



# The Ratchet



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## Rotary Remembers DJ



DJ joined Rotary in 1988 and was named a Paul Harris Fellow in 1996. He was actively involved in many Rotary projects. Here are two of many Rotary memories other members have of DJ.

I have a million DJ stories, but most are unprintable. But on a winter Sunday in about 95 or 96, four of us were planning to meet at the bar for an afternoon of gin rummy. Arriving about 1 we found the doors locked and all the lights off. Concerned that something was wrong we called DJ at home where he was napping. He immediately came up and opened up mumbling obscenities about the bartender who was supposed to open that day. After opening he called the bartender and read him the riot act. His response was "read the god damned schedule" which DJ did. DJ in fact was supposed to work that Sunday as the bartender had worked the night before until closing. Needless to say we kept asking him if he was going to carry thru the threats he had made about the bartender, but all we got was more mumbling and a few obscenities directed our way.

## Rotary Programs



**Sep 4** **No Meeting**

Labor Day

**Sep 11** **Moonlight Restaurant**

Board of Directors Meeting 4:45 p.m.  
 Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Students of the Month for September will be introduced.

**Sep 18** **Rolling Hills**

Steak Fry at the Rolling Hills Golf Course Club House 6:00 p.m. Golf outing to precede. Contact Richard Johnson for details.

**Sep 25** **Moonlight Restaurant**

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. First Quarter Club Assembly

**Oct 2** **Moonlight Restaurant**

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Jerry Thomas will talk about the current oil crisis from his perspective of having been in the oil business for 20+ years.

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## June Minutes

The June 12, 2006 meeting of directors of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club was called to order at 4:45 p.m., by President Sharon Johnson. Others in attendance were, Tom Juravich, Ron Mayhew, Dave Walker, Dan Saeger, Scott Neudecker, Bill Moyer, Ford Phillips, Mike Seymour, Jeannine Kelly, Sam Stemm, Mike Tillman, Josh Farley, Tom Turpin, Bryan White and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour.

On a motion by Tom Juravich, seconded by Bryan White the minutes were approved. On a motion by Bill Moyer, seconded by Ron Mayhew the treasurer's report was approved.

Patrick Noonan was proposed for membership by Fred Renshaw. Al Womack was also proposed for membership. On a motion by Larry Thompson, seconded by Bryan White these memberships were approved pending attendance to two meetings.

In Community Service, Bill Moyer said the grass cutting was removed from the proposal to maintain Lincoln-Douglas Square thus reducing the original request of \$6,000.00 by \$1,500.00 per year. There was discussion of committing future Boards to long term projects when those Boards may want to go in another direction. On a motion by Tom Juravich, seconded by Dave Walker the Board approved a one year commitment to the Lincoln-Douglas Square project with review by the next Board. Concerning the Student of the Month program Tom Juravich said that with the discrepancy in the amount of students at each of the 3 high schools he would like to change the school's allocation of the number Student of the Month awards. The Board advised Tom that whatever changes he wants to make will be fine with the Board. He was commended on the great job he has done with the Student of the Year program.

In International Service, Bill Moyer reported that Jake Lampe, Keith Rose, and Ashley Sorgea will be attending the World Affairs Seminar June 11-17. He also reported that \$16,000

was sent to the Argentina Project, Cataract Removal with matching funds from Alton-Godfrey Rotary, District 6460, and RI.

In Vocational Service, Dan Saeger said the name on the Interact Club certificate was Alton High School Interact Club. He had a concern of how this would affect incorporating other schools into the Interact Club.

In Club Service it was approved to spend \$150.00 for entertainment at the Installation Banquet. Correspondence was read from Gene Crivello requesting that the widows of Rotarians be invited to the Installation Banquet. On a motion by Dave Walker, seconded by Sam Stemm it was approved to invite them as our guests to the Installation Banquet.

In mail/correspondence a request was received from the Lucy Haskell Birthday Committee requesting Alton-Godfrey Rotary again sponsor the pony rides on July 29, 2006 in the amount of \$300.00. On a motion by Bill Moyer, seconded by Same Stemm the Board approved this expenditure. .

Before the meeting was adjourned Dave Walker expressed his appreciation at being able to serve as a Board member for 15 years.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa Seymour, Executive Secretary



We of course have a lot of "Champaign" stories, but we always had an unwritten rule that "what goes on in Champaign stays in Champaign" which of course never worked, but in DJ's memory will be respected.

Jim Towey

One of my memories----- DJ was very thoughtful. He found out that I was allergic to eggs. DJ knew that I would not be able to eat his Caesar Salad that he provided at our Rotary Steak Fry's, so he would bring me his special homemade salad dressing without eggs. DJ would say to me, "I brought your dressing," with a cute smile. He never forgot. In fact, this past June at our steak Fry, he came up and gave me his special DJ Salad Dressing. I will really miss him. I really did appreciate his thoughtfulness. DJ was very considerate, a good man.

Sharon Johnson

## From Our President

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Here we are at yet another new Rotary year – a time to reflect on the accomplishments of the previous year and a time to look forward to new opportunities for the upcoming year.

