



The Ratchet



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Student of the Year



Morra is presented with the Student of the Year Plaque by Alex McDonald, 2007, as President Neudecker looks on.

Morra Dwyer, daughter of Frank and Fran Dwyer of Godfrey and a 2009 graduate of Marquette Catholic High School, was selected as *Student of the Year* for the 2008-2009 school year by the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club. She was selected from among 18 *Students of the Month* from Alton, Marquette Catholic and Mississippi Valley Christian High Schools. With her selection comes a \$3000 scholarship applicable to tuition and fees at the college of her choice. She was honored at the June 8 meeting of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club at the Temple Banquet Center in Alton. Dwyer was presented the award by Scott Neudecker, President of the Alton Godfrey Rotary Club and Alexander McDonald, a former Student of the Year



Dwyer becomes the twelfth individual selected as a Student of the Year. She was selected as Student of the Month from Marquette Catholic High School for the month of November. A Silver

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Rotary Programs



Jul 6

Alton Sports Tap

Regular meeting 6:00 p.m. Our speaker will be Chuck Diering, who played centerfield for the St.Louis Cardinals in the late 1940's and early 1950's. His teammates included Stan Musial, Enos Slaughter, Red Schoendienst, and Joe Garagiola. Chuck will talk about what it was like to play in the major leagues against such greats as Jackie Robinson, Duke Snyder and Warren Spahn

Jul 13

Alton Sports Tap

Regular meeting 6:00 p.m. Our speaker will be Kerry Miller, the Madison County Property Tax Assessor, scheduled for July 13. He will discuss how tax assessments are made here in Madison County and more specifically, what we can expect regarding the impact of declining real estate values on tax assessments.

Jul 20

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.

Hospitality Room



Several members of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club attended the District 6460 Annual Conference in Macomb recently. They were Bill Moyer, Mike Seymour, Jasper Fisher, Ron Mayhew, Dave Walker, Scott Neudecker. Several people visited the hospitality room, including one of the official representatives of the Rotary International President, who exchanged club flags with Scott Neudecker.

Chili Chowdown Final Report

Total Served	672
Attendance	Down 100 fro 2008
Expenses	
Metro Supply	\$1,096.83
Schwegel's	848.38
Main Street Methodist	250.00
Tickets	41.40
Total Served	2,236.61
Income	
Tickets	8,407.00
Returned Items	152.87
Total	8,559.87
Profit	6,323.26

Interact Update

Cami Giertz submitted the following report on Interact activities for the 2008-2009 school year:

- Donated \$350 to Marion Medical Mission for a new well in Africa to provide clean drinking water (from funds raised from the prior year)
- Participated in St. Baldrick's - raised over \$1900
- AHS Homecoming Parade
- Delivered food to the Oasis shelter
- Ran a Toy Drive for the month of Dec. - goods given to Salvation Army
- Sold 100 bags of Pecans for Rotary
- Sent 3 students to RYLA - Alex Schenk, David Lauschke, Morgan Stradal
- Had volunteer at Godfrey Park 'N Rec - Easter Egg Hunt
- Received a \$100 donation from the Moose organization for all of our community efforts
- Car Wash
- Collected canned food for the Crisis Food Center
- This year in May we are planning on donating \$250 to Smile Train - an organization that helps children with cleft palates around the world



2008-09 President Hunter McClain and Tommy Reese

We also elected new officers:

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| 2008-2009 | NEW 2009-2010 |
| Pres - Hunter McClain | Alex Schenk |
| VP - Steve Schmidt | David Lauschke |
| Sec - Erica Carrow | Kelly McCormick |
| Treas - Kelly McCormick | Samantha Quigley |

Chili Chowdown Pics



Jul 27 Alton Sports Tap

Regular meeting 6:00 p.m. Our speaker will be Brad Cunningham, the new Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Alton. He will discuss the new Alton Amphitheater and the events that have already been scheduled for that venue. If time allows, he will also discuss a new project involving the Lincoln-Douglas Square.

Aug 3 Alton Sports Tap

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

Aug 10 Alton Sports Tap

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

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. Program to be announced.

Aug 31 Alton Sports Tap

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

-Bill Hoagland, Program Director



Student of year



Morra, pictured with three previous awardees
From left, Erica Paul, Alex McDonald, and Ebony Huddleston

Medallion award recipient, an Illinois State Scholar, and a National Merit Commendation, Morra is a member of the National Honor Society and will enroll at the University of Notre Dame in the fall and major in Chemistry.

She was described by one of her teachers as a “young lady who consistently treats others with respect and dignity and who is not swayed by popular opinion, but rather stands up for her own beliefs. An independent young woman who works quietly and consistently to accomplish those goals she sets for herself .”

She has consistently earned a place on the school’s high honor roll and was a key member of the Marquette Scholar Bowl and World Youth Science and Engineering teams which performed so well in local, regional, and state competition.

Dwyer has been active in school activities serving as a member of the school newspaper staff, and the Explorer soccer, and cross country teams. She served in a leadership role on the Executive Board of the school’s Campus Ministry and took the leadership in

establishing a Breast Cancer Awareness club and spearheading fund raising efforts of the organization in its support of efforts to fight this deadly disease.

She has been active in other school organizations such as the Prom committee, Students Against Destructive Decisions, and the School Ambassadors. Dwyer is extremely committed to her church and service activities sponsored through the St. Mary’s Youth Group. She has worked as a volunteer at the Jensen-Schmidt Tennis Camp for children with Downs Syndrome and at the St. Mary’s Vacation Bible School.

Barb Gillian, Principal at Alton High School, Jerry Fair, Principal at Mississippi Valley Christian, and Mike Slaughter, Principal representing Marquette Catholic, were presented with plaques listing the names of the students who were honored from their schools during the 2008-2009 school year.

In addition to Dwyer, other Marquette students recognized during the past year included Patrick Fitzgerald, Erica Hernandez, Sara Beth Johnes, and J.T. File.

Alton High students honored were Victoria Cacciottoli, Maurice Davis, Tim Doyle, Raphael Figeroa, Briana Hightower, Ryan Huber, Jessica Lenoir, DeCarlo Logan, Andrea McPike, Trevor Paul, Whitney White, and Emily Zahner.

Megan Allen was honored from Mississippi Valley Christian School .

Rotary President Scott Neudecker praised the students recognized during the year noting that “They represent our best hope for the future. We are proud of the work of our local schools in educating our youth and we hope to continue to increase our participation in working with the schools to recognize the accomplishments of our students.”

Club Officers 2009-2010

President.....	Ford Phillips
	1007 Henry St., Alton, 463-0769
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	1902 Paris Dr., Godfrey, 466-1928
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	3885 Fosterburg Rd., Alton, 259-3177
Executive Secretary	Melissa Seymour
	3026 Edwards St., Alton, 462-7206

Board of Directors 2009-2010

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