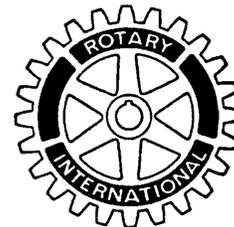


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Dee's Story

Imagine this is you

It is a Friday night in Alton Illinois, around 9 p.m. in early November, and Dee is sitting on the cold concrete curb with a Red Cross blanket wrapped around her and Linnea, her 6-year-old little girl who is sitting on her lap. Dee is waiting for the Red Cross Volunteer, Lafaye. Lafaye had approached her earlier and let her know that she would be with her as soon as possible, as there were few Red Cross volunteers to see to the emergency needs of the 20 people who had been displaced from their homes because of the fire. Behind her are the remains of the burnt out and destroyed apartment building that she had moved all of her belongings into earlier that day. Dee had moved her and her daughter to Alton to get away from "things" in Chicago. Alton, Illinois, was the farthest she could get with the money she had saved. Also lost were the groceries she had bought earlier in the day that were to last until she got her first paycheck in two weeks. She had no family, no friends and no place for her and her little girl to go. Dee is wondering if she is going to have to quit her new job and move back to Chicago. No, that is not an option. There is nothing she could do but wait for the Lafaye and hope she would have the answers.

Two hours later, Dee and her little girl are standing in front of Booth House, at the Salvation Army. Dee was comforted by what she saw. The building was modern looking and there were pansies still blooming from the late fall planting, and a playground where her daughter might play. She told Lafaye that she was apprehensive about going to a shelter; she had heard that shelters were not a place for a single woman with a little girl. Lafaye had assured her that she would like this place. Dee didn't have much of a choice, so she went. She had nothing but her little girl and the blanket that was given to her, plus some vouchers for food and clothing from the Red Cross. Patti, the Salvation Army counselor, greeted her as she got out of the taxi; Patti picked up Linnea, she saw that Dee was dead on her feet. Dee was comforted by the fact the Linnea did not object and even seemed to like Patti, who seemed very nice. Patti let Dee into the front door of Booth House by using a security code. She told Patti that the curfew was 10

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Our Rotary Calendar



Dec 1 St. Anthony's Health Center

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Annual Christmas Program - Spouses Night.

Dec 8 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.

December 13 Hathaway Hall

Rotarians are invited to attend the Christmas program of the Alton Symphony Orchestra.

Dec 15 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Bob Gill will speak on James B. Eads, engineer and architect of the Eads Bridge and many other river projects.

December 22 Rolling Hills

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.

December 29 No Meeting

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Board Minutes for October

Members present: Mike McCormick, Tom Juravich, Dave Walker, Scott Neudecker, Dan Saeger, Ed Morrissey, Larry Hauck, Bill Moyer, John Rain, Ford Phillips, Larry Thompson.

New members: Mike Osborne, proposed by Dave, subject to posting; Ray Botterbush and Monica Bristow. Motion by Dave Walker 2nd by Bill Moyer. Approved unanimously.

Tom Juravich gave short report on student of month.

Grandpa Woo report by Bill Moyer. Need 33 to break even. Have 19 to date. Need final count by Thursday. Trip remains as scheduled.

Mail correspondence-none

Pecans-Need Chairman. Request Sharon/Larry to chair again and get a new member as co-chairman i.e., Susan Overby, Jack Scovill, Marty Carrow, etc. Bill Moyer will order the same amount as last year.

Christmas Tree- Josh and Chuck Norman are new chairman. Bill Moyer reported that it had been cleaned up and color coated to ensure proper assembly. Discussed painting name and logo on the trailer.

Booth House update by Larry Thompson. Von has been out of town. Budget and architects rendering are still outstanding. Tom suggested that Rotary determine who Booth House donations be issued to. Response was the Piasa Foundation and the Foundation would track the Booth House donations. Need to verify with Dave Bartosiak and/or Terry Dooling that this is A 501C3 tax exempt organization.

New Business - Larry has poster, pen and ink collage. He will bring to next meeting. Use to solicit and display various business. Will provide Rotary with 500 free posters. 500 also to Growth Association. Can sell for market price of \$20.00 to \$25.00. Will revisit with us in December. No investment or cost to us. Postponed until next meeting.

Pins- Dave and Bill re Rotary pins. Motion by Tom to approve ordering 500. Cost .90 each approximately. Can sell or give away to guest speakers, etc. Second by Ford. Passed unanimously.

Old business-Dave reported that many pictures have been taken for the new members book and would like to finish it up.

John inquired about Wadlow book. Tom and Steve have to distribute tonight.

Dues-Mike will request list of outstanding dues from Melissa. Will publish list next month in Ratchet.

