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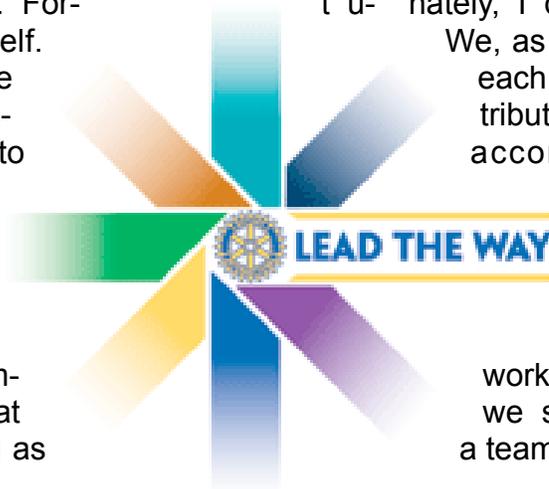
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From Our President

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Can you believe we're already into the fifth month of the Rotary year? I can't believe my year as president of this Club will be over before I know it. There are so many things I would like to accomplish during my presidency, yet finding the time to do everything will be almost impossible -- or will it?

If I had to rely on myself to do everything, the answer would be "yes". Fortunately, I don't have to rely on myself. We, as a Club, are each and every one of us -- contributing to the accomplishment of our goals and objectives. Just as the Champion won the pennant through team-work, we too can accomplish what we set out to do through working as a team.



We have several service opportunities planned in the coming months and it will take all of us working together to make our projects successful. We have three service opportunities planned for November and December -- the Christmas Tree Raising, Christmas Wonderland, and the Salvation Army Bell Ringing. If you haven't participated in these events in the past, please try to do so. We've always had a great turnout for these events. Please join us for the fun and fellowship again this year!

Rotary Programs



Nov 6 Moonlight Restaurant

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

Nov 13 Moonlight Restaurant

Board of Directors meeting, 4:45 p.m. Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Students of the Month for November will be honored.

Nov 20 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Second Quarter Club Assembly for the election of new officers and board of director members for 2007-2008. Committee reports to the membership.

Nov 27 Moonlight Restaurant

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

Dec 4 St. Anthony's Health Center

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

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Students of the Month

Rayna Brice, a senior at Alton High School, and Ben 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 October at the Club's regular meeting at the Moonlight Restaurant on October 9th.

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 seniors 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 \$3000 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 tenth year of the program, and since the program started, 164 students have been honored from the three area high schools

Ben Huebener is the son of Charles and Felecia



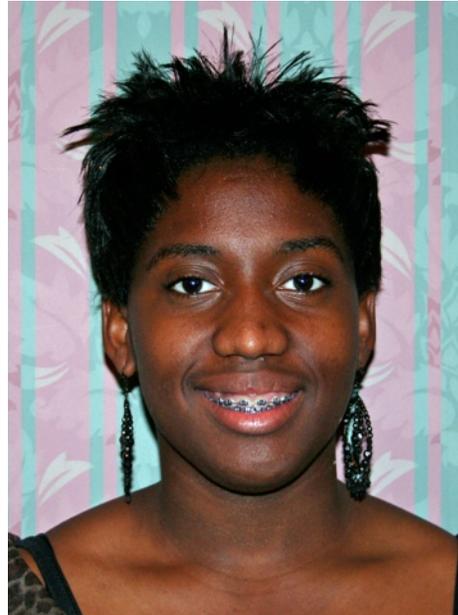
Huebner of Brighton. Huebener has been recognized on the school's Honor Roll every term since he has been at Marquette. He is a member of the National Honor Society and the school's WYSE team as well as a member of the Foreign Language Club.

Huebener is serving as President of the Student Council and was selected as Student Ambassador by the faculty. He is an active member of the Campus Ministry program and has participated in the

school's basketball, baseball, and cross country programs. He has served as the captain of the cross country teams for the past two years.

An active member of the St. Ambrose Youth group, Ben volunteers his spare time to the Missions of Charity, Student Pride, Arms of Love, and the Catholic Charities. Upon graduating from Marquette, Huebener plans to attend the University of Illinois.

Rayna Brice is the daughter of Michael and Glanna Brice of Alton.



This ambitious senior plans to attend Purdue University and major in Hospitality and Tourism Management. At Alton High, Rayna has been a regular on the school's honor roll. She has been a member of the basketball, soccer, softball, and track teams .

She is the President of the YPD, a member of the Minority Excellence and Upward Bound programs and has been recognized in Who's Who Among American High School Students. She is a member of the Trinity African Methodist Church where she utilizes her dramatic talents and demonstrates her desire to reach the community through a number of volunteer service activities.

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

Another service opportunity that we have not yet developed is an international project for this year. As I've suggested before, it would be nice to initiate a hands-on international service project - one where we can actually take part in the project itself instead of merely funding it. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please speak to Bill Moyer or Tom Turpin who are co-chairing this committee. We, as Rotarians, have the opportunity to make a difference not only in our own community, but also worldwide.

We don't all have the same abilities or the same passions, but we do all have one thing in common – we're all members of the family of Rotary and, as such, we all have the same objective –Service. Participation in service projects is what makes our Club successful while offering each of us a fun, worthwhile experience. Let's all have fun this year working as a team while serving others!! Go Cards and Go Rotary!!!

Yours in Rotary,

Jeannine

Our Illustrious Sergeant-at-Arms



Dec 11 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 18 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.

