



The Ratchet



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Pictures from 2007 Annual Meeting



Paul Harris Fellows - 2007



Our New President



Hoffman's Gardens Dedication

Photos by Allen Klope

Rotary Programs



Jul 2 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Jim White and Tom McClusky will tell us about the Boston Marathon and will discuss how participants are selected, how much training was required, and their overall impressions of the event they both ran this past April.

Jul 9 Moonlight Restaurant

Board of Directors Meeting 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Barbara Cempura, the President and CEO of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Southwestern Illinois, will speak about that organization and what they have accomplished in the past several years.

Jul 16 Rolling Hills

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

Jul 23 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Ron Williams of Edwardsville will talk about the Arlington National Cemetery. Although Ron is now an attorney practicing in Edwardsville, he previously was on active duty in the US Army for more than 30 years and during that

Student of the Year



Alexander McDonald, son of Michael and Anita Cooper McDonald of Alton and a 2007 graduate of Alton High School was selected as "Student of the Year" for the 2006-2007 school year by the Alton/Godfrey Rotary Club. He was selected from among 19 "Students of the Month" from Alton, Marquette Catholic, and Mississippi Valley Christian High Schools. With his selection comes a \$3000 scholarship applicable to tuition and fees at the college of his choice. He was honored at the June 11 meeting of the Alton/Godfrey Rotary Club at Julia's Banquet Center. McDonald was presented the award by Jeannine Kelly, President of the Alton/Godfrey Rotary Club and Erika Paul, Student of the Year for 2004-2005.

McDonald was honored as Alton High School's "Student of the Month" in May. An Illinois State Scholar and a Commended Student in the National Merit Scholarship Program, he had a distinguished academic record at Alton High ranking among the top students in his graduating class. A member of the National Honor Society, Alexander served as president of the organization during his senior year.

His outstanding scholarship also earned him selection as the Scholar Athlete for the Golf and Basketball teams for the past two years and earned him a place on the first team Illinois High School Association All-State Academic Team.

Besides the many academic honors, McDonald was very active in many school activities and athletics at Alton High. After graduating, McDonald plans to enroll at Grinnell College in Iowa where he will major in Mathematics. After completion of a degree at Grinnell, he plans to pursue graduate studies as well.

The Student of the Month program was initiated by the Alton/Godfrey Rotary Club ten years ago. One hundred eighty one students have been recognized for



their outstanding scholarship, participation in school activities, and community service work.

Alexander McDonald becomes the tenth student to be selected as Student of the Year by the Rotary Club. Scott Yanta, last year's recipient, is attending the University of Missouri.

Phil Trapani, Principal at Alton High School and Rev. Brent Van Sickle representing Mississippi Valley Christian were presented with plaques listing the names of the students who were honored from their schools during the 2006-2007 school year.

In addition to McDonald, other Alton High students recognized during the past year included Katie Brooks, Luke Jackson, Rayna Brice, Stephanie Leavell, Brandon Twichell, Sarah Goins, Nicole Busier, Charles Phillips, Aaron Campbell, Nathaniel Fleming, and Joshua Bates.

Marquette Catholic students honored were Ben Huebener, Sydney Scheiter, Jennifer Meckles, Alex Schroeder, and Rebecca Hurst.

Kyla Bryan was honored from Mississippi Valley Christian School and Jessica Pitts from Westminster Christian Academy.

Council on Legislation changes affecting membership

from Rotary's *The Membership Minute*



The 2007 Council on Legislation adopted 97 items, 59 of which were enactments that change the RI constitutional documents. All policy changes take effect on 1 July. Some of the changes that affect membership administration are summarized below. (Each adopted enactment is identified by number so you can easily locate it in the Report of Action.)

ATTENDANCE

- 07-11: The club board can cancel a club meeting for commonly recognized holidays.
- 07-14: Club members are required to attend or make up 50 percent rather than 60 percent of regular meetings in each half of the Rotary year.
- 07-334: Assistant governors are excused from the requirement of attending at least 30 percent of their own club's regular meetings in each half of the Rotary year.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

- 07-42: Rotaractors who have ended their Rotaract membership within the preceding two years and have been accepted into a Rotary club are exempt from paying a club admission fee.
- 07-57 and 07-330: Clubs can elect Rotary Foundation alumni into active membership, even if the classification of the alumnus is filled.
- 07-329: Clubs can elect into active membership people with good reputations in the community who have demonstrated a commitment to service and the Object of Rotary through personal involvement in local affairs.

DUES

- 07-283: RI per capita dues will be US\$23.50 per half year in 2007-08, \$24.00 per half year in 2008-09, \$24.50 per half year in 2009-10, and \$25.00 per half year in 2010-11. Dues will remain at \$25.00 per half year until changed by the Council on Legislation.
- 07-287: For each new member, clubs will pay prorated per capita dues until the beginning of the next semiannual period for which dues are payable. The amount payable for each full month of membership will be one-twelfth of the per capita dues.

The *Manual of Procedure* will be updated with all revised constitutional documents and mailed to all clubs and districts. The English version should be available by the end of October, and versions in other languages should be available by March. In the meantime, you can download the complete Report of Action at www.rotary.org.

time, served as the Post Engineer at the Arlington National Cemetery for three years. He will present a very interesting program on the history of the Arlington National Cemetery.