Minutes submitted by Ed Morrissey, Past President

Dee's Story ... cont.

o'clock. Patti took Dee to her office and gave her a cup of hot coffee and gave Linnea a cup of Cocoa with some cookies. It felt good to sit down in a comfortable chair after 3 hours of sitting on the concrete curb. Patti started in on the paper work, and asked Dee about her situation. Patti assured her that she could stay at the shelter until she found a new place to live.

After going through some administrative processes, Patti told Dee to meet her in her office the next day after breakfast. They could talk more about what Dee's next actions should be in the morning. Then Patti led Dee and Linnea to their room. On the way, Dee noticed plaques on the doorways indicating different businesses and organizations in the area that had donated funds to furnish and decorate each room. The doorway that Patti stopped in front of had on it a plaque that displayed the name of the company that Dee would be starting work for on Monday. Lafaye was right; the Salvation Army Shelter was a nice place, and she did like it. To her surprise Dee and Linnea would have their own private room with a bathroom, it was small, but comfortable looking. There were others in the Shelter and Dee and Linnea were separate from the men's floor. There were also cameras in the hallway. These details made Dee feel extra safe. The room was furnished with nice clean beds and their own bathroom. Dee put Linnea to bed and went to bed herself.

Things were looking up. She had a roof over her that was comfortable, safe and clean. Dee was certain now that she was not going to have to quit her new job, and go back to Chicago!

—Zoë Vakoc

Booth House Update

The story above was written by a member of the student team with Mike Tillman who are taking a class on project development. The student team has prepared a very detailed project plan.

We are still waiting on cost estimates from the architect. Members of the committee, Dan Schnefke (the architect), and Salvation Army representatives met on November 12 to answer questions on building requirements and other concerns regarding the project.



The Rotary Program...continued

Holiday

Jan 5 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Details to be announced.

Jan 12 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.

—Joel Copley/Bill Hoagland

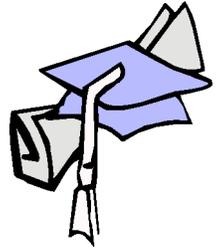
The Rotary Salvation Army Bell Ringing will take place on Saturday, December 20, 2003. Bell ringing locations will be in front of Target, Alton Schnucks and Godfrey Schnucks. A signup sheet is being distributed at AGR meetings. If you have not signed up (or forgot what time you signed up) you may call Ed Morrissey at 466-3112.



November Treasurer's Report

Previous Balance	\$16,470.41
cleared payments	-\$7,647.72
cleared deposits	\$12,656.61
Cleared Balance	\$21,479.30
uncleared payments	-\$5,907.63
uncleared deposits	\$0.00
Account Balance	\$15,571.67

Students of the Month



JUREATHA MAYS, a senior at Alton High School, and **EMILY HUEBENER**, 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 10th.

Jureatha Mays is the daughter of James and Lucy Mays of Alton. She has consistently been on the school's high honors list and is a member of the school's National Honor Society. She is a recipient of the "Do The Right Thing" Award from the Madison County Urban League and was an alternate for the HOBY Award.

She is a participant in the Upward Bound and the Minority Excellence Programs and also participates in the Saturday Scholars program. Mays is a DARE Role Model and a member of the American Youth Foundation. She is a member of WYSE, the Life Savers, and the Nursing Clubs.

Jureatha has been very active in community service programs. She participates annually in the Salvation Army Bell Ringing program, local food drives, and serves as a tutor at the JB Johnson Center. She was also the Junior Coordinator of the United Way Project.

She plans to attend Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and major in Pre-Medicine.

Emily Huebener is the daughter of Charles and Felecia Huebener of Brighton. She is a 4.0 student consistently achieving the high honor roll and is a member of the National Honor Society. She is the recipient of the Jane Morrissey Foreign Language Scholarship. She is a Student Council representative, a school Ambassador, a member of WYSE, and the International Club.

She has been very active in varsity sports at Marquette where she has earned a varsity letter for four years in volleyball, basketball, and softball. For the past two years she earned All Conference honors in softball and was selected to the all area teams in that sport.

Emily is an active member of the St. Ambrose Youth Group and participates in a number of service activities sponsored by that group. She is a member of ALPHA (Adolescents Learning Positive Health Alternatives) and is a member of the Youth Committee of the Southwestern Illinois Riverbend Growth Association. She has also been busy with fund raising for the annual trip to Mexico in the spring, an annual activity where Marquette students help locals in community service work in that country. She plans to attend either Washington University or the University of Illinois and major in Business/Accounting or Pre-Law.

Mike McCormick, President of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club, presented each of the students with a plaque recognizing their selection to this honor.
—Tom Juravich, Student of the Month Chairman