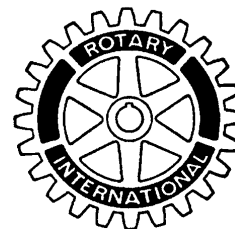


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John Rain  
Mike Seymour  
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**Past President** Sam Stemm

## February Students of the Month

**MICHAEL BAXTER**, a senior at Alton High School, and **SARA MORRILL**, a senior at Marquette Catholic High School were honored by the Alton/Godfrey Rotary Club as the Students of the Month for the month of February at the Club's regular meeting at the Alton Holiday Inn on February 10.

**Sara Morrill** is the daughter of Ken Morrill and Raydele Klostermeier. She is a member of the school's National Honor Society, has a 3.98 GPA and is an ACT National Merit Scholarship Qualifier. Her academic honors also include being selected as an Illinois State Scholar. She has consistently qualified for the school's honor roll.

Morrill has been active in school activities as a member of the Campus Ministry and serving on the Executive Board of that organization. She has been a member of the school chorus, has worked on the fall and spring musical productions and has been an active member of the International Club. She is a member of the American Poet's Society and a poem she authored entitled "Despair" will be published in the Anthology WHISPERS.

Upon graduation Morrill plans to enroll at Pamona College in California and major in Journalism.

**Michael Baxter** is the son of Bob and Jan Baxter of Alton He has consistently qualified for the school's honor roll and was selected previously as the Student of the Month at the JB Johnson Center.

He has been active in school activities as a member of the Biology Club and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, an organization in which he serves as Vice President. Michael has participated in cross country, soccer, and track & field, sports in which he lettered. He was selected as captain of the track team and was also a member of the Alton High School Sweetheart Ball court.

Active in community service activities, Baxter is a volunteer at Tree House, the Bucket Brigade, and is especially involved in church sponsored activities. He is undecided about his post graduate plans but hopes to pursue additional study in Art & Design.

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## Our Rotary Calendar



**February 10** **Holiday Inn**  
Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 pm.  
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Students of the Month for February will be honored. Spouse's Valentine Night

**February 17** **Holiday Inn**  
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Past President Recognition Program. Sue Fitzgerald, St. Anthony's Hospice, will speak about the care and support of the hospice services program.

**February 24** **Stratford Hotel**  
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Dinner will be catered by Copley's Catering. Marty Hendin, St. Louis Cardinals, will bring the news of the Cardinals' 2003 season.

**March 3** **St. Paul Episcopal**  
18th Annual Chili Chowdown, Serving 11 am-1 pm, 4:30 pm-7 pm

**March 8** **Springfield**  
President Elect Training Seminar

**March 10** **Holiday Inn**  
Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 pm.  
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Students of the Month for March will be honored. A club member will provide an update, news, and events related to their vocation.

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## Board Minutes for December

The December 9, 2002 meeting of directors of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club was called to order at 5:00 p.m., by President Ed Morrissey. Others in attendance were Mike Seymour, Tom Juravich, Sharon Johnson, Bill Moyer, John Rain, Scott Neudecker, Mike McCormick, Bob Fowler, Dan Saeger, Sam Stemm, Jeanine Kelly, Von VanDiver, David Walker, Ford Phillips, Larry Hauck, Dorothy Hutchinson-Gross and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour.

On a motion by Rain, seconded by Moyer the minutes were approved. The treasurer's report was also approved.

In Community Service a motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Moyer to donate the proceeds of the symphony and auction to the Alton Symphony. Stemm asked if this fundraiser is needed to support our budget. General consensus of the Board was yes, as most fundraisers should be for the benefit of our Club. The first motion was withdrawn. The Board does support a donation to the Symphony based on the income from the silent auction.

In Vocational Service, tonight is Student of the Month.

In International service there was no report.

In Club Service, McCormick advised the Board that the East End Business Association wants to continue the Festival of Lights. There is a chance that Alton-Godfrey Rotary can share this responsibility with them. Concerning the Rotary billboard (4 Way Test), Seymour has spoken to Arrow Sign and the cost of a reusable sign would be \$600.00. He didn't have any cost on a monthly space rental. It was suggested that maybe the radio and newspaper would be a better use of money. Seymour said he was just putting this out in front of the Committee as a suggestion. Walker agreed it's a good idea to promote Rotary and felt that a promotion committee should be part of Club Service. Morrissey appointed Sam Stemm,

Steve Cousley, and Sharon Johnson to the Public Relations committee.

For the Foundation Moyer reported that Alton-Godfrey Rotary has raised \$14,622.60 for the Polio Eradication 2002 Campaign.

In old business, McCormick has talked to Holiday Inn and they will give us the opportunity to pick our own menu. Mike Seymour, Dan Saeger, and Dave Walker are to meet with Holiday Inn.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa Seymour,  
Executive Secretary

## Board Minutes for January

Alton - Godfrey Rotary Club January 13, 2003 Directors Meeting Minutes

Present: Ed Morrissey, Mike McCormick, Larry Thompson, Jeannine Kelly, Sharon Johnson, Ford Phillips, Dan Saeger, Bill Moyer, John Rain, Scott Neudecker, Sam Stemm, Von Vandiver, Dave Walker, Tom Juravich, Ron Mayhew.

Minutes of 12/09/02 Board Meeting. Motion by Sam, 2nd by Mike - approved.

December P & L, Transactions, and Recon report reviewed - Motion by Bill, 2nd by Mike - approved.

