



The Ratchet



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Board Minutes

New Procedures with this issue of The Ratchet

Beginning with this issue of *The Ratchet*, we will be including the most recent board meeting minutes. Members have requested this change so that all of you will be aware of the most recent board decisions. Thus we are including in this issue minutes from the two most recent board meetings. We hope that this change will help keep everyone in the club better informed.

January Minutes

The January 8 2007 meeting of directors of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club was called to order at 5:00 p.m., by President Jeannine Kelly. Others in attendance were, Ron Mayhew, Scott Neudecker, Bryan White, Roland Hansen, Mike Tillman, Tom Turpin, Dan Saeger, Mike Seymour, Mike Osborne, Rod Elias, Joel Copley, Bill Moyer, Larry Thompson, and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour.

Others in attendance, Jasper Fisher.

On a motion by Scott Neudecker, seconded by Bryan White, the minutes were approved. On a motion Bryan White, seconded by Ron Mayhew, the treasurer's report was approved.

New member proposed is Craig Schaaf proposed by David Hayes. On a motion membership of Craig Schaaf was accepted pending his attending two meetings.

In Club Administration, Bryan reported that the menu will be a combo menu using the regular menu and occasionally have an upscale meal (steak, etc.). The election report for officers and directors was given. Jasper Fisher will be the new director, replacing Mike Seymour and Roland Hansen will take the chair position of Treasurer.

In Club Public Relations, Jeannine reported that we did receive the \$1500.00 grant for WBGZ.

In membership, Mike Tillman said the Family Christmas party was a great success and the Club broke even. He did say there were requests for a different menu. Joel

Rotary Programs



Feb 5 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Joel Copley, accompanied by a wine expert, will conduct a wine seminar including wine tasting.

Feb 12 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 19 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Details to be announced.

Feb 26 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Third Quarter Club Assembly. The annual budget will be reviewed.

Mar 5 St. Paul's Episcopal Church
22nd Annual Chili Chowdown, Serving 11 am - 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Mar 12 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 19 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Our speaker will be Michael Fitch, the new President and CEO at Alton Steel Company, who will discuss current

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Students of the Month

Sarah Goins, a senior at Alton High School, Kilah Bryan, a senior at Mississippi Valley Christian School, and Jessica Pitts of Westminster Christian Academy-River Bend were honored by the Alton/Godfrey Rotary Club as the Students of the Month for the month of January at the Club's regular meeting at the Moonlight Restaurant on January 8th.

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 seniors 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 tenth year of the program and since the program started, 167 students have been honored from the four area high schools

Sarah Goins is the daughter of David and Sheila Goins of Alton. A regular on the school's honor roll, Sarah was selected for the National Achievement Award for Excellence in Education, and the National English Merit Award.

Active in the school's theatre program, Goins serves as Secretary of the Thespian Society and was recognized with the Most Improved Actress award. She is a member of the concert choir, serves on the Student Council, and is a member of the Talent Search program as well as the "Grow Your Own Program" sponsored by the Alton School District. She serves as a student tutor and mentor. She has been an active student volunteer at the high school helping students with their adjustment at the new high school and working to make the first year's experience at the new high school a pleasant experience for her fellow students.

Goins plans to attend Northern Illinois University and major in Theatre.

Kilah Bryan is the daughter of Robert and Tonya Bryan of Godfrey. Bryan has been a regular on the school's high honor roll and she is presently serving as President of the senior class

at her school. She is a member of the National Honor Society and was Selected to Who's Who Among American High School Students. She was featured in the Student Spotlight section of the Post Dispatch.

Kilah has been an active participant in the schools athletic program. She has been a member of the volleyball and basketball teams serving as team captain of the Volleyball team her junior year and team captain of the basketball team for the past two years. She was also a member of the Cheerleading squad for two years.



In addition to her athletic activities, Bryan has been an active member of the school's music program as a member of the band and choral group. She qualified for several awards at the Illinois Association of Christian Schools state music contests.

An active member of her church, Kilah teaches Sunday School and Vacation Bible School as well as participating in other related church activities. She has worked at several part time jobs since she has been at school and believes the work experience has been extremely beneficial to her.

After graduating, She plans to enroll in a Christian college and earn a degree in Christian Counseling.

Jessica Pitts is the daughter of Denise Pitts of Wood River and the late Thomas Pitts. She ranks first in her class and has consistently achieved the High Honor Roll throughout her High School career.

