



# The Ratchet



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## Get Involved!

By Martha Morse, Club Treasurer



New Members from left: Len Levi, Chris Fox, Tom Turpin, Jasper Fischer, and Brian White.

**Get Involved!** That was the theme of the first New Member Orientation held in January, 2006. Members who had joined the club in 2005 were invited to come to an informal gathering to learn a little bit more about the Alton/Godfrey Rotary Club. New members had the chance to speak with the club officers, mentors, and committee chairs to hear about the club structure and club activities. President Johnson gave an overview of the organization. Sharon discussed the history of Rotary, the reason most people join, what they can expect to get out of Rotary, a members' obligations, and encouraged the new members to *get involved*. John Rain intro-

duced an exciting new mentoring program. Each new member will be assigned an experienced member to help him or her get acclimated to Rotary. John selected several former Presidents of the Club as mentors. Bill Moyer spoke to the group about the clubs involvement in international projects. Bill complimented the club on its significant contributions to Rotary International projects over the years. Tom Turpin, wearing the hat of District Representative, explained the division of the state into districts and where the Alton/Godfrey Club fits in. Tom noted that our club has not been active at the district level in recent years and encouraged

## Rotary Programs



### Feb 6 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Steve Roach, Director of Catholic Charities for the Springfield Diocese, will discuss the objectives and mission of the Alton Catholic Children's Home.

### Feb 13 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 20 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Steve McGaughey will continue his presentation of his experiences in Iraq as US Army officer.

### Feb 27 Moonlight Restaurant

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

### Mar 6 St. Paul's Episcopal Church

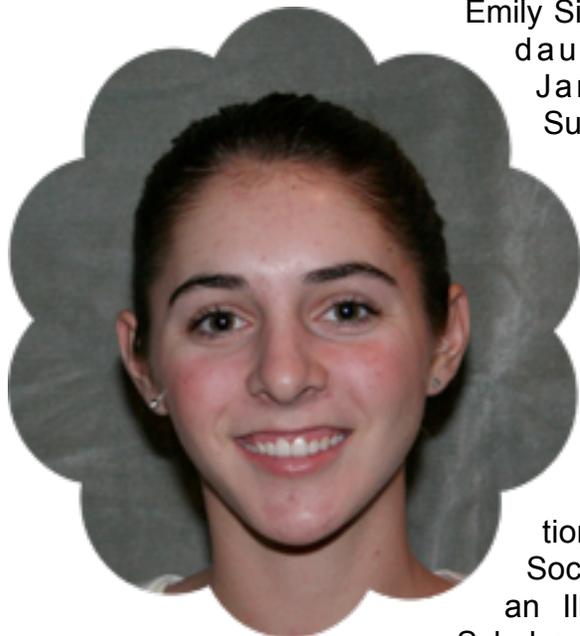
20th Annual Chili Chowdown, Serving 11 am - 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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## Students of the Month

Emily Sinclair, a senior at Alton High School, and Angelica Bruce 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 December at the Club's regular meeting at the Moonlight Restaurant on January 9th .

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 \$3,000 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, 152 students have been honored from the three area high schools.

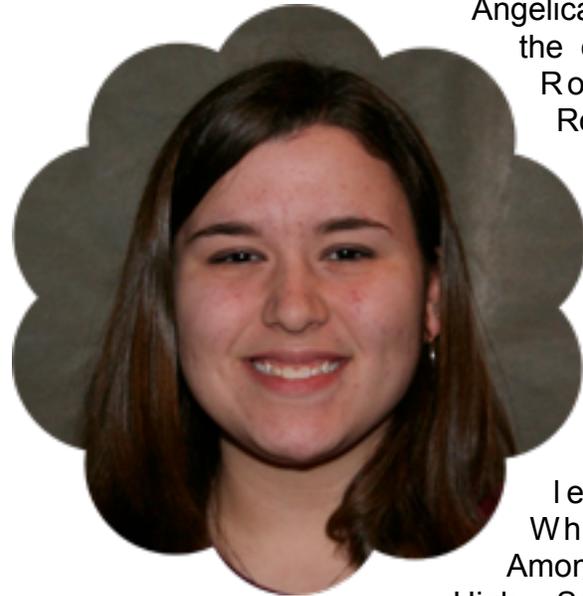


Emily Sinclair is the daughter of James and Susan Sinclair of Godfrey. An honors student at Alton High, Sinclair is the Vice President of the National Honor Society and is an Illinois State Scholar. Her academic honors include participation in the Saturday's Scholar program and an award winner at the Illinois State Science Fair.

