



The Ratchet



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A Monthly Newsletter

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Hanging of the Baskets

Several Rotarians under the able leadership of Bill Moyer participated in hanging flower baskets at Lincoln Douglas Square on Friday, May 29.

Rotary Programs



Jun 2 Moonlight Restaurant

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

Jun 9 Moonlight Restaurant

Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Student of the Year will be recognized. High Schools will receive recognition plaques listing the names of the students who were recognized as Students of the Month during the 2007-2008 school year.

Jun 16 Rolling Hills Golf Course

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

Jun 15-18 Los Angeles, California

Rotary International Convention

Jun 23 Rolling Hills

Annual Golf Outing
 Time: 12:30 PM Tee Off
 Game: 4-Man Scramble
 Cost: \$75.00 per player
 Dinner: Steak Fry starting at 5:30 PM

Students of the Month

In this month's issue of The Ratchet, we are again focusing on original compositions by our students of the month.

Jazmine Wade and **Adrian Orr**, seniors at Alton High School were honored by the Alton/Godfrey Rotary Club as the **Students of the Month** for the month of **May** at the Club's regular meeting at the Moonlight Restaurant on **May 12th**.



Jazmine Wade is the daughter of Vickie Wade of Alton. She has been a regular on the school's High Honor Roll, is a member of the National Honor Society and is a participant in the Minority Student Excellence program.

Jazmine is a Student Ambassador, a member of the French Club and serves as the Public Relations Officer of Thespian Troupe 126. She is also a member of the Advanced Choir and WYSE.

Wade finds time from her busy schedule by volunteering at community activities such as the Rock Springs Park Christmas Lights program, Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army and the Trick or Treat so the Kids can Eat program.

She plans to attend Lewis and Clark Community College majoring in Public Relations/Business.



Adrian Orr is the son of Rouzell Porter and Latasha Leflore-Porter of Alton. He has been recognized for his participation in the Alton High Junior ROTC program where he earned numerous citations and ribbons in a number of specified categories. He is a recipient of the Academic Ribbon and is a member of the Military Officers Association of the AFJROTC program.

He was a member of the Redbird football team earning 3rd team All-Conference selection and has been a standout performer for the Advanced Choir earning first and second place awards at contest.

Adrian is a Student Ambassador, a Thespian and has participated in the soccer and tennis programs. He has contributed over 100 community service hours through JROTC program,

Orr plans to attend Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and major in Psychology

Student of the Month Essay

Last Moments as a Senior

By: Jazmine Kendela Wade

Who knew that my four long years of high school would flash in a blink of an eye. I can reminisce on my first steps on the old pit of the original Alton High School. A wave of emotions took over my nervousness, fear, excitement, embarrassment, and very little confidence. Sure I knew that I could make it through. I had the grades and drive to stay on the Honor Roll



and High Honor Roll lists. My first three years were h o m e w o r k , occasional parties, and sleep. For almost three years, I didn't know I had a curfew because most of the time I was studying for tests and exams. Sometimes my friends thought I was working too

hard. One day a good friend of mine said, "You know, you can take a load off. You already have straight A's."

One thing I got out of this playing field is social skills. Maybe in the beginning, talking to handsome young men (or some acted like young boys) was nerve-racking. Other than that, I met the coolest people in the music and drama departments. We took care of each other as if we were one big family. I was on any crew that needed help for our productions. During my sophomore year, I was cast in the play, "Talking With..." This unique production was a collection of monologues that deal with serious and touchy topics such as coping with the lost of a loved one. My monologue was titled, "Clear Glass Marbles." It was a very dramatic story of a daughter remembering her mother and how she one by one, let go of her clear glass marbles as if she were counting her last days on Earth. Feeling so attached to the character, during one of the performances I started crying on stage. There is no other feeling like it.

I have accomplished so many things this year. Being in this year's production of "All Shook Up" was very interesting. The cast and crew had fun times. Doing community service projects put things in perspective for me. It was nice to see the joy on people's faces while singing Christmas carols and collecting money for the Salvation Army. Now I will venture the real world with a more open mind.

Auction: Live Auction starting at 6:15 PM followed by Golf Awards and 50/50 Drawing.

Jun 30 Lockhaven Country Club

Annual Meeting. Induction of New Officers, Board of Directors, and Paul Harris Fellows. Josh Farley will be passing the gavel to new president, Scott Neudecker.

Jul 7 Moonlight Restaurant

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

Jul 14 Moonlight Restaurant

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

Jul 21 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 28 Moonlight Restaurant

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

Bill Hoagland - Program Director



Rotary Info

On Saturday, our esteemed president informed us that he is once more a father. Walter August Farley (Gus) was born at 5:47pm on May 29, 2008 Little Gus weighed 8 pounds 2 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. He has red hair, blue eyes and toes like a monkey.



Golf Tournament Update

Mike McCormick and Mike Osborne inform us that preparations for our golf fundraiser are going well. One problem,

We need more teams!!!



April Report

Previous Balance	\$21,025.38
cleared payments	3,940.95
cleared deposits	4,647.58
Cleared Balance	21,732.01
uncleared payments	2,195.43
uncleared deposits	2,048.00
Account Balance	21,584.58
New Payments	419.61
New Deposits	356.39
Ending Balance	21,940.97

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	Ken Spells-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
Gail Weinrich-2nd yr	Mike Tillman-1st yr
Rod Elias-2nd yr	Brian White-1st yr
Dick Jones-2nd yr	D. Jeannine Kelly-PP