Jessica has been involved in Student Council, Formal Committee, and the girl's basketball team. She also served as team captain of the volleyball team for two years. She has been recognized by the school by receiving the Character of David Award her freshman year, the Character of Obadiah Award her junior year, the Scholar Athlete Award for two years and the Coach's award for volleyball. She is this year's nominee for the DAR Good Citizenship Award.

Pitts has been very involved in community service activities working at the local soup kitchen, tutoring fellow students, and been a member of the Young Adults committee of the Growth Association. She plans to enroll at Dordt College and major in Math Education.

Copley has only one date open in February and he will try and get a speaker from the Hayner Library Mission.

In Service Projects, Jeannine gave a big thanks to Tom Turpin, Chairman, and all the volunteers who visited schools to hand out the dictionaries. The project was a big success.

For the Rotary Foundation Dan Saeger said Interact rang bells at Schnucks and raised \$268.30. They also had a toy drive at the high school and 250 toys were donated. Bill Moyer said there is no final report on the cataract project

In old business Jeannine said she was contacted by Mike Drake who explained to her what happened with the fountain. He did say they received specs from the manufacturer. The fountain bases are in but not the fountains. It was suggested that a meeting be set up between Jeannine, Mike Seymour, Bill Moyer, Mike Drake and Rhonda Lewis to get an accounting from the City for the fountain maintenance. Jeannine asked the Board to keep a positive attitude on this project. Bill Moyer suggested that Rotary take over the landscaping using our manpower to plant the City bushes. It was decided to wait and see what happens in the meeting. Mike Seymour is to schedule the meeting with the City.

There was no update on the Lars Hoffman Park. Mike Seymour advised that we stay on top of this project so there are no problems as experienced with the fountain.

For the International Service Project, dental equipment, Tom Turpin said he had spoken with Diane Stumpe, of the Jersey County Board that participated in the first dental project. She has had no response to requests for pictures of this project. Bill Moyer suggested contacting R.I. to see if there is a need anyplace else. This equipment is older and the shipping is quit expensive. Jeannine is going to contact Bea Schulmeister to explain the situation and find out her desires.

Ron Mayhew had no new report on the additional literacy project. He will make a presentation at the Club Assembly.

Spouses Night at LaVista Gardens is scheduled for the last Monday in April. Rotary fill be responsible for tables, chairs and caterer.

In new business, Ron Mayhew, for Mike McCormick, said that Mike will chair the golf tournament but not the auction. A fundraising chair will have to be appointed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Seymour, Executive Secretary



market conditions in the steel industry and Alton Steel's focus over the next several years.

Mar 26 Moonlight Restaurant
Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Victor Pacini, a motivational and inspirational speaker and performer from Chicago who is working with Hayner Library on the Mission Recognition Program, will be our speaker.

- Joel Copley, Bill Hoagland - Program Directors

Ideas for Recruiting and Retaining Younger Members

- **Induct several young members at once, instead of recruiting them one at a time.** If your club has no younger members, inducting several at the same time gives these new members an immediate peer group in the club.
- **Conduct service projects that are likely to appeal to younger members.** The Australian Bureau of Statistics found that volunteers in two age groups, 25-35 and 55-65, do the same amount of service work. But the younger volunteers were more likely to focus on areas such as education, sports, and family matters.
- **Recruit Rotaractors, GSE team members, and other Rotary program alumni.** Their participation in RI and Foundation programs shows that they already know about Rotary's ideals and are interested in pursuing its mission.
- **Consider lowering the total cost of membership in your club.** Some younger members have trouble meeting the financial obligations of club membership. To combat this problem, some clubs have lowered their fees or have a meal only once or twice a month instead of every week.

December Minutes

The December 11, 2006 meeting of directors of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club was called to order at 5:00 p.m., by President Jeannine Kelly. Others in attendance were, Ron Mayhew, Scott Neudecker, Dick Jones, Bryan White, Dana Eastman, Roland Hansen, Mike Tillman, Tom Turpin, Dan Saeger, Ford Phillips, Mike Seymour, Allen McBride, Josh Farley, Bill Moyer, Larry Thompson and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour. Others in attendance, Jasper Fisher.

On a motion by Dick Jones, seconded by Ford Phillips the minutes were approved. On a motion Dick Jones, seconded by Bryan White, the treasurer's report was approved.

New member proposed is E. J. Kuiper proposed by Rod Elias. On a motion membership of E. J. Kuiper was accepted pending his attending two meetings.

