



# The Ratchet



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## Greetings From Our New President



Almost 90 years ago, a group of Alton-Godfrey civic leaders brought to our community, a new club that was dedicated to the concept that Service above Self was an ideal to which all men and women should aspire.

I am very pleased and honored to lead that club which nearly 90 years later is still upholding the ideal of Service above Self. In a recent survey, our members were asked, "How we might improve the club?" They answered resoundingly: "We need to have more hands on projects that will benefit our communities."

As we the work during the 2009-2010 Rotary year, we should remember and honor our past Rotarians who dedicated many years of their lives to Rotary's ideals. It is for us, as active Rotarians, to dedicate ourselves to continuing the work which they so nobly began – eradicating polio from the face of the earth, bringing clean drinking water to communities around the world, and fostering a better understanding between all nations as we work globally to exemplify Service above Self as a way of life.

I look forward to working with every member of our club as we strive to increase our commitment to Rotary's ideals – so that our past work will continue to generate benefits; and our future projects will have a positive and lasting effect on our communities and the people who live there --The Future of Rotary is truly in YOUR Hands.

## Rotary Programs



**Aug 3**

**Alton Sports Tap**

Regular meeting 6:00 p.m. The program will be on "Corkball" presented by William H. Hoagland. Corkball is a game unique to the St.Louis area that was extremely popular in the 1940's and 1950's. It is an off-shoot of baseball and focuses on hitting and pitching skills in particular. Although the popularity of the game died out by 1970, I organized a series of games between local doctors and lawyers in the 1980's to improve the relationship between doctors and lawyers, which was at an all-time low. Yes, a number of "bean-balls" were thrown and yes, the lawyers generally won (since we made the rules) but not always. Come and watch the film clips..

**Aug 10**

**Alton Sports Tap**

Regular meeting 6:00 p.m. Our speaker will be Greg Vogel, the Director of the Center for American Archeology at Kampsville, who will discuss the activities at the Center and the various Native American tribes that lived in this area as far back as seven thousand years ago. Mr. Vogel said you can bring along any arrowheads or other artifacts that you want him to try and identify.

***New Officers Are Installed***



Treasurer, Jasper Fisher; Secretary, Mike Tillman; Vice President, Roland Hansen; President, Ford Phillips,; and Outgoing President, Scott Neudecker.

***Paul Harris Fellows***



Roland Hansen, Ford Phillips, Chris Fox, Judy Thompson, Mike Osborne



***Interact Officers***



President, Alex Schenk; Vice President, David Lauschke  
Secretary, Kelly McCormick.

Three of the four new Interact officers attended our end-of-year banquet. Treasurer Samantha Quigley was not in attendance. President Alex Schenk spoke to the club about Interact's plans for 2009-10.



***New Governor Installed***



Ron Riggins, 2007-08; Larry Thompson, 2009-10;



## Report on Golf Fund Raiser

Melissa Seymour reports that the final figures are in for this year's golf fund raiser. With \$11,028 in income and \$5,602.18 in expenses, net profit was \$5,840.82. Thanks to everyone who worked on this project.



*Rumor has it that one member in this foursome required an IV after completing his round.*



*Two of our many volunteers, Susie Brown and daughter Jeni Thompson*

### Aug 17 Rolling Hills Golf Course

Steak Fry at the Rolling Hills Golf Course Club House 6:00 p.m. A golf outing will precede the meeting. Contact Richard Johnson for details.

### Aug 24 Alton Sports Tap

Regular meeting 6:00 p.m. District Governor Larry Thompson will make his official visit to the club representing Rotary International.

### Aug 31 Alton Sports Tap

Regular meeting 6:00 p.m. The program will feature the Honorable Tom Hoechst, the newly elected Mayor of the City of Alton. Mayor Hoechst will discuss current issues pertinent to Alton and how he plans to deal with them.

### Sep 7 No Meeting - Labor Day

### Sep 14 The Alton Sports Tap

Board of Directors Meeting 5:00 PM. Regular Meeting 6:00 PM. Program to be announced.

### Sep 21 Rolling Hills

Steak Fry at the Rolling Hills Golf Course Club House 6:00 PM. A golf outing will precede the meeting. Contact Richard Johnson for details.

### Sep 28 The Alton Sports Tap

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM. First Quarter Club Assembly

-Bill Hoagland, Program Director



## The Changing Of The Guard



### Club Officers 2009-2010

President.....Ford Phillips  
 1007 Henry St., Alton, 463-0769  
 Vice President .....Roland Hansen  
 820 Creekwood Lane, Godfrey, 466-1970  
 Secretary ..... Mike Tillman  
 1902 Paris Dr., Godfrey, 466-1928  
 Treasurer .....Jasper Fisher  
 3885 Fosterburg Rd., Alton, 259-3177  
 Executive Secretary.....Melissa Seymour  
 3026 Edwards St., Alton, 462-7206

### Board of Directors 2009-2010

Rod Elias-1st yr	Ebony Huddleston-3rd yr
Dick Jones-1st yr	Brian White-3rd yr
Sam Stemm-1st yr	Dave Walker-2nd yr
Ken Spells-1st yr	Larry Spain-2nd yr
Gail Weinrich-1st yr	Brock Hendricks-2nd yr
Jasper Fisher-3rd yr	Michael Osborne-2nd yr
Donald Moyer-3rd yr	Tom Turpin-2nd yr
Jeff Weber-3rd yr	Scott Neudecker-PP