



The Ratchet



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Students of the Month

Matt Steinacher, a senior at Alton High School, and Stephanie Hughes, a senior at Marquette Catholic High School were honored by the Alton/Godfrey Rotary as the students for the month of February at the club's regular meeting at the Moonlight Restaurant on February eleventh.

Matt Steinacher is the son of Doug and Rhonda Steinacher of Godfrey. Matt was the recipient of the 110% Award from the Alton High faculty and staff for, "His pleasant manner, positive outlook, and willingness to help when and where needed." His willingness to help on all school projects was reflected in his contributions in building a Redbird desk for the school's Radio/TV station. He has been an active participant in all of



Rotary Programs



Mar 3 Main Street UMC

23rd Annual Chili Chowdown, Serving 11 am - 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Mar 10 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 17 Rolling Hills

Steak Fry at the Rolling Hills Golf Course Club House 6:00 p.m. Golf outing to precede - weather permitting. Contact Richard Johnson for details. Our speaker will be Sonny Hatten, a local self-defense expert, who will discuss self-defense tactics and common-sense things to do to avoid getting mugged or assaulted. Now the walk from the Moonlight door to your car won't be so scary.

Mar 24 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Lori Ehlers, the General Manager at the Alton Square Mall, will discuss what the new owners of the Alton Square Mall have in mind for the mall.

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Student of the Month Essays

In this month's issue of The Ratchet, we are again focusing on original compositions by our students of the month.

Community Service Can Be Rewarding

By: Matt Steinacher

Community service can be very rewarding in many ways. I enjoy doing community service work because it makes me feel good that I am helping other people. It is very satisfying to me to watch someone enjoying something that I have helped contribute to.

Being involved in community service introduces you to many different people and activities. I like talking to people because I find them interesting. Everywhere I go I usually see people that I have met somewhere else before. It is nice to go places and see someone who remembers you. It's also nice to know so many different people from different backgrounds. Sometimes it can be helpful to know them if you ever need help with something yourself.

Community service can also be fun and educational. When a person gets involved in a community event it sometimes leads you to other events. When I am involved in helping out with something somewhere I often get asked if I am available to help out at a different event going on somewhere else. The great thing about this is you get to experience many different things around your community and maybe even see places that you didn't even know existed.

I have participated in many different events over the past few years and have enjoyed helping out with all of them. My favorite activities have been building things, using sound equipment and playing guitar with my friends in our band for fundraisers. Getting involved in your community is very rewarding if you like people and learning about different things around you that you never noticed before. It's easy to just attend events; it's more fun to make them happen!



Alton High's musicals as a stage hand, sound and lighting technician, and a set builder.

He has earned the Honor Roll and participated in the Student Mentor Program. He has his own Band called the 'Back In Time' and participates in the battle of the band contests as well as playing for fund raisers for the Godfrey United Methodist Church.

Matt unselfishly devotes his time working with the Godfrey Park and Recreation Department and participating in the St. Ambrose Youth Group. He helps with the production of "The Witness" each year during Lent. After graduating Matt plans to attend Lewis and Clark Community College and major in Manufacturing Technology.



Stephanee Hughes is the daughter of Charles and Melodee Hughes of Godfrey. An Illinois State Scholar, she is a regular on the school's Honor Roll and is member of the National Honor Society. She is a member of the Scholar Bowl team as well as the Explorer golf squad. Active in school activities, she serves as a Student Ambassador and is a member of the school WYSE team which finished fifth in state competition last year. She is active in the school's drama program and has been a regular member of the school chorus. Stephanie is the recipient of the DAR Award for Good Citizenship and is active in the Campus Ministry as well as the freshmen retreats. She Serves as a counselor at the Nature Institute and is a regular volunteer at the Alton Little Theatre.

After graduating she plans to attend the University of Missouri and major in secondary education.

Mar 31 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Our speaker is Herman Seedorf, the manager at the ConocoPhillips Refinery at Wood River, who will discuss the newly announced expansion plans at the facility.

Apr 7 Moonlight Restaurant

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

Apr 14 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 21 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 28 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Fourth Quarter Club Assembly. Plans for 08-09 Rotary year to be announced. Committee organization presented.

