



The Ratchet



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John Keller-2nd yr	Mike McCormick-PP

From The President

New Look for "The Ratchet"

At the beginning of this rotary year, I asked Ron Mayhew to edit and prepare our club's newsletter, *The Ratchet*. This newsletter is one of our main methods to keep members informed on the events and plans of the club. There are regular features including the weekly meeting program, approved minutes of the recent board meeting, a report of our funds, and the students of the month during the school year. It should be possible to read a copy of *The Ratchet* and know what to expect at the next several meetings. The newsletter is a major part of our organization.

With this issue you will see changes in the format. Ron has redesigned the format to add color, change the font, and change the appearance. Also, the board recently has decided not to mail *The Ratchet* to members. The newsletter is printed and is available at club meetings at the table with the badge box. All but twelve of our members receive *The Ratchet* by email in a pdf format. Also, *The Ratchet* may be read online at our club's website (<http://www.altongodfreyrotary.org>).

Communicating with club members when our club was formed was much different than now. In February, 1921, when our club conducted its first meeting, the president, William C. Reavis, may have called members and may have mailed letters of invitation to prospective members as the club began its service in Alton. There is no record when the first club newsletter was published. The earliest copy of *The Ratchet* I have was published in 1961 and was pre-printed on one side with a mimeograph of recent club activities on the back. Today, our newsletter is published on the Internet and our website provides a comprehensive description of our club.

Project Updates

The Community Service Committee met recently and did not make a decision to spend Piasa Foundation funds on any project submitted from other community organizations. An idea was introduced to develop a riverside park upstream from the pump house of the water company on the river road. Committee members are investigating the feasibility of such a project.

The Booth House project is on hold until the Salvation Army proceeds on the purchase of the remaining lot on Easton street.

Saturday, February 5th, was the first of a series of work parties at the Jacoby Arts Center to finish a kitchenette. A door was installed and dry wall was installed to complete the walls. We finished around 12:30 and will continue next Saturday morning to finish taping, sanding, and painting the walls and ceiling. The linoleum tile floor will be put down, and the bathroom fixtures will be installed. Thanks go to Don Moyer, Mike Seymour, Joe Patton, John Rain, and Jim Towey for their work on this project.

Rotary Programs

Feb 7 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Mr. Lee Barron, a local attorney specializing in employment litigation, will discuss sexual harassment lawsuits and how you as a business person can avoid such suits.

Feb 14 Moonlight Restaurant

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

Feb 23 Copley's West 9th

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Rotary International celebrates 100 years of service on this day. Alton Godfrey Rotary will celebrate with a birthday party at Copley's West 9th. Spouses night.

Students Of The Month

Alisan Maassen, a senior at Alton High School, and **Cari Bauser**, a senior at Mississippi Valley Christian School were honored by the Alton/Godfrey Rotary Club as the Students for the Month for the month of January at the Club's regular meeting at the Moonlight Restaurant on **January 10, 2005**.

Cari Bauser is the daughter of David and Sheila Bauser of Brighton. She has consistently achieved recognition on the school's honor roll. She has received a number of honors including selection to Who's Who Among American High School Students. She was also the recipient of the Good Citizenship and National history and Government Awards.



Cari has been active in school activities serving on the Yearbook staff for two years, participating in the drama programs for the past two years and serving on the cheerleading team. She has been particularly active on the school's volleyball squad and was selected as team captain this year. She was chosen as the outstanding player on the team last year and was selected to an all tournament team this year.

Bauser contributes much of her spare time to helping others. She participated on a mission trip to Togo in West Africa, volunteers at a nursing home, and is extremely active in her church singing in the choir and working in the children's nursery. After graduating from Mississippi Valley, Cari plans to attend Faith Baptist Bible College.

Alisan Maassen is the daughter of Stephen and Diana Maassen of Alton. She has been quite active as a student at Alton High. She has consistently achieved the school's high honor roll and as a result was inducted into the National Honor Society where she has served as Vice President for the last two years. Alisan earned rec-

ognition as an Illinois State Scholar and was selected to appear in the National Honor Roll.

