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Alton High School Interact Club Begins Charter Membership

By Leslie Mayerhofer



Dan Saeger & 1st year President, Jake Lampe

The Alton-Godfrey Rotarians and Alton High School have joined forces to form the area's first and only Interact Club. Interact is a Rotary sponsored service club for young people ages 14-18. It provides opportunities for local teenagers to participate in fun, meaningful service projects while developing important leadership skills. The formation of the club was initiated through Phil Trapani, Rotarian and Alton High's principal. Phil selected two teachers to sponsor the club, Brian Bergin and Leslie Mayerhofer, both of whom became new members last month.

In January, the sponsors kicked recruitment into high gear by giving a presentation to the student body informing them of the purposes of the Interact Club and holding two new member meetings. Interactors have since held five club meetings in which officers were nominated and elected. Jake Lampe a junior from Alton and son of Pete and Thuylien Lampe is our President. Meghan Hartmann a junior from Godfrey and daughter of Michael and Kathryn Hartmann was elected Vice President. Serving as Secretary and only freshman officer is Josh Tickner, Godfrey, son of Michael and Mary Tickner. The newly elected Treasurer is Rose Alyea a junior from Alton and daughter of Daniel and Celeste Alyea.

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Rotary Programs



Mar 6 St. Paul's Episcopal Church

21st Annual Chili Chowdown, Serving 11 am - 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Mar 13 Moonlight Restaurant

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

Mar 20 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dan Beiser, Illinois State Representative, will discuss new legislation being considered by the 94th Illinois General Assembly.

March 27 Springfield, IL

President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) and Secretary Elect Training Seminar (SETS)

Mar 27 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Lee Bennett, Alton High School Boys' Basketball Head Coach will be our speaker.

Apr 3 Lockhaven Country Club

The Gordon F. Moore Awards dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. The social hour will begin at 5:30.

Students of the Month

Lisa Nicole Rhoads, a senior at Alton High School, and Ana Lucasey, 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 February at the Club's regular meeting at the Moonlight Restaurant on February 13th.

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 a senior 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 ninth year of the program and since the program started 150 students were honored from the three area high schools



Lisa Nicole Rhoads is the daughter of Brian and Rhonda Rhoads of Alton. She ranks at the top of her class of 542 students and is a member of the school's National Honor Society. She has been selected to Who's Who Among

American High School Students and is the recipient of the USAA National Mathematics Award.

Active in the school's music program, Lisa is a member of the Marching 100 the Symphonic Band and the Symphonic Orchestra. She is a member of

the Scholar Bowl Team and was a stalwart participant in the Illinois Math League competition. She is particularly active in her Church where she is a member of the Church Orchestra, a leader in the Church Youth Group, and a Prayer Group Leader as well. She plans to attend Washington University in St. Louis and major in Mechanical Engineering and Business Administration.



Ana Lucasey is the daughter of Daniel and Camila Lucasey of Alton. She has consistently achieved the school's honor roll throughout her attendance at Marquette. Lucasey is particularly active in the school's Theatre program serving as

a member of the cast of three school plays and four musicals. As a performer she is a member of the International Thespian Society. She has been a member of the school's Chorus for three years and served on the newspaper staff and Pom's team for a year. A school Ambassador, Ana has been very active in Students Against Drunk Driving serving as the organization's secretary

Her interest in Theatre is reflected in her direction of two plays at Trinity Lutheran Church in Chesterfield, Missouri and three plays at the Evangelical Elementary School. She has been active in her church and has been a regular volunteer at soup kitchens around St Louis. She plans to study Musical Theatre but is undecided as to which college she will attend

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



Leslie Mayerhofer
Faculty Sponsor

The officers jumped right into their duties as soon as they were elected. Jake attended his first ever Rotary meeting on February 27th, to sign the official "Organizational List" to be sent to the District Office so that the Alton High School Interact Club can be officially recognized. Jake and Meghan are attending the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards conference at the end of this month at Bradley University. The officers are

studying the Interact Constitution and learning all the by-laws associated with becoming an official club. The other members of the club are very active as well. They have been busy selling Chili Chow Down tickets and have signed up to work the event in whatever capacity the Rotarians need them. They are also in the process of forming much needed committees such as a Publicity Committee and a Fundraising Committee to name a few.



Brian Bergin
Faculty Sponsor

While spending much time on the business of getting the club started, club members have also been keeping their sights set on the future. They are in the process of researching a service activity for the spring and are brainstorming new and exciting fundraising activities. Rotary Advisors Dan Saeger and Tom Juravich are working with District Officers to set a date that the AHS officers can undergo training for their new positions. The kids will spend a Saturday learning the details of the responsibilities of their positions as well as club procedures. The Interactors are discussing ways that they can contribute to Rotary's Golf Challenge in May as well as looking into a possible fundraising project with 5A's Animal Shelter this fall.

