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From The President

Fellow Rotarians:

Four months have passed since I assumed the Presidency of the Rotary Club of Alton/Godfrey. The time has gone by quickly. It has *been* a very rewarding and challenging four months.

At the time of my induction, I addressed eight goals for 2005/06. They are as follows:

1. To develop and implement a comprehensive plan for the recruitment and retention of members.
2. To implement successful educational, humanitarian and vocational projects that address the needs of our community and communities in other countries.
3. To support The Rotary Foundation through both financial contributions and program participation.
4. To promote ourselves better with promotion of our accomplishments and activities and information about our club's service projects to enhance our club's image.



SERVICE Above Self

5. To increase our fund raising efforts with a minimum goal of \$25,000 to support our community projects and to increase our student scholarships.
6. To start our own Interact Club, the future Rotarians of the world.
7. To involve spouses and families of club members in Rotary Activities.
8. To initiate an ongoing recognition and award program within our club.

I am happy to report that at this time, we are moving forward towards achievement of our club goals. We are achieving our goals through good member leadership, fellowship, fun and that driving force that compels Rotarians to offer, "**Service Above Self.**" We Rotarians are busy people, but yet we gladly find the time to serve. "*The ideal of service is the real tie that binds.*" (RI President, Charles C. Keller 1987-88.) Service means really helping people. This is the framework of our effective Rotary Club. But yet, we are somewhat reluctant to point to

Rotary Programs



Nov 7 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Don Weber, Madison County Assistant State's Attorney, will discuss the case against Paula Sims in the 1989 death of her six-week-old daughter Heather. The case against Sims, who has since confessed to killing both Heather and her infant daughter Lorelei in 1985, resulted in a book and made-for-TV movie.

Nov 11-12 Lincoln Douglas Square

The Alton Godfrey Rotary Club will be constructing the Community Christmas Tree beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Friday November 11th and 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 12th.

Nov 14 Moonlight Restaurant

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

Nov 21 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Second Quarter Club Assembly for the election of new officers and board of director members for 2006-2007. Committee reports to the membership.

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Students of the Month

Alexandria McCuien, a senior at Alton High School, and Mallory Carmean, 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.

Mallory Carmean is the daughter of Mike and Patricia Carmean of Godfrey. Carmean has been recognized on the school's High Honor Roll every term since she has been at Marquette. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has been actively involved with SADD[Students Against Destructive Decisions].

Camean has been a mainstay of the Explorers girls soccer team for the past three years being selected to the South Central Conference All Conference teams and the Telegraph All Area teams for three years. Last year she was honored by being selected to the prestigious All Sectional team.

When she is not busy with school activities, Carmean volunteers her time to work at the 5A's Animal Shelter and with the Sisters of Charity Soup Kitchen. Undecided about which college to attend, she plans to pursue a pre-veterinarian major hoping to become a veterinarian someday.

Alexandria McCuien is the daughter of Melvin and Jacqueline McCuien of Alton. McCuien ranks in the top five percent of her class at Alton High. She is a member of the National Honor Society and currently serves as Treasurer of that organization. She has been involved in the Minority Student Excellence and Upward Bound Programs and in many school organizations. She is a member of the Redbird Pom

Squad, the Gospel Choir, and was a member of the Pep Band. She is a member of the Spanish Club and is active in WYSE. She is also Treasurer of the Clovett Girls Club.

McCuien has been selected to Who's Who Among American High School Students and the National Honor Roll. She received recognition in the National Poetry Contest, and received the Do The Right Thing and the National Achiever's Awards. She was a prom queen candidate and was a participant in the Math & Science Upward Bound Program sponsored by St Louis University.

Helping others through her participation in a variety of community service projects has been important to Alexandria. She has served as a volunteer in a variety of capacities from serving as a Sunday

School teacher at her Church to serving as a mentor and tutor for students needing extra help. She serves as a student ambassador, has worked on the Bucket Brigade, and volunteered at the Senior Girl Scouts Jamboree, the Alton Back to School Event, and other community events and activities. After graduation McCuien plans to pursue a computer engineering major at Washington University or the University of Missouri at Rolla.



our accomplishments. With pride we need to tell the community what good things we Rotarians do and that Rotarians care. It gives me great pride to proclaim what good things we do and our club's driving force.

KUDOS TO:

Angie Adams membership chair and her committee, especially **Martha Morse and John Rain** in their development and implementation of a comprehensive plan for the recruitment and retention of members and to their initiating an ongoing recognition and award program within our club.

Dan Saeger and Phil Trapani in starting an Interact Club at Alton High School.

Steve Cousley, Bill Moyer, Sam Stem, Ford Phillips and their committee in their effort to promote our club's accomplishments and activities. A positive perception of our club and its members helps membership recruitment efforts and assists in attracting community support.

Bill Hoagland and Joel Copley for their efforts in bringing in good speakers and programs.

Ron Mayhew for our monthly newsletter, *The Ratchet* and our membership book.

Larry Thompson and Ron Mayhew for their AV knowledge and their setting up weekly for our meetings.

Josh Farley and his committee for their fund raising efforts.

Tom Juravich and his great work with the Student of the Month and Year Scholarship.

Mike Seymour chairperson, Community Development and Chili Chowdown and to his committee for their efforts in seeking

ways to promote our club's accomplishments activities and our club's service projects to enhance our image.

Larry Hauck Community Service and Christmas Wonderland Chair, for his time in seeking out successful community service projects.