There was much accomplished last year, but what excited me most was the formation of the Interact Club at Alton High School. These students have organized their Club and will be choosing community service projects to complete. This is a wonderful opportunity for these young people to learn to be leaders and to feel the Rotary spirit of “service above self”. It’s also a wonderful opportunity for our Club to help these young people in their endeavor to become future community leaders.

Another very worthwhile program our Club has been sponsoring for a number of years is the Student of the Month program, which culminates in a \$3,000.00 scholarship for the student selected as Student of the Year. These students amaze me – they excel in their classes, they take part in numerous extracurricular activities, and they are successful in most everything they do.

There are also young people who don’t reach the level of accomplishment that these students do for one reason or another - they may be financially disadvantaged, they may come from single parent homes where the mother or father is not able to give them the attention they need, or they may be in the background at school where they are not accepted by their peers. These young people may be in a place in their lives where they have a choice to take the right road or take the wrong road in life. I think, with some encouragement, most would choose the right road.

One of the things I would like our Club to consider this year is to develop a program that would give these disadvantaged young people some recognition and some self-esteem. These young people deserve our attention and I think we can make a big impact in their lives.

### Oct 9 Moonlight Restaurant

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

### Oct 16 Rolling Hills

Steak Fry at the Rolling Hills Golf Course Club House 6:00 p.m. Golf outing to precede. Contact Richard Johnson for details.

### Oct 23 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dee Kilgo will present a talk about Civil War pictures from the St. Louis area.

### Oct 30 Moonlight Restaurant

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

**- Joel Copley, Bill Hoagland - Program Directors**

We, as Rotarians, have the opportunity to make a difference not only in our own community, but also worldwide. Another project I’d like our Club to consider this year is initiating a hands-on international service project – one where we can actually take part in the project itself instead of merely funding it. I think it would enable us to actually feel that we are, indeed, members of the worldwide family of Rotary.

I’m honored to be a member of this Club and to serve as President this year and am looking forward to the service opportunities this upcoming year has to offer.

Yours in Rotary,

Jeannine

# July Minutes

The July 10 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, Allen McBride, Ron Mayhew, Dan Saeger, Ford Phillips, Josh Farley, Scott Neudecker, Mike Tillman, Dana Eastman, Dick Jones, Bryan White, Tom Turpin, Roland Hansen, Sharon Johnson and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour.

On a motion by Bryan White, seconded by Bill Moyer the minutes as corrected, reflecting the first year commitment to the Lincoln Douglas Square project as being \$11,760.00, were approved. On a motion by Scott Neudecker, seconded by Bill Moyer the treasurer's report was approved.

Rotary has changed club structure from Four Avenues of Service to Standing Committees. The committees are: Club Administration, Club Public Relations, Membership, Service Projects and Rotary Foundation.

In Club Administration, Josh Farley reported that the function of this committee is to oversee activities for effective operation of the club, newsletters, and speakers.

In Club Public Relations Ford Phillips is the chair.

In Membership Joel Copley is the chair.

In Services Projects Scott Neudecker is the chair. Fund-raising projects will go through this committee.

In Rotary Foundation Bill Moyer is the chair. International service is under this committee. Bill Moyer reported that Argentina has received the \$16,000 for the cataract project.

In new business, Rotary Foundation suggests that Clubs take on a hands-on International Project. Maybe adopt a Club on a continuous basis. Bill Moyer said there is a project this winter for seniors in Puerto Valarta that he is planning on participating in. Dana Eastman said we may want to look at other options. There is a club in Edwardsville that does work in Mexico and maybe we could partner with them. Tom Turpin said that there is more dental equipment available for another recipient as an International Project.

Dick Jones brought up that it is Chuck Norman's feeling that we are unable to put up the Christmas tree anymore. The Board asked that he give a presentation at the next Board meeting.

There are two board seats to be filled. Jeannine is going to ask Martha Morse to fill a 3<sup>rd</sup> year term and Mike Osborne to fill a 2<sup>nd</sup> year term.

Scott Neudecker discussed the possibility of having a literacy project again this year. This was referred to community service. Tom Turpin said that Jerseyville wrote a grant to get dictionaries to student's in 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade. This could be a project involving Interact. It was felt the Newspapers in Education is not being utilized by the schools and the Board is not interested in participating again this year. There is a District Project involving Public Broadcasting System that would be a way to reach both adults and children concerning literacy.

Jeannine would like to see the Club work with high school students who are borderline, C students, and give them same recognition that is given to the honor students. Dick Jones suggested that maybe we could run a dual student program. A committee of Dana Eastman, Ron Mayhew, Josh Farley, and Dick Jones was appointed to look into this. They are going to meet with Tom Juravich about re-thinking the Student of the Month program.

Committees are still being reorganized. A budget will be presented once numbers are received from the various committees.

The District Governor, Dick Robinson, will attend the August 8 meeting.

In old business, hosting the Grampa Woo cruise will be presented to the membership to see if there is any interest.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 8/14/06.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Seymour, Executive Secretary

## July Report

Previous Balance	\$9,827.64
cleared payments	4,879.17
cleared deposits	6,507.56
Cleared Balance	11,456.03
uncleared payments	834.71
uncleared deposits	0.00
Account Balance	10,621.32
New Payments	1,727.57
New Deposits	4,174.00
Ending Balance	13,067.75

### 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