The formation of the Alton High School Interact Club is well underway. The new member meeting brought approximately 50 interested kids and with the start of spring sports as well as a Spring Musical, the club has maintained a core membership of around 25 students eager to participate and become active members of the charter club. They are excited to do

Apr 10 Moonlight Restaurant

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

Apr 17 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.

Apr 24 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Fourth Quarter Club Assembly. Plans for 05-06 Rotary year to be announced. Committee organization presented.

Apr 27-30 Jacksonville, IL

District 6460 Conference

- Joel Copley, Bill Hoagland - Program Directors

something new while providing service to our community and beyond. Alton-Godfrey Rotary is fortunate to have these young leaders as a resource for continuing our commitment to improving life in our community.



January Minutes

The January 9, 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, Sam Stemm, Ron Mayhew, Dave Walker, Dan Saeger, Scott Neudecker, Larry Thompson, Martha Morse, Bill Moyer, Mike Seymour, Jeannine Kelly, John Keller, Josh Farley, John Rain, and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour.

On a motion by Dave Walker, seconded by Tom Juravich, the minutes were approved. On a motion by Dave Walker, seconded by Bill Moyer, the treasurer's report was approved.

In Community Service, concerning the Community Service Project, fountain, the Board was informed that we will be involved in a check presentation ceremony. Jeannine Kelly said the EPA charter application for the biological project at the Boy Scout Camp conducted by the Venture Club (AHS) has been submitted. For Chili Chowdown Mike Seymour reported that all is underway. He reminded everyone that this is the mandatory fundraiser that the Club has each year and urges all to participate.

In International Service, Bill Moyer has three requests for the international project that his committee will review and report back on at the next board meeting.

In Vocational Service, Dan Saeger said we are getting students involved in Interact this semester. The school sponsors will attend our meeting tonight.

In Club Service, Jeannine Kelly presented the Club officers and new Board members for FY2006-2007 with terms beginning 7/1/06. Jeannine Kelly, President; Josh Farley, Vice-President; Martha Morse, Secretary; Scott Neudecker, Treasurer. New board members are Joel Copley, Dana Eastman, Roland Hansen, and Dick Jones. The board will need to appoint someone to replace Scott Neudecker. The resignation of Terry Woelfel from the Board of Directors was approved. Both Scott Neudecker and Terry Woelfel have two years remaining on their terms. New member orientation will be held January 24 at Tony's. The new members will be given an overview of Rotary structure and the Foundation. Their obligations to the Club, including financial, will also

be explained. All new members will be put on the Fund-raising Committee. Ron Mayhew will be taking pictures for the Black Book all month.

In old business, Larry Thompson said the by-law committee will meet before the next Board meeting. Dave Walker stated a group will meet to regenerate the by-laws for the Piasa Foundation.

Correspondence was received from St. Anthony's thanking the Club for its \$399.00 donation to the St. Anthony Foundation. District Governor Keith Lape sent a survey asking what activities the Club is involved in and also asking us to make nominations for several District Awards. Sam Stemm suggested we contact the District Governor to set up a date when he can meet with us.

In new business, Moonlight is raising our price for dinner to \$9.99. The matter was referred to Club Service. John Keller presented a proposal to the Board of participating in a cooperative effort with other service organizations to raise \$2000.00 the City of Alton needs to pay the deductible cost of replacing the bleachers stolen from Gordon Moore Park. East End has approved \$500.00. The other Clubs involved would donate \$250.00. On a motion by John Keller, seconded by Larry Thompson, it was approved that Alton-Godfrey Rotary donate up to \$500.00 for the purpose of helping pay the deductible cost for the City of Alton. On a motion by David Walker, seconded by Bill Moyer, it was approved to renew the Club's domain name at a cost of \$75.00 for three years.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Seymour, Executive Secretary

January Report

Previous Balance	\$3,201.79
cleared payments	4,950.30
cleared deposits	3,109.15
Cleared Balance	1,360.64
uncleared payments	2,865.97
uncleared deposits	7,851.00
Account Balance	6,345.67
New Payments	571.62
New Deposits	4,142.50
Ending Balance	9,916.55

Club Officers 2005-2006

President.....	Sharon Johnson
	301 Prospect, Alton, 465-8244
Vice-President.....	Jeannine Kelly
	25 Logan Road, Alton, 465-0123
Secretary.....	Josh Farley
	1420 Liberty, Alton, 462-5257
Treasurer.....	Scott Neudecker
	5212 Richland Woods Dr., Alton, 462-4697
Executive Secretary.....	Melissa Seymour
	3026 Edwards St., Alton, 462-7206

Board of Directors 2005-2006

Larry Hauck-3rd yr	Mike Tillman-2nd yr
Tom Juravich-3rd yr	To Be Named-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	Tom Turpin-1st yr
Mike Seymour-2nd yr	Larry Thompson-PP