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From The President

Fellow Rotarians:

Rotary International is going somewhere this second century!!! The dreams for the future that come from that driving force that compels Rotarians to offer SERVICE ABOVE SELF is the "Vision of the world, and all the wonder that would be."

A world where businesses and individuals share Rotary's commitment to ethics.

A world where communities are safe from hunger, disease, crime, illiteracy, and homelessness.

A world where peace rules over all the people.

A world free of violence, terrorism, and war.

A world where polio is but a topic mentioned in history books. Visions and dreams are not only the exclusive preserve of poets and prophets.

Rotarians have always been reluctant to point to their accomplishments with pride. This, in turn, has contributed to the general lack of appreciation or understanding of what Rotary is and what it does. In the future, Rotarians will be more inclined to "toot their own horn." Without being boastful, Rotarians need to tell the community what Rotary does and what we represent. "Rotary is a



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force for good. Rotary stands for peace, education, integrity, the environment, relief from suffering, the development of humankind, and fellowship. Let people know that Rotary cares and acts."

Today leaders in Rotary are consistent in their views that membership growth and retention is one of our highest priorities. One of the problems today facing Rotary membership recruitment is not attracting young people. The most common objection-"I don't have time." Some suggestions that have been mentioned for attracting and retaining young

Rotary Programs



Dec 5 St. Anthony's Health Center

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

Dec 12 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.

Dec 19 Rolling Hills Golf Course

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.

Dec 26 No Meeting

Holiday

Jan 2 No Meeting

Holiday

Jan 9 Moonlight Restaurant

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Students of the Month

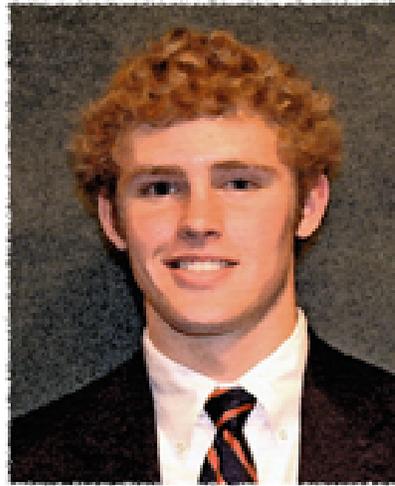
Amanda Carstens, a senior at Alton High School, and Andy Miller, a senior at Marquette Catholic High School, were honored by the Alton/Godfrey Rotary Club as the Students of the Month for the month of October at the Club's regular meeting at the Moonlight Restaurant on November 14th.



Amanda Carstens is the daughter of Chris and Mary Beth Carstens of Alton. Amanda is in the upper 3 per cent of her class and has consistently achieved the school's high honor roll. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has been selected to Who's Who Among American High Students and the National Honor Roll.

Carstens has been a member of the Biology, Spanish, and the Social Studies Clubs through out her high school years. She served as the Treasurer of the Social Studies Club as well as its Public Relations Chairperson. Amanda serves on the Student Council and was a member of the school's Scholar Bowl team. She is a member of Amnesty International and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

She is active and giving of her spare time by participating in activities at her church where she sings in the Youth Choir, works in the Nursery, and helps with the annual Thanksgiving meal served by the church. She also volunteers at the Eunice Smith Nursing Home and is a volunteer for the Bucket Brigade and the Salvation Army annual Christmas bell ringing. After graduating Amanda plans to major in Pre-Medicine and attend either the University of Missouri or SIUE.



Andy Miller is the son of Patrick and Meg Miller of Alton. Miller has been a regular on the school's honor roll and is a member of the National Honor Society. His academic activities included participating on the school's World Youth in Science and Engineering team which captured a 4th place in the state competition last year.

As a member of the WYSE team, Miller earned a third place award in Engineering Graphics during the Regionals. Miller has been selected to Who's Who Among American High School Students and has been actively involved in school organizations. He is a member of the Student Council serving as Secretary and has been a member of the Campus Ministry .Alpha, the International Club, SADD, and serves as a student ambassador. He was recently selected as King at the annual Marquette Homecoming and was a finalist for the Hope and Healing award.

Andy has been a member of the Explorer football, basketball, and baseball teams throughout his attendance at Marquette. Last year he was selected to the All South Central Conference baseball team. He was also selected as an offensive back of the week by the Knights of Columbus Quarterback Club this fall.

In his spare time Miller donates his efforts to working on community service projects. He plans to attend college after graduation and is undecided about a major.

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

adults with the urge to join Rotary are as follows:

- Corporate membership-where any member of the company could attend.
- Have programs that touch human needs with projects where one can really get involved. We need to give Rotarians a sense of participation.
- Meet without incurring the cost or time of a formal meal. Some clubs have appetizers or just tea or soft drinks.
- Meet twice a month-which would free up time for community projects and lower the cost of membership because there would be only half as many meals to pay for each month.
- Send Rotarians, who are able, on long-term assignments as Rotary volunteers-like the Peace Corps.
- "Humanitarian Partners" may play a large role in Rotary's future and help recruitment.
- Alternate the membership requirements to accommodate the changing work models.
- Take clubs to the next level-Implement the new Club Leadership Plan which will help to develop a long-range plan, simplify the committee structure, and involve all club members.

