



# The Ratchet



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A Monthly Newsletter

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## District Governor Visits Home Club

## Rotary Programs



District 6460's 2009-10 Governor Larry Thompson visited the Alton-Godfrey club on August 24.

His talk centered on the Rotary theme of *The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands*. In the picture on the right, he used a device he made to illustrate this theme.



**Sep 7 No Meeting - Labor Day**

**Sep 14 The Alton Sports Tap**

Board of Directors Meeting 5:00 PM.  
Regular Meeting 6:00 PM. September Students of the Month will be honored.

**Sep 21 Rolling Hills**

Steak Fry at the Rolling Hills Golf Course Club House 6:00 PM. A golf outing will precede the meeting. Contact Richard Johnson for details.

**Sep 28 The Alton Sports Tap**

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM. First Quarter Club Assembly

**Oct 5 The Alton Sports Tap**

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM. Our speaker will be Sister Chabanel, who is a nun and a member of the Ursuline Order. She is a member of the Ursuline Community in Alton. She will discuss the services that the Ursuline sisters are providing to the Alton area today.

Alton-Godfrey President and District Governor pose for the obligatory photo op after the meeting.



Our Sergeant at Arms, Dick Jones unwisely fines our new district governor. He obviously needs a crash course in political correctness.



## ***Project Resources***

All Rotary clubs share a key mission: to serve their community and those in need throughout the world while promoting high ethical standards. By participating in club service projects, club members learn about their club's involvement in local and international projects and can volunteer their time and talents where they're most needed. Once a Rotary club has chosen a basic area to focus on, it's time to take action. Several project resources offer ideas to help your club through the process.

### ***Set Goals***

After a project has been selected, it's time to start planning. A good project plan will help your club manage its resources effectively, anticipate potential problems, and evaluate a project's success.

### ***Find Project Volunteers***

The Rotary Volunteers program fosters and facilitates active volunteer involvement in community and international service projects. Rotarians and other skilled professionals further Rotary's Avenue of Vocational Service by using their professional skills and experience wherever help is needed.

### ***Publicize***

All community service projects need to include a detailed public relations plan. Sharing a project's message with the community can help enhance Rotary's image, gain sponsors and volunteers, and attract qualified candidates for Rotary club membership.

### ***Evaluate Success***

To learn and grow from the experience, your club needs to know what worked and what didn't and whether the project achieved its objectives. The evaluation process doesn't need to be expensive or time consuming. By setting measurable goals and objectives during the planning phase, your club has already done much of the work.





Share your passion for Rotary!  
**REFER A MEMBER!**



It's Membership and Extension Month, the perfect time to share your passion for Rotary. Maybe you know some business associates or family members who would make great Rotarians, but you never considered them for club membership because they don't live near you. Take the time this month to call them, tell them why you think they'd make great Rotarians, and submit membership referrals online. The prospective members' contact information will be sent to district leaders in their geographic area, then forwarded to individual clubs. Share your passion for Rotary by clicking on the link below, and challenge everyone in your club to do the same!

### Using *Club Assessment Tools* to earn the 2009-10 Presidential Citation

To meet the membership goal of the [2009-10 Presidential Citation](#), a club must achieve a net increase of at least one member by 31 March. Clubs may also choose to complete another membership challenge designed to support the [RI Strategic Plan 2007-10](#). Possibilities include having at least 20 percent of club members bring a prospective Rotarian to a club meeting, recruiting at least one Rotary International or Rotary Foundation program alumnus/alumna age 35 or younger, increasing club diversity by recruiting at least two new members who belong to a demographic group that's underrepresented in the club, or recruiting at least two new members with community, vocational, or international service experience.