New Members Proposed:

- Phillip M. Trapani - proposed by Jim Baiter - approved
- Mike Castelli - proposed by Dave Walker - approved, subject to 2nd posting

### February Treasurer's Report

Previous Balance	\$13,689.72
cleared payments	-\$2,196.94
cleared deposits	\$7,454.56
Cleared Balance	\$18,947.34
uncleared payments	-\$5,703.37
uncleared deposits	\$588.00
Account Balance	\$13,831.97

01/13/03 Calendar Schedule reviewed

Committee Programs/Projects dated 10/07/02 reviewed

Four Avenues of Service - (Meet Quarterly)

Community Service - Jeanine Kelly

- Community Support Greenhouse Application Criteria - Refer to Von Vandiver
- 3/03 -18th Annual Chili Chowdown - last year co chairs - Jack Leonard & Sam. Will need to expedite to continue this.

International Service - John Rain mentioned several possible projects:

- Elderly home in Brazil needs Van to transport elderly - \$2,000
- High school in India - \$2,000
- Ed mentioned Marion Mission shallow water wells in Africa.
- Rotary International matching fund program for approved projects. Dave Walker suggested checking budget status and proceeding accordingly.

Vocational Service - Tom Juravich

Students of Month & Speakers Program 99th & 100th Student of Month will be honored tonight

Student of Year to be selected in May and announced in June

Club Service - Mike McCormick

- Project Chairpersons:
- 2/10 - Spouse's "Valentine" Nite - Tom Wyatt
- 2/17 - Past President Recognition Nite -TBA
- 3/17 - St. Patrick's Day M Nite - Ron Mayhew

Foundation Chair - Bill Moyer - \$14,893 plus "fine" money from last week & this week.

- Bill contacting approximately six new members

Fund Raising Chair - Sharon Johnson (Jeannine Kelly, Martha Morse)

- Hathaway Hall Holiday Pops-Auction Profit-\$2,156.54
- Alton Symphony Donation? - motion by Dave, 2nd by Sharon to make donation to Alton Symphony, amount being same as amount donated to Choral Group, not to exceed \$500.00.

Old Committee Business

- Holiday Inn Food Menu Selection - Mike McCommick
  - Mike reminded us 2/27 club assembly to be at Moonlight Restaurant
- Visitations
- Public Relations Committee - Steve Cousley will be holding luncheon meeting soon.
- Mike McCommick advised he was contacted by Bob Walters regarding status of \$2,000 Bill Drake memorial contribution. Club voted last summer to make donation, but not received yet.

#### Mail

- District 6460 Newsletter lists 48 clubs - September Alton Godfrey status indicated room for improvement:
- Membership - loss of six members from 111 to 106. 2nd highest loss.
- Attendance September - 61.2% - only 8 clubs listed had lower rates.
- Rotary PR Letter From Allen Klope
- CharterNite Invite-Peoria Service 01/16/03

#### New Business

- Approved Von Vandiver ordering 8 red Rotary apron/vests for next years Salvation Army bell ringing.
- Bluff City Bombers - John Rain reported Bluff City Bombers inquiring if we will renew our \$500 contribution again. This is one of only 6 sports organizations in Illinois to promote wood bat youth sports. Donation includes Rotary Bill-board. Motion by Sam, 2nd by Ford - approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

## The Rotary Program...continued

**March 17**                      **Rolling Hills**  
Steak Fry at the Rolling Hills Club House 6:00 pm. St. Patrick's Day M-Nite. Rotarians are asked to invite a guest for this special program.

**March 24**                      **Holiday Inn**  
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm. Program to be announced.  
—Dorothy Hutchinson-Gross

## February Students of the Month...continued

Ed Morrissey Jr., President of the Rotary Club presented each student with a plaque recognizing their selection as the Student of the Month.

—Tom Juravich

## January Students of the Month

**JESSICA CRIVELLO**, a senior at Alton High School, and **JONATHAN CONRAD**, 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 Alton Holiday Inn on JANUARY 13.

**Jessica Crivello** is the daughter of Rick and Monica Crivello of Alton. She has a 3.308 grade average and has consistently achieved recognition on the school's honor roll. She was selected to Who's Who Among American High School Students and was selected as Student of the Year at the JB Johnson Center her junior year. She was also selected as a Representative to Business Professionals of America. Jessica has been a key member of the Alton High girls' softball team participating all four years on the squad.

She has not only excelled in her school activities but has been very active in community service and church activities. She has been a Sunday school teacher for four years, served as a vacation Bible School Games organizer for three years, and is a nursery care provider at the Resurrection Lutheran Church. As a member of the church's youth group she has been actively involved in food drives for the Food Crisis Center and providing care packages for the Oasis Women's Center.

Upon graduation she plans to enroll at Illinois College majoring in Elementary Education.

**Jonathan Conrad** is the son of David and Joan Conrad of Alton. He has a 3.24 grade average and has been a member of the school's honor roll throughout his high school attendance. He was selected to Who's Who Among American High School Students and was selected as an All American Scholar his junior and senior years. He also was the recipient of the DAR Patriotism Award and is a member of the National Honor Roll.

Conrad has been very active in school activities participating in the school's choir, theater programs, and the school's yearbook staff. He has been a key member of the school's soccer and basketball teams. He played on the school's championship soccer teams which won or took second place in the Illinois Association of Christian Schools State Championship tournaments receiving numerous awards and recognition which include being selected to the all tournament teams. He also has been a key member of the school's basketball team serving as team captain for two years and being selected as the team MVP his junior year.

Conrad is very active in his church and has been active in community service activities. He has been a vacation Bible School worker at the Brown Street Baptist and Delhi Baptist Churches. He has served as a Teacher's Aide and worked at the Arm's of Love Crisis Pregnancy Center.

Upon graduation Conrad plans to enroll at Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeny, Iowa and is undecided about a future major.

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—Tom Juravich