Active in school activities, Emily is Copy Editor for the Tatler, a member of the Quill and Scroll Society,

and serves on the Student Council. She is a mentor for the Student Ambassador Program and is also a member of the Biology Club and the school's Math Team. Sinclair has been extremely active in the girl's athletic program, participating on the tennis team for four years and qualifying for the state finals this year. She was selected as the Scholar Athlete for the tennis team. She has also been a member of the girls soccer team for four years and active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes

She serves as a reader at the First Presbyterian Church and was involved in the Bucket Brigade and Highway Clean-up programs sponsored by Pride Inc. Sinclair will enroll at the University of Illinois as a James Scholar and will major in Mathematics.



Angelica Bruce is the daughter of Roger and Robin Bruce of Alton. A high honors student at Mississippi Valley, Bruce was selected to Who's Who Among American High School Students and listed as an All-American Scholar. She is the recipient of the Christian Citizenship award, and first place awards in French, English, and Government and History.

She is presently serving as the president of her senior class and has been an active member of the school's choir and drama programs, She serves as a teacher's aide, works as a volunteer at the Arms of Love, and is very active in her church. After graduating, Bruce plans to enroll at SIUE and major in elementary education

more participation in the future. Tom promised to keep us informed on future district meetings. Tom Juravich, chair of the scholarship program, explained how the program has grown over the years. The program has honored some of Alton and Godfrey's finest students in areas of academic achievement, community involvement, and leadership. Tom is hopeful that the program will continue to grow and noted that our club may even have a former honoree as a new member soon. Angie Adams, membership

committee chair, thanked all of the attendees and asked for their input to improve future New Member Orientation Programs. The committee feels that with the mentoring program in place and regular new member orientation programs that the club will experience a higher rate in retention of new members. Between the Chili Dinner, Golf Challenge, and Service Above Self Awards Dinner coming up, new members have plenty of opportunity to *Get Involved!*

## Club Public Relations

Because every Rotary club is unique, it's important to share your club's story with the local community to raise awareness of what Rotary is and does.

### VISIBILITY

- Display the Rotary emblem at the gateways of your community.
- Display Rotary banners and signage at all events and project sites.
- Develop a club fact sheet and distribute it in addition to the brochure *This is Rotary* (001-EN) at events and to visitors at club meetings.
- Leave copies of *The Rotarian* or your regional magazine where people will read them.
- Encourage club members to always wear their Rotary pins, not just on meeting days or during projects.
- Use Rotary public service announcements (PSAs) and other outreach tools prepared for clubs and districts by Rotary's Public Relations Division.

### PLANNING

- Develop a comprehensive list of media outlets and key media contacts in your community. Find out if any of your club members know them or have other contacts at an area newspaper, radio/TV station, or cable/satellite provider who can put you in touch with reporters and editors.
- Build a PR component into every event or project by appointing a group from your club to plan publicity and promotion for each of your club's events.

### IMPLEMENTATION

- Prepare and dispatch a news release when your club has an event, community project, or interesting speaker.
- Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper or magazine in which you profile your club's annual accomplishments and thank the community for supporting Rotary events and programs.
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Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dan Beiser, Illinois State Representative, will discuss new legislation being considered by the 94th Illinois General Assembly.

**Mar 24-25 Springfield, IL**  
President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) and Secretary Elect Training Seminar (SETS)

**Mar 27 Moonlight Restaurant**  
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Program to be announced.  
  
- Joel Copley, Bill Hoagland - Program Directors

## Notes From Our President

The Alton Godfrey Rotary Club members are *involved!!* "Rotarians can do everything" I know we can. I have seen our club members in action. The New Member Orientation evening was another great example of Rotarians getting involved. Martha Morse and Angie Adams took an idea and ran with it, making the New Member Orientation evening a huge success. Thanks for all your hard work and time. Thanks, also, to John Rain for chairing the Mentor Program, to all the mentors, and to everyone who participated that evening. Thank you Rotarians for *getting involved* again.

