.

Scott was an active participant in the Saturday Scholar program and was a member of the Senior Leadership Council at Alton High. He served as Managing Editor of the Redbird Word and a member of the Student Council for four years serving as President of his class during his Sophomore year. He was a member of the Scholar Bowl Team for four years and was selected as co captain of his class Scholar Bowl team.

He was one of the founding members of the School's Rotary Interact Club, was a candidate for the prom king, and was an active participant in the Riverbend Growth Association Young Adults Committee. Beside all of his school activities, Yanta found time to volunteer at the Alton Memorial Hospital and at the Evangelical United Church of Christ.

Yanta will enroll at Vanderbilt University where he will major in Human and Organizational Development.

The Student of the Month program was initiated by the Alton/Godfrey Rotary Club nine years ago. One hundred sixty two students have been recognized for their outstanding scholarship, participation in school activities, and community service work.

Scott Yanta becomes the ninth student to be selected as Student of the Year by the Rotary Club. Erika Paul, last year's recipient, is attending Southern Methodist University.

Phil Trapani, Principal at Alton High School, Mike Slaughter, Principal at Marquette Catholic, and Joan Conrad, Counselor at Mississippi Valley Christian were presented with plaques listing the names of the students who were honored from their schools during the 2005-2006 school year.

In addition to Yanta, other Alton High students recognized during the past year included Amanda Carstens. Jonathan Franklin, Megan King, Nicklaus Landon, Alexandria McCuien, Lisa Rhoads, Sara Schrimpf, and Emily Sinclair, Marquette Catholic students honored were Daniel Bristow, Mallory Carmean, Kelsie Carrow, David Hernandez, Ted Kratschmer, Amanda Lewis, Ana Lucasey, and Andrew Miller. Angelica Bruce was honored from Mississippi Valley Christian School.

<b>Jul 3</b>	Holiday, No Meeting
<b>Jul 10</b>	To Be Announced
<b>Jul 17</b>	<b>Rolling Hills</b>
Steak Fry at the Rolling Hills Golf Course Club House 6:00 p.m. Golf outing to precede. Contact Richard Johnson for details.	
<b>Jul 24</b>	To Be Announced
<b>Jul 31</b>	To Be Announced
- Joel Copley, Bill Hoagland - Program Directors	

Rotary President Sharon Johnson praised the students recognized during the year noting that "They represented our best hope for the future. We are proud of the work of our local schools in educating our youth and we hope to continue and increase our participation in working with the schools to recognize the accomplishments of our students."



# April Minutes

The April 10, 2006 meeting of directors of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club was called to order at 4:45 p.m., by President Sharon Johnson. Others in attendance were, Tom Juravich, Ron Mayhew, Dave Walker, Dan Saeger, Scott Neudecker, Larry Thompson, Larry Hauck, Bryan White, Tom Turpin, John Keller and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour.

On a motion by David Walker, seconded by John Keller the minutes were approved. On a motion by Scott Neudecker, seconded by Dave Walker the treasurer's report was approved.

The directors were given a copy of the latest statement on the Piasa Foundation showing a balance of \$92,008.77. Of this \$32,000 is committed for the fountain project and \$5000 has to be returned to St. Ambrose for their donation towards the Booth House.

In Community Service, Larry Hauck reported that the projects given to the committee. He stated that the Lars Hoffman Park was tabled at the last meeting. The committee discussed the Lincoln-Douglas proposal, Bob Hamilton's proposal for the Jacoby Arts Center, and Jack Jacoby's challenge at Riverfront Park with no recommendations. The Chili Chowdown to date had a profit of \$4800.00 with some money still outstanding. 191 people attended the Service Above Self Award dinner April 3. The Student of the Year award dinner will be held June 12. Tom Juravich is still looking for a location and possibly getting a guest speaker.

In International Service, no report.

In Vocational Service, Dan Saeger said the Interact Club received their training on Saturday with 25 students attending. The training was presented by Jean Jumper from District. Tom Juravich said he is very impressed with the kids and advisors and the quality of leadership. The Interact Club has received its charter.

In Club Service Jeannine Kelly said the District Conference will be April 28-29 in Jacksonville. Ron Mayhew said the new binders for the Black Book are in. He is waiting for the by laws to be approved before passing the books out to the membership. In the future he will email new pages as members come in. Ford Phillips will take Martha Morse's position as treasurer beginning in July.

In old business Dave Walker said the letters have been sent out for nominations for the Paul Harris Award. Dave feels the Club needs to continue to fund Rotary International for Paul Harris Awards. Mike McCormick and Jeff Weber will present the Lars Hoffman Park proposal at the Club Assembly April 24 for membership feedback.

In new business, the Jacoby Arts Center reception for members of Alton-Godfrey Rotary and spouses will be held May 1, 2006. Allen McBride is the chair of this year's Bucket Brigade.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa Seymour, Executive Secretary



## SERVICE Above Self

### April Report

Previous Balance	\$4,189.43
cleared payments	2,577.88
cleared deposits	7,985.31
Cleared Balance	9,596.86
uncleared payments	5,393.83
uncleared deposits	0.00
Account Balance	4,203.03
New Payments	1,786.45
New Deposits	0.00
Ending Balance	2,416.58

#### Club Officers 2005-2006

President.....	Sharon Johnson 301 Prospect, Alton, 465-8244
Vice-President.....	Jeannine Kelly 25 Logan Road, Alton, 465-0123
Secretary.....	Josh Farley 1420 Liberty, Alton, 462-5257
Treasurer.....	Scott Neudecker 5212 Richland Woods Dr., Alton, 462-4697
Executive Secretary.....	Melissa Seymour 3026 Edwards St., Alton, 462-7206

#### Board of Directors 2005-2006

Larry Hauck-3rd yr	Mike Tillman-2nd yr
Tom Juravich-3rd yr	Brian White-2nd yr
John Keller-3rd yr	Ron Mayhew-1st yr
Sam Stemm-3rd yr	Bill Moyer-1st yr
Dave Walker-3rd yr	Scott Neudecker-1st yr
Allen McBride-2nd yr	Dan Saeger-1st yr
Ford Phillips-2nd yr	Tom Turpin-1st yr
Mike Seymour-2nd yr	Larry Thompson-PP