Maassen attended the Madison County Youth Forum and was invited to join the Madison County Youth Board.



She was selected as a St. Louis Post Dispatch Student of the Week and as a Sophomore was selected as the Junior Varsity Basketball Scholar Athlete. She was selected to Who's Who Among American High School Students, and was consistently nominated to the National Student Leadership Conferences and the Congressional Student

Leadership Conference.

Alisan has been serving as Editor-In-Chief of the School Newspaper. She has been active in school drama activities as a member of the Thespian Society and participated in annual dramatic productions produced at the school. She participated in the girls sports program her freshman and sophomore years and has been involved in the schools music program as a member of the Concert Choir. A participant in the Saturday Scholars program, Alisan finds time to volunteer for Student Pride projects, Habitat for Humanity Saint Louis, and has served as a tutor at the Lovejoy Elementary School. She is undecided about which college to attend but plans to major in international relations.

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

Minutes - November Board Meeting

In Community Service Scott Neudecker said the Club received \$728.00 from the District Simplified Grant. This money will be used for the Newspaper In Education Project. He would like Rotarians in the classrooms when the newspapers are delivered. The Community Service committee has not met since the last board meeting to discuss the Piasa Foundation money. He has received requests from Catholic Children's Home (computers), Pride Inc., Growth Association (Piasa Park), Alton Park & Rec (carillon) and the Jacoby Arts Center. Discussion followed about making the donation from the Piasa Foundation as a Centennial Project if it does meet the criteria. Mike Seymour said the criteria for the Centennial Project should not necessarily effect out club's gift from the Piasa Foundation and our goals for this donation of money and time. He would withdraw his motion for the Jacoby Arts Center if we must follow Rotary guidelines. Larry said we could bring this back out at another Club assembly in January, asking for input and act at the Board meeting in February and should be able to be done by June. Dave Walker advises that if a new Centennial Project is named it needs to be made in the form of a motion. Mike Seymour said the club should get as much recognition as possible when donating this money and not divide into many pieces.

In Vocational Service, Dan Saeger has an appointment with Chris Norman, Asst. Principal at Alton High School. He should have something to report next month

In International Bill Moyer said that reservations have been made for two students to attend the World Affairs Seminar June 11 - 15. In "Every Rotarian, Every Year" there was discussion of how much do we contribute or do we contribute at all. It was brought up that our club always contributes when there is a stated cause. Larry suggested that we respond with a pledge of \$2000.00.

In Club Service, Sharon Johnson reported that Martha Morse has accepted the nomination for treasurer next year. The Christmas Party is December 20. Mike Tillman said there are 41 Rotarians and 37 children signed up to attend. There will also be a six-piece string ensemble for entertainment.

In old business, the Community Posters will be used as a fundraising item in either January or February. Larry received a bill from the Jerseyville Rotary Club for shipping charges to send the dental equipment to Africa. Alton-Godfrey share is \$1,191.59.

In new business, The Gordon Moore Community Service Award will be March 28, 2005. John Rain is going to chair the Gordon Moore Community Service Award committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Seymour, Executive Secretary

Rotary Program...cont.

Feb 28 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Club Assembly. The annual budget will be reviewed.

Mar 7 St. Paul's Episcopal Ch.

20th Annual Chili Chowdown, Serving 11 am - 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Mar 14 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 21 Moonlight Restaurant

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

Mar 28 Lockhaven Country Club

Gordon F. Moore Service Above Self Award Dinner. Cash Bar 5:30, Dinner 6:30 p.m.

—Joel Copley/Bill Hoagland



December Treasurer's Report

Previous Balance	\$31,471.37
cleared payments	-16,446.84
cleared deposits	13,675.92
Cleared Balance	28,700.46
uncleared payments	-4,086.30
uncleared deposits	935.66
Account Balance	25,549.81
New Payments	-495.02
New Deposits	0.00
Ending Balance	25,054.79