# December Minutes

The December 12, 2005 meeting of directors of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club was called to order at 5:00 p.m., by President Sharon Johnson. Others in attendance were, Tom Juravich, Allen McBride, Sam Stemm, Ron Mayhew, Dan Saeger, Scott Neudecker, Larry Thompson, Martha Morse, Bill Moyer, Larry Hauck, Jeannine Kelly, Ford Phillips, Dave Walker, John Keller, Josh Farley, Mike Tillman and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour.

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

In Community Service, Martha Morse presented a request for Rotary to participate in the N.I.E. again this year in the amount of \$1000.00, same as last year. It was approved on a motion by Larry Hauck, seconded by Scott Neudecker to make N.I.E. the club's literacy project and donate \$500.00. The \$500.00 has been received from the District. This money will go towards the Katrina effort. Concerning the Community Project, fountain at State House Square, Sharon Johnson and Larry Hauck met with Mayor Sandidge on December 8. The board questioned if the City would keep up maintenance on the new fountain. They stated the City is to draw up an agreement that would stipulate the City maintenance responsibility. There will be no liability on our part. Concerning the donation the City will pay for the fountain and we will gift the \$31,965.00 to them. There will be a media event and the City has agreed to put up a plaque that Fred Haney will make. The fountain will be called the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club Fountain.

In International Service, Bill Moyer has had no luck in contacting the District Governor concerning the International Project.

In Vocational Service, Dan Saeger said we will start getting students involved in Interact next semester. For member vocation he will have a speaker at the January 23, 2006 meeting.

In Club Service, Jeannine Kelly gave the nominating committee report. Ballots will be passed out at tonight's meeting for the election of officers and 5 directors. In fundraising Josh Farley said May 15, 2006 has been set as the date for the golf tournament with auction. His committee is considering a community challenge with other Rotary clubs and maybe have a traveling trophy. The fundraising com-

mittee is also considering having a congratulatory ad book for Service Above Self Award dinner.

In old business Larry Thompson and Dave Walker stated the by-law committee needs another member so they have not yet met. By-law changes will be presented at the February 27 Club Assembly for input and brought back to the next Club Assembly for approval. Sam Stemm had no report on a new club formation.

In new business the board had questions concerning the Piasa Foundation. It was explained that it was set up for the Piasa Bird project and the membership consists of past presidents. Bill Moyer is the chair of the committee which is custodian of the funds. John Keller advised that the Foundation should meet once a year with minutes in case there was ever an audit. If the old by-laws of the Foundation cannot be found the Board requested the Piasa Foundation generate new by-laws.

There is going to be a new membership orientation meeting at Tony's 1/24/06 where the members will be given an overview of the club and its history. The new members will be assigned to the fund raising committee. It was also discussed changing the procedure of new members paying dues. The change would be that once an individual is approved for membership they would be invoiced and instructed to bring a check for dues the night of induction.

Bob Hamilton made a presentation to the board asking them to consider a community beautification project of painting murals on the back of the buildings you see coming off the bridge (Jacoby Art Center and others in that block) with a pictorial history of Alton. He is going to ask Laurie Milnor, who was involved with the Hayner Library mural, to work with a St. Louis artist to look at the concept.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Seymour, Executive Secretary

## December Report

Previous Balance	\$11,736.16
cleared payments	18,975.57
cleared deposits	10,439.20
Cleared Balance	3,201.79
uncleared payments	4,068.35
uncleared deposits	7,851.00
Account Balance	6,984.44
New Payments	500.00
New Deposits	0.00
Ending Balance	6,484.44

### 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.....	Martha Morse 7012 Godfrey Road, Godfrey, 466-1859
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	Tom Wyatt-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	Terry Woefel-1st yr
Mike Seymour-2nd yr	Larry Thompson-PP