Three assessments included in [Club Assessment Tools](#) --the 25-Minute Membership Survey, the Classification Survey, and the Membership Diversity Assessment--can help your club meet these challenges. Here's how:

- The 25-Minute Membership Survey can help generate a list of recent RI or Foundation program alumni, community leaders with volunteer experience, and younger professionals in new or emerging classifications. If club members invite at least 20 percent of suggested prospective Rotarians to a meeting, the club not only will complete one of the challenges but also will be closer to achieving a net increase of one new member.
- The Classification Survey reminds clubs to actively recruit alumni and community leaders. It also serves as a reminder that updating the club's classification roster is important to ensuring its diversity, especially when it comes to seeking out representatives from new and emerging occupations. For example, if your club does not have any Internet technology professionals on its roster, proposing someone for membership in this category would count toward diversifying across professions.
- The Membership Diversity Assessment encourages awareness of the goal for every Rotary club to reflect its community's professional makeup in terms of age, gender, religion, and ethnicity. Clubs that complete this activity will be on their way to recruiting two new members who belong to an underrepresented group.

#### Oct 12 The Alton Sports Tap

Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 PM.  
Regular Meeting 6:00 PM. Students of the Month for October will be honored.

#### Oct 19 Rolling Hills

Steak Fry at the Rolling Hills Golf Course Club House 6:00 PM. A golf outing will precede the meeting. Contact Richard Johnson for details.

#### Oct 26 The Alton Sports Tap

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM. Melissa Erker, the Public Relations Director at the ConocoPhillips refinery in Wood River, will present the program. She will discuss the recently announced plans to expand the Wood River facility.

-Bill Hoagland, Program Director



## RI Newsletters

There are several RI Newsletters available. Some are described below. For more information about these newsletters, go to the following site <http://www.rotary.org/en/mediaandnews/newsletters/MoreNewsletters/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

End Polio Now is a quarterly newsletter about polio eradication. The newsletter includes both the latest statistics and inspiring stories.

Every Rotarian, Every Year offers Annual Programs Fund updates, articles on how Rotarians are meeting their clubs' goals, and stories about how Annual Programs Fund contributions enhance people's lives.

The monthly Future Vision Pilot News connects you to new online Future Vision resources and information and reminds you of upcoming Future Vision pilot deadlines. Everyone is welcome to subscribe.

Interactive helps you experience through photos and videos the fellowship of Rotarians and young adults involved in programs such as Rotaract, Interact, and Ambassadorial Scholarships. This e-newsletter is produced 11 times a year. Read past issues and sign up.

The bi-monthly International Service Update e-newsletter provides current information about World Community Service, Rotary Volunteers, and Rotary Community Corps, as well as disaster relief and recovery. Visit Service and Fellowship for details about these programs. Sign up for the e-newsletter. Download an International Service Update e-newsletter.

The Membership Minute is a short e-mail newsletter that provides membership development ideas, resources, and tools. Sign up and see past issues.

## The Rotarian

The September issue of the Rotarian contains several interesting articles. Of particular interest to those of us who live in "the Land of Lincoln" is the article by Chicago lawyer/novelist Scott Turow. Other articles by Mia Farrow and Joe Queenan are also worth reading. Some members of our club are of the opinion that we need a project. The Sri Lanka article focuses on a project that the Rotary Foundation and several Rotary clubs have tackled.



### Rotary Update

We have four new board members. They are:

Bob Hamilton - 3rd year

Ron Mayhew - 1st year

Jeni Thompson - 3rd year

Jess Woodman - 2nd year

Ken Spells has been named as the new literacy chair to coordinate the dictionary project.

### Club Officers 2009-2010

President.....Ford Phillips  
1007 Henry St., Alton, 463-0769  
Vice President .....Roland Hansen  
820 Creekwood Lane, Godfrey, 466-1970  
Secretary..... Mike Tillman  
1902 Paris Dr., Godfrey, 466-1928  
Treasurer .....Jasper Fisher  
3885 Fosterburg Rd., Alton, 259-3177  
Executive Secretary.....Melissa Seymour  
3026 Edwards St., Alton, 462-7206

### Board of Directors 2009-2010

Dick Jones-1st yr	Dave Walker-2nd yr
Ron Mayhew-1st yr	Jess Woodman-2nd yr
Ken Spells-1st yr	Bob Hamilton-3rd yr
Sam Stemm-1st yr	Ebony Huddleston-3rd yr
Gail Weinrich-1st yr	Don Moyer-3rd yr
Brock Hendricks-2nd yr	Jeni Thompson-3rd yr
Mike Osborne-2nd yr	Jeff Weber-3rd yr
Larry Spain-2nd yr	Scott Neudecker-PP