Special Committee Chairs & Their Volunteers:

Charles Norman: Christmas Tree Raising; **Steve Tassinari:** Christmas at the Alton Symphony Orchestra; **Ed Morrissey:** Salvation Army Bell Ringing; **Bill Kessler:** St. Anthony's Christmas Program; **Marty Carrow:** Pecans; **Bill Moyer:** Grampa Woo Cruise; **John Rain:** Service Above Self Award; **Mike Tillman:** Club Christmas Party; **Dan Adams:** Golf Fund Raiser; **Dennis Wilson/Allen McBride:** Bucket Brigade; **Mark Allendorph:** International Youth Exchange; **Jerry Thomas:** GSE; and **Curt Martin:** Rotary International Scholarship.

Our Many Many More Club Members, who I have failed to mention at this time, who have gladly given of their time, to offer **"SERVICE ABOVE SELF."**

It does take a "Village" to run an effective Rotary Club. I am but a small part of a great team of players. I appreciate all of your time to serve. So when we ask, *"Can Rotarians do anything, I answer, Rotarians can do everything."* (Bill Moyer, Journalist former press secretary to US President Lyndon B. Johnson.)

"Happy Trails" - Until next time,

Sharon Johnson
President AGR 05/06

Nov 28 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Program to be announced.

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

- Joel Copley, Bill Hoagland - Program Directors

MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS

- Does our club have entertaining and diverse guest speakers?
- Is each meeting interesting and well conducted?
- Does the president give everyone a warm welcome when they arrive at the meetings?
- Do our members sit with different people at every meeting?
- Is the club meeting room appealing, with appropriate sound equipment, podium, flags, banners, and other Rotary items?
- Are visiting Rotarians welcomed warmly and recognized at the club meetings?
- Do our members have *fun* at their meetings?

From *The Rotary Membership Minute*

September Minutes

The September 12, 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, Mike Seymour, Alien McBride, Ron Mayhew, Dan Saeger, Ford Phillips, Sam Stemm, Scott Neudecker, Larry Thompson, Martha Morse, John Keller, Mike Tillman, Josh Farley, Bill Moyer, Larry Hauck, John Rain and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour.

On a motion by Tom Juravich, seconded by Ford Phillips, the minutes were approved. On a motion by Ford Phillips, seconded by Tom Juravich, the treasurer's report was approved.

Correspondence was received from the North Alton Business Association asking that their \$1500.00 donation for the Booth House be returned for them to use for the Streetscape program in North Alton. On a motion by Sam Stemm, seconded by Sharon Johnson, this was approved.

The following were proposed for membership: Dennis Wingertsahn, Tom Turpin, (Pete Zimmer); Dorothy Hutching Gross, (Sharon Johnson); Rev. Chuck Brock, (Steve Cousley); Rev. Chris Hucker, (Joel Copley). On motion by Ford Phillips, seconded by Martha Morse, the membership proposals were accepted pending successful publication and attendance at two meetings.

In Community Service, Larry Hauck said nothing has been done on the literacy program and asked if the Board wanted to participate in the N.I.E. this year. Larry Thompson and Martha Morse attended a literacy program and will report at the next meeting.

For the Community Project, Alton Symphony is asking for \$1000 to bus schoolchildren to the holiday children's concert. On a motion by Larry Thompson, seconded by Tom Juravich, the Board approved the request. An amended motion was made by Sam Stemm, seconded by Scott Neudecker, that the money come from the special service line item. The motion was approved as amended. Pride, Inc. requested a donation towards tent rental of \$1500.00 for the Pride Chili Cook-off. On a motion by Tom Juravich, seconded by John Keller the board approved a \$500.00 donation to be taken out of the general budget. The Piasa Foundation has a \$91,916.65 balance. Of this \$28,920.11 was donated for the Booth House. Mike Seymour reported that the Community Development committee met last month. The goal of this committee is to develop the image of Rotary and how this image affects membership, fundraisers, etc. The committee feels that we, as a club, do not do a good enough job promoting ourselves. Bill Moyer reported

that the Grampa Woo cruise is scheduled for October 17. On a motion by Moyer, seconded by Neudecker, it was approved that all proceeds will be donated to the USO in St. Louis.

In Club Service, Sharon Johnson said the golf tournament will be May, 2006, on a Monday night. For fundraising, Josh Farley said a Fall Foliage Poker Run will be held 10/22 starting in Alton and making stops along the way. The cost is \$25.00 per hand with the prize being 10% of the pot. The money raised would go to scholarships. Ron Mayhew said the black book should be ready within the next month.

In Vocational Service, Dan Saeger is working with the District on organizing the Interact Club at Alton High School. Phil Trapani is trying to get two faculty members to sponsor the Club. After this is done the school board must also approve the club. He said he will make a presentation on Interact at the Club Assembly.

In International Service, no report.

In new business, there was Board discussion about starting a new Rotary club for our area. This would be a morning or lunch club which would allow more people to participate in Rotary. A committee of Mike Seymour, Sam Stemm, Bill Moyer and Larry Thompson was formed to bring back recommendations to the Board. The topic of Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief was discussed. Bill Moyer made a motion that \$15,000 be taken from the Piasa Foundation for this purpose and a committee of 3 people be formed to make contact with Rotary clubs or districts in the disaster area. The motion was seconded by Larry Thompson. Thompson amended the motion to state an amount up to and not to exceed \$15,000. The motion as amended was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

July Report

Previous Balance	\$8,693.88
cleared payments	10,982.41
cleared deposits	12,957.68
Cleared Balance	10,669.15
uncleared payments	5,252.20
uncleared deposits	6,625.00
Account Balance	12,041.95
New Payments	21.37
New Deposits	1,633.63
Ending Balance	13,675.58

Club Officers 2005-2006

President.....	Sharon Johnson 301 Prospect, Alton, 465-8244
Vice-President.....	Jeanine 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