What are your suggestions ?

One thing that is stated is that _ the demographics of the Rotary Club of the future will be nothing like the "Rich Old Men" stereotype of the past. It is projected that, in the future, Rotarians will be younger, more ethnically di-

verse, and will have a higher percentage of women in their clubs. "Women have brought new life to Rotary. Every club that has female members is more active, more committed, and has more vitality than those without. Women will help steer the future of Rotary in a very exciting direction, and with so many women in business and the professions now, we have unlimited opportunities for growth there."

Yet the traditional opportunities will remain in the second century for both Rotary Clubs and service projects. The ideal of service is needed today as much as when Rotary began a century ago. Service is the real tie that binds Rotarians. Peace, drugs, illiteracy, disease, poverty, hunger, homelessness, and the environment-all present Rotarians with opportunities for service in the years ahead. One can not imagine Rotary ever not being needed.

American jurist Oliver Wendell Holmes once said," *I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving: To reach the port of heaven, we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it, but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor.*"

Rotarian's reach out this Christmas far beyond your own borders to those in need.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Peace - Until next time,
Sharon Johnson
President, AGR 05/06

Jan 16 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Our speaker will be Steve McGaughey. He will be discussing his experiences in Irak as US Army officer.

Jan 23 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Vocational Presentation

Jan 30 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Phil Roggio will be our speaker. He will discuss the latest information concerning the Riverfront Park development.

- Joel Copley, Bill Hoagland - Program Directors



Joke of the Day

A guy sticks his head into a barber shop and asks, "How long before I can get a haircut?"

The barber looks around the shop and says, "About 2 hours," The guy leaves.

A few days later the same exact thing happens. A week later the same guy sticks his head in the shop and asks, "How long before I can get a haircut?" The barber says, "About an hour and a half." The guy leaves.

The barber looks over at a friend and says, "Hey, Bill, follow that guy and see where he goes".

Later, Bill comes back into the shop laughing hysterically.

The barber asks, "Bill, where did he go when he left here?"

Bill Says, "To your house."

October Minutes

The October 10, 2005 meeting of directors of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club was called to order at 5:00 p.m., by President Sharon Johnson. Others in attendance were, Tom Juravich, McBride, Ron Mayhew, Dan Saeger, Sam Stemm, Scott Neudecker, Larry Thompson, Martha Morse, Mike Tillman, Josh Farley, Bill Moyer, Larry Hauck, Jeannine Kelly, Tom Wyatt and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour.

Guests were Steve Tassinari and John Rain.

On a motion by Tom Juravich, seconded by Bill Moyer the minutes were approved. On a motion by Tom Juravich, seconded by Josh Farley the treasurer's report was approved.

In Community Service, Bill Moyer said that 40 have signed up for the Grampa Woo cruise and the catering will be done by My Just Desserts. Steve Tassinari and John Rain are co-chairs of the Service Above Self Award Dinner. This award is to honor a non-Rotarian in the community. Steve & John are seeking nominations from our membership. The dinner is planned for either March or April. Steve is also chairing the Alton Symphony Christmas Concert. It will be held December 10 at LCCC and the Club will get seating as a group. There will be no auction this year in conjunction with the concert but there will be dessert reception after the concert. It was brought up that the Club could take out an ad in the program. On a motion by Larry Hauck, seconded by Martha Morse it was approved to take out a quarter page ad for \$75.00.

In International Service, Bill Moyer will make contact with the District Governor to see if he has a special project that Alton-Godfrey could participate in.

In Vocational Service, Dan Saeger said Interact had it first meeting October 3. All the advisors were selected and they are ready to go. Jim Green is

checking on training for the core group and also on our insurance liability coverage.

In Club Service, Ron Mayhew is working on the Black Book update. Josh Farley gave the results from the fundraising committee's survey. The wine & cheese event came in first. The black & white ball, Taste of Alton, and the bike ride had an equal number of votes. The Board then went into Executive Session to review the Executive Secretary position.

In new business 1632# of pecans have been ordered. This is the same amount as last year with our cost being \$5.35 and a selling price of \$6.50

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Seymour, Executive Secretary



October Report

Previous Balance	\$10,669.15
cleared payments	7,367.82
cleared deposits	4,876.75
Cleared Balance	8,178.08
uncleared payments	1,716.54
uncleared deposits	6,625.00
Account Balance	13,086.54
New Payments	1,750.00
New Deposits	5,555.25
Ending Balance	16,891.79

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.....	Martha Morse 7012 Godfrey Road, Godfrey, 466-1859
Executive Secretary.....	Melissa Seymour

Board of Directors 2005-2006

Larry Hauck-3rd yr	Mike Tillman-2nd yr
Tom Juravich-3rd yr	Tom Wyatt-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	Terry Woefel-1st yr
Mike Seymour-2nd yr	Larry Thompson-PP