-Bill Hoagland, Program Director



February Minutes

The February 11, 2008 meeting of directors of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Josh Farley. Others in attendance were, Roland Hansen, Scott Neudecker, Tom Turpin, Mike Osborne, Bill Moyer, Sam Stemm, Bryan White, Rod Elias Allen McBride.

Others in attendance, Jeannine Kelly, Larry Thompson, John Rain.

On a motion by Scott Neudecker, seconded by Bill Moyer the minutes and treasurer's reports were approved

In Club Administration, Larry Thompson said the District Assembly training is scheduled for May 10. The 5 new standing committee chairs need to be appointed before this date. The Club will pay for the expenses incurred for the training. He also said there are 2000 tickets available for the Cards-Cubs game on May 3. This game is a fundraiser for the District Literacy Project. Josh Farley, for Ron Mayhew, reported that Ratchet is now available on our website – www.altongodfreyrotary.org and will no longer be emailed. Josh said the Simplified Grant has been received from District 6460 to purchase the 30-40 t-shirts for the kids in the program at the Motivational Achievement Center sponsored by the Boy Scouts, Alton-Godfrey Rotary.

In Club Public Relations, there was no report.

In Service Projects, Chili Chowdown is being held March 3 at Main Street Methodist Church. The committee reviewing request for donations had the following recommendations. Place a ½ page ad in the Pride Annual Dinner Program for \$100.00. Pride, Inc is honoring Jack Jacoby this year. On a motion by Bill Moyer, seconded by Rod Elias the board approved this expenditure. Requests from the USO, Impact and the PineWood Derby were declined. These will be forwarded to Ford Phillips to write the on letters.

John Rain presented a request from Page Humbert to attend the People to People Leadership Council in Washington, DC this summer for 7 days. The total tuition is \$2194.00 and in her letter she said any amount would be appreciated. Bryan White made a motion that we give her \$250.00 towards the tuition

seconded by Bill Moyer. Bill Moyer said every request should stand on its own merit. The motion was amended to add that the check should be made out to the organization and not her personally. Since this program is very similar to Whitewater and we have budgeted for 3 students and traditionally only 2 attend the money will come from this fund. The motion passed.

In Foundation, Bill Moyer is looking at 3-wheel carts that would be sent to countries to help those without legs. He is in the process of obtaining more information.

In Membership, Ron Mayhew has proposed Jennifer Thompson. On a motion by Sam Stemm, seconded by Scott Neudecker her membership was approved pending her attending two meetings. The board accepted, with regret, the resignation of Larry Hauck. Jerry Thomas asked to be moved to honorary status. On a motion by Rod Elias, seconded by Sam Stemm this request was approved.

In old business, the projector system being used at meetings belongs to Ron Mayhew and Larry Thompson. Larry said there is a used projector available for \$300.00. The Board asked him to get more information on the projector.

In new business, it was discussed continuing with the Alton-Godfrey Rotary membership in the Growth Association. A board member will speak with Monica Bristow to see who in the Club is eligible to participate in Growth Association functions.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Seymour, Executive Secretary

January Report

Previous Balance	\$23,000.63
cleared payments	4,221.91
cleared deposits	3,098.08
Cleared Balance	21,876.80
uncleared payments	6,255.34
uncleared deposits	2,048.00
Account Balance	17,669.46
New Payments	406.82
New Deposits	459.00
Ending Balance	17,721.64

Club Officers 2005-2006

President.....	Josh Farley
	1211 Callahan Dr, Alton, 462-5257
Vice-President.....	Scott Neudecker
	5212 Richland Woods Dr., Alton, 462-4697
Secretary.....	Ford Phillips
	1007 Henry St., Alton, 463-0769
Treasurer.....	Roland Hansen
	820 Creekwood Lane, Godfrey, 466-1970
Executive Secretary.....	Melissa Seymour
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Board of Directors 2005-2006

Ron Mayhew-3rd yr	Ken Spells-2nd yr
Bill Moyer-3rd yr	Sam Stemm-2nd yr
Mike Osborne-3rd yr	Jasper Fischer-1st yr
Dan Saeger-3rd yr	Martha Morse-1st yr
Tom Turpin-3rd yr	Alan McBride-1st yr
Dana Eastman-2nd yr	Mike Tillman-1st yr
Rod Elias-2nd yr	Brian White-1st yr
Dick Jones-2nd yr	D. Jeannine Kelly-PP