

club, legions of young smiling faces. All of whom, for every passing year have never ceased to amaze me with their incredible sense of honor and respect ... not to mention how quickly, under the direction of our scholarly role model, have most all become respected opponents at the billiard table.

For the average "All American Good Guy," all of this would have already qualified for a listing in the "World Hall of Fame" ... a distinct class of illustrious humanitarians where truly ... No Scoundrels Or Doomsayers Are Allowed!

When looking further into the life of our Mr. Anonymous, we find his interest in teaching the youth of our nation one of its oldest games is only a pittance of his acts of human kindness. Aside from his regular duties as Chicago's, Saint Rita High School's theology teacher, after concluding his winter instructional classes of billiards, he begins yet another season of teaching other sporting activities, ranging from golf to volleyball.

For the past several years, Mr. Anonymous has graciously offered my wife Bonnie and I tickets for plays hosted at various Chicago south suburban schools. Until recently, we've never been able to attend. Finally one day, Bonnie and I made it a point to begin getting out more often, and what could possibly be nicer than attending a live play and late dinner.

Authored by Thomas Meehan, the play was titled and written about that loveable little orphan girl, "Annie." Before the opening act and when reviewing the play's program, guess whose name appeared in the actors directory? If you guessed our theology teacher ... you just won the Christmas turkey!

Of course, playing only one single roll, that to most everyone else on the planet would have been a memorable achievement in itself, would never do for our hero. Oh no, he played the part of four different characters, changing costumes and memorizing lines for all four parts! Had the leading roll not required a four-foot, eleven year old little girl ... it wouldn't have come as a surprise (least of all to Bonnie and I), if our diverse scholar, would have somehow managed to portray Annie herself!

For some time Bonnie and I have been considering reinstating a program we first began some 20 or 25 years ago ... our IBC junior membership. Today's cost would be a one-time registration fee of \$175, with annual renewals of \$75.

As an expression of appreciation, and validation for all of his lifetime efforts of helping others, with emphasis on the youth of our nation, Bon and I have created a new junior membership named in honor of Saint Rita's great behemoth himself, Mr. Stanley Kastelic, or perhaps I should say ... "Mr. Anonymous."

This perennial membership shall be granted without financial cost to any current and future students Mr. Kastelic elects to enroll and maintain active in his Saint Rita cue club. Further, in addition to Mr. Kastelic's existing Thursday afternoon billiard sessions hosted at the IBC, beginning Saturday, February 1, 2003, for the purpose of providing their club's weekly tournaments and lessons, Saturday mornings and early afternoons from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. will remain available for "The Stanley Kastelic Junior Members."

Also, Sunday mornings from 10 am until 2 pm, along with any other fellow IBC members, the club shall be available for open play ... an opportunity to enjoy a Sunday breakfast buffet and a day of billiards with family and friends.

A warm and friendly welcome to our new IBC, "Stanley Kastelic Junior Members"

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"To you Stan Kastelic, you cherished icon of human kindness, from everyone that's ever had the pleasure of knowing you ...Our Profound and Eternal Thanks."

Jim and Bonnie Parker & The Illinois Billiard Club

Do you know a Mr. or Mrs. Anonymous?

Help promote the good guys. ...While at the same time boost the integrity and popularity of the game of billiards. Do you personally know someone that through the game of billiards, have over the years, continually, and without financial gain, gone out of his or her way to help and inspire others? If so, let me know about your billiard humanitarian by writing a short story (500 words or less) and e-mail it to: The Illinois Billiard Club at PJmandBon@aol.com.

Time permitting, I write for a national billiard publication and Chicago land newspapers. While it would be impossible to have all of your stories published, I will see to it, pending available space, at least one story will be published every other month.



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Fourteen years after its first appearance, and without one bad roll, the St. Rita "Sharks" are still in first place...As our nations inspiring example of one man's dedication to building another man's character, and an industries reputation.

By their inspiring examples, it's the very people in your forth coming stories that have long since been the one's of most interest to the positive and progressive side of our American society.

The Illinois Billiard Club is the oldest, self-owned, operated and prestigious private billiard club in the United States. Complete with an adjoining hundred-seat banquet

room. The club was founded for the preservation and promotion of the elegant, historical, professional and social side of billiards. The IBC is not a poolroom, barroom or any other form of public place of amusement. Yet by its design, popularizes the game of billiards to all positive sides of society. Further information can be found either by writing to: The Illinois Billiard Club / 8446 Archer Avenue / Willow Springs, IL 60480. Or by visiting: www.IllinoisBilliardClub.com.

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