In Club Administration, Jeannine presented a proposed budget for this year. After discussion a motion was made by Dick Jones, seconded by Dana Eastman to approve the budget. The motion passed. Dick Jones reported that there is a balance of \$17,175.37 in the Piasa Foundation. On menu selection Bryan White reported that we could get an upscale menu for \$12.99. He recommends that we stay with the current menu and try the new items and see if there is an improvement. Tonight's meeting will be election of Officers and Directors for 2007-2008. Requests from the Community Counseling Center and the Ursuline Convent were referred to Club Administration for review.

In Club Public Relations, Ford Phillips said he has not heard anything on the grant.

In membership, Mike Tillman is chairman of the Family Christmas party scheduled for 12/18/06.

In Service Projects, Jeannine gave big thanks to Tom Turpin, Chairman, and all the volunteers who visited schools to hand out the dictionaries. The private schools will visited on December 12. Bill Moyer said this is the most worthwhile project the club has done because it touched so many students and felt it should be ongoing. The committee met on the New Student Recognition Program. Their recommendation to the Board was to abandon the idea for the program. Dana Eastman suggested that Alton-Godfrey Rotary could support the Hayner Library Mission Recognition program.

For the Rotary Foundation Dan Saeger said the Alton High Interact Club is off and running. They rang bells for the Salvation Army December 9 and had 20 participants. They are also collecting toys at Alton High School this week for the Salvation Army. Dan said that Bushnell has started an Interact Club and Knox College has a Rotaract Club.

In old business Jeannine was contacted by Dick Robinson, District Governor. He told her that Larry Thompson has been accepted as District Governor for 2009-2010. The Board congratulated Larry on this honor.

Also in old business Bill Moyer reported on the Argentina cataract project. \$16,000 from the District was sent allowing for 106 surgeries in a 4 week period.

There were several items under new business. The first item was the International Service Project sending Mel Schulmeister's dental equipment to Africa. Tom Turpin recommended that this be tabled until we confirmation of was done with the previous donation of equipment.

Ron Mayhew made a presentation for an additional literacy project in Title I schools. It is "Real Men Read" and gets kids involved with a male role model. It involves one hour a month to read to kids. Lovejoy School needs 16 men to cover every class (K-5). Bill Moyer recommended going forward and see if the membership is willing to take on this project.

Tom Turpin made a presentation for the Boy Scout's Venturing Crew at AHS. This program gives handicap and special needs groups access to the Boy Scout Camp. He asked for a donation of \$600 to sustain this program. On a motion by Bill Moyer, seconded by Josh Farley this donation was approved.

Jeannine presented an invitation from the LaVista Gardens to have a spouses meeting at LaVista Gardens in April. The Gardens would provide greens from the garden for the salad and a speaker for the evening.

In announcements Larry Thompson said Pre-Pets is in Jacksonsville 2/20/07 for incoming presidents. President Elect seminar is 3/23-24/07 at the Crown Plaza in Springfield. The District Assembly for incoming officers and Board of Director members is 4/14/07.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Seymour, Executive Secretary

December Report

Previous Balance	\$22,057.15
cleared payments	15,171.71
cleared deposits	5,868.13
Cleared Balance	12,753.57
uncleared payments	1,997.57
uncleared deposits	0.00
Account Balance	10,756.00
New Payments	144.00
New Deposits	1,206.00
Ending Balance	11,818.00

Club Officers 2005-2006

President.....	Jeannine Kelly
	25 Logan Road, Alton, 465-0123
Vice-President.....	Josh Farley
	1211 Callahan Dr, Alton, 465-5257
Secretary.....	Scott Neudecker
	5212 Richland Woods Dr., Alton, 462-4697
Treasurer.....	Ford Phillips
	1007 Henry St., Alton, 463-0769
Executive Secretary.....	Melissa Seymour
	3026 Edwards St., Alton, 462-7206

Board of Directors 2005-2006

Allen McBride-3rd yr	Dan Saeger-2nd yr
Martha Morse-3rd yr	Tom Turpin-2nd yr
Mike Seymour-3rd yr	Joel Copley-1st yr
Mike Tillman-3rd yr	Dana Eastman-1st yr
Bryan White-3rd yr	Rod Elias-1st yr
Ron Mayhew-2nd yr	Roland Hansen-1st yr
Bill Moyer-2nd yr	Dick Jones-1st yr
Mike Osborne-2nd yr	Sharon Johnson-PP