Jul 30 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Bill Kessler will talk about his 30 years as the CEO of St. Anthony's and the changes he observed over that time with respect to the health care industry in general and with respect to this community in particular.

Aug 6 Moonlight Restaurant

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

Aug 13 Moonlight Restaurant

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

Aug 20 Rolling Hills

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

Aug 27 Moonlight Restaurant

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

- Joel Copley, Bill Hoagland - Program Directors



June Minutes

The May 14, 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, Tom Turpin, Mike Seymour, Mike Osborne, Rod Elias, Josh Farley, Ford Phillips, Dana Eastman, Dick Jones, Bill Moyer, and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour.

Others in attendance, Jasper Fisher and Larry Thompson. On a motion by Dick Jones, seconded by Roland Hansen the minutes were approved. On a motion Dick Jones, seconded by Bryan White, the treasurer's report was approved.

In Club Administration, Dick Jones reported that there is \$17,486.48 in the Piasa Foundation account. Ron Mayhew said the Paul Harris Committee selected 4 to receive the honor. Bill Moyer brought up the fact that we should follow through with the budget and support Rotary International Foundation with \$1000.00 yearly. This was placed into a motion and seconded by Ron Mayhew. The Board approved sending \$1000.00 to Rotary International this year. The installation dinner is scheduled at Lockhaven Country Club for June 23. Larry Thompson suggested inviting the Interact officers to the installation. A motion was made by Bill Moyer, seconded by Rod Elias that we invite the officers and also pay for there dinners. Larry Thompson asked that the motion be amended to present the officers with pins. This was seconded by Rod Elias. The motion as amended was approved.

In Club Public Relations, Jeannine e-mailed Sam Stemm and let him know the grant is approved.

In membership, Joel Copley reported that speakers are scheduled through June. He also asked that it be emphasized to the membership, the week before, that the steak fry is a membership night.

In Service Projects, Mike Seymour reported that there are still 15 members who have not paid for their tickets. Scott Neudecker said there are 18 teams registered for the golf classic but more teams are needed. Also, a few more auction items are needed. There are 50 items to date and there are 36 hole sponsors, a cart sponsor, and a hole in one sponsor.

For the Rotary Foundation, Bill Moyer reported that the District has not heard back from Argentina on the cataract project. Interact had a car wash fundraiser and made \$600.00 for their International Project.

In mail/correspondence a request was received from District to send a donation for tornado relief for Greensburg, KS.

The funds are to be sent to District 5690. It was approved on a motion by Bill Moyer, seconded by Josh Farley that we have the Sgt. at Arms handle the task of raising funds. A request for \$2000 to purchase a grand piano for Alton High School was referred to Service Projects.

In old business, concerning the Rotary Fountain, Roger Hoffard has spoken with the Park Department and the City does not want to do any plantings at the present time. For the Lars Hoffman Park, Josh Farley reported that only 6 showed up for the planting so there is more work to do. Dana Eastman reported that 2 students from Alton High will be attending the World Affairs Seminar. A third student was paid for and Dana has requested a refund. Bill Moyer requested this year's share of the \$12,000 committed for Lincoln Douglas Square over 5 years for landscaping and maintenance.

In new business, Curt Martin is moving to Pennsylvania and it was approved on a motion by Dana Eastman, seconded by Ford Phillips that a letter wishing him well be sent by Jeannine. The board approved sending a \$50.00 memorial for Bill Abbott. Jeannine would like a Youth of the Year Scholarship for the Boys and Girls Club. This was referred to Service Projects.

Guest speaker, Tom Hewlet, from BSA, made a presentation for 10 waterfront docks and a swim platform at Camp Warren Levis. The total cost of the materials is \$19,100.00. The components for the docks are already in. They are looking for help in constructing the docks in June. It takes 4 – 6 people to put together one dock. Bill Moyer said that Rotary should continue supporting the camp. In the past Alton-Godfrey built two buildings, one in the 1950's and another in the 1980's.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Seymour, Executive Secretary

May Report

Previous Balance	\$10,513.86
cleared payments	12,986.35
cleared deposits	19,995.20
Cleared Balance	17,522.71
uncleared payments	1,681.00
uncleared deposits	0.00
Account Balance	15,841.71
New Payments	0.00
New Deposits	0.00
Ending Balance	15,841.71

Club Officers 2005-2006

President.....	Josh Farley
	1211 Callahan Dr, Alton, 462-5257
Vice-President.....	Scott Neudecker
	5212 Richland Woods Dr., Alton, 462-4697
Secretary.....Ford Phillips
	1007 Henry St., Alton, 463-0769
Treasurer.....	Roland Hansen
	820 Creekwood Lane, Godfrey, 466-1970
Executive Secretary.....	Melissa Seymour
	3026 Edwards St., Alton, 462-7206

Board of Directors 2005-2006

Ron Mayhew-3rd yr	Dick Jones-2nd yr
Bill Moyer-3rd yr	Sam Stemm-2nd yr
Mike Osborne-3rd yr	Jasper Fischer-1st yr
Dan Saeger-3rd yr	Martha Morse-1st yr
Tom Turpin-3rd yr	Alan McBride-1st yr
Joel Copley-2nd yr	Mike Tillman-1st yr
Dana Eastman-2nd yr	Brian White-1st yr
Rod Elias-2nd yr	D. Jeannine Kelly-PP