Dec 25 No Meeting

Christmas

- Joel Copley, Bill Hoagland - Program Directors

Did You Know

- that he has been our Sergeant-At-Arms for about 15 years.
- that he has collected over \$15,000 during his reign.
- that he has had the audacity to fine members before they became members.
- that he has fined Rotary District Governors on more than one occasion.
- that he has fined numerous guests, such as local politicians.
- that he is one of the Goodwill's best sweater customers.
- that he cuts his own hair. (just not very often)
- that he shows little respect for important people from any walk of life.
- that he has fined parents of students of the month
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- *As always, we are prohibited from revealing our confidential sources.*

September Minutes

The September 11, 2006, meeting of directors of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club was called to order at 5:00 p.m., by President Jeannine Kelly. Others in attendance were, Mike Seymour, Allen McBride, Ron Mayhew, Scott Neudecker, Dana Eastman, Dick Jones, Bryan White, Rod Elias, Joel Copley, Mike Osborne, Roland Hansen, Mike Tillman, Tom Turpin and the Executive Secretary, Melissa Seymour.

On a motion by Dick Jones, seconded by Scott Neudecker, the minutes were approved. On a motion by Bryan White, seconded by Ron Mayhew, the treasurer's report was approved.

John Rain proposed Jack Jacoby for membership. On a motion by Rod Elias, seconded by Mike Osborne, the membership was approved pending his attending two meetings.

In Club Administration, Joel Copley said one of the students who attended Whitewater will speak to the club either 10/16 or 10/30. Bryan White has talked to Amanda concerning the menu at Moonlight. Our new menu will be finalized tomorrow and the new choices will start being served at the next meeting. For the Piasa Foundation, Dick Jones said he returned the \$5338.00 to St. Ambrose. Also, the Community Service League has requested their money for the Booth House be returned. Mike Seymour said he and Bill Moyer looked at the Rotary fountain and were not impressed with the construction. They are trying to get a copy of the plans to review.

Jeannine Kelly and Larry Thompson are going to the District Conference 10/6 & 10/7. A motion was made by Mike Seymour, seconded by Rod Elias, to pay for registration of any club member who wants to attend the conference. After discussion a motion was made by Rod Elias, seconded by Scott Neudecker, to pay \$97.00 for up to 4 attendees for registration and meals.

Dues are payable by September 30. The Executive Secretary was directed to send an email notice and hardcopy to those who have not paid.

In Club Public Relations, Ford Phillips said there is grant money available from Rotary International to begin a PR program.

In Membership, Joel would like to establish weekly greeters. Greeters would rotate along with the people taking money and sign up. This is a way for everyone to become acquainted with new members.

In Services Projects, Bill Moyer said the Grampa Woo is scheduled for October 28. The cost is \$40.00 per person. The Alton-Godfrey, Bethalto, and Wood River clubs will all participate. The profit from the excursion will go to the Alton-Godfrey. The Grampa Woo can hold up to 100 people. We need 54 to break even.

Tom Turpin, for the literacy project, recommends that the dictionaries should be given to 3rd graders. The dictionaries would cost \$1.00 each and would have labels recognizing the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club.

A motion was made by Scott Neudecker, seconded by Bryan White, that Alton-Godfrey Rotary will set up and organize the Grampa Woo excursion and that the proceeds would go to the dictionary fund with the balance to the general fund. On a show of hands the vote was 8 - aye, 4 - nay

In new business, Bryan White says Schnucks has a program that we can register for. Each club member would get a card registered to Alton-Godfrey Rotary and each time a purchase is made the card is swiped and a percentage of the purchase goes to the Club. The breakdown per month is \$300 - 1%, \$301-\$600 - 2%, over \$600 - 3%. On a motion by Bryan White, seconded by Roland Hansen, the board approved this activity.

Larry Thompson said the District wants to change the by-laws to increase our dues from \$26.00 to whatever the District Governor would need each year to balance the District Budget. The board gave Larry the authority to vote proxy for the club.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Seymour, Executive Secretary

September Report

Previous Balance	\$16,776.79
cleared payments	2,111.35
cleared deposits	2,726.37
Cleared Balance	17,391.81
uncleared payments	1,601.96
uncleared deposits	0.00
Account Balance	15,789.85
New Payments	953.58
New Deposits	2,076.00
Ending Balance	16,912.27

Club Officers 2005-2006

President.....	Jeannine Kelly
	25 Logan Road, Alton, 465-0123
Vice-President.....	Josh Farley
	1211 Callahan Dr, Alton, 465-5257
Secretary.....	Scott Neudecker
	5212 Richland Woods Dr., Alton, 462-4697
Treasurer.....	Ford Phillips
	1007 Henry St., Alton, 463-0769
Executive Secretary.....	Melissa Seymour
	3026 Edwards St., Alton, 462-7206

Board of Directors 2005-2006

Allen McBride-3rd yr	Dan Saeger-2nd yr
Martha Morse-3rd yr	Tom Turpin-2nd yr
Mike Seymour-3rd yr	Joel Copley-1st yr
Mike Tillman-3rd yr	Dana Eastman-1st yr
Bryan White-3rd yr	Rod Elias-1st yr
Ron Mayhew-2nd yr	Roland Hansen-1st yr
Bill Moyer-2nd yr	Dick Jones-1st yr
Mike Osborne-2nd yr	Sharon Johnson-PP