



The Ratchet



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Rotary Programs



Lead the Way

The following comments from RI President William "Bill" Boyd are taken from a speech he delivered at the 2006 International Assembly.



Around the world, since before any of us here were born, Rotary has been changing lives in too many ways to count. As Rotary leaders, it is our responsibility to ensure that Rotary remains strong and able to help for many years to come.

New Rotarians join our clubs every day. Unfortunately, every day, some of those Rotarians leave. I know you all know this, because it's a message you've heard many times

Oct 2 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Jerry Thomas will talk about the current oil crisis from his perspective of having been in the oil business for 20+ years.

Oct 9 Moonlight Restaurant

Board of Directors meeting, 4:45 p.m. Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Students of the Month for October will be honored.

Oct 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.

Oct 23 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dee Kilgo will present a talk about Civil War pictures from the St. Louis area.

Oct 30 Moonlight Restaurant

Students who attended the University of Wisconsin International Affairs Conference will give us an update on their experiences.

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Students of the Month

Katie Brooks, and Luke Jackson, seniors at Alton High School were honored by the Alton/Godfrey Rotary Club as Students of the Month for September at the Club's regular meeting at the Moonlight Restaurant on September 25th.

The Student of the Month program was initiated by the Alton/Godfrey Rotary Club to recognize the accomplishments of area youth. Students selected must be seniors and are selected on the basis of outstanding scholarship, participation in school activities, and/or community service activities. Students selected for this honor are recognized and presented with an award at a Rotary Club meeting and will be eligible to compete for a \$3000 scholarship which will be presented to one of the eighteen students honored as a "Student of the Month" during the school year. This is the 10th year of the program and, since the program started, 162 students have been honored from the three area high schools

Katie Brooks is the daughter of Ron and Cheryl Brooks of Godfrey. She presently ranks at the top of her class and is serving as President of the senior class. A member of the National Honor Society, Brooks was selected to Who's Who Among American High School Students and was the recipient of the National English Merit award from the United States Achievement Academy. She also was the recipient of an Outstanding Award at the Regional Science Fair as well as a Silver Award at the state Science Fair.

Katie has been very active in school activities. She is serving as President of the Student Council and serves as a Student Ambassador as well as a Prin-

icipal's Ambassador. She has been very active in the World Youth In Science and Engineering Society as well as the Biology Club.

Brooks has dedicated much of her free time to helping others by participating in various Salvation Army projects as well as working with Habitat for Humanity. She is active in activities at the Delta Baptist Church. Upon graduating, she plans to enroll at Lewis & Clark Community College with a major in Business Management.



Luke Jackson is a senior at Alton High and is the son of Randy and Lynne Jackson of Godfrey. He ranks as one of the top students in his class and is presently serving as Vice President of the National Honor Society. He has been a member of the school's Scholar Bowl team and also a member of the School's Math Team when it competes in ICTM competition and was also a member of the Southwestern Conference Math team. He is a member of the staff of the Redbird Word and has been active in WYSE.

Jackson is a member of the Redbird tennis squad as the number one singles player. He qualified for state competition last spring and was selected as the Scholar Athlete for the tennis squad. His skill at tennis earned him 3rd team All Conference selection. His interest in tennis is reflected in his volunteer activities. He serves as a coach for the middle school tennis program and served as ball boy Director for the local USTA event held during the past summer. After graduating from Alton High, Luke plans to enroll at the University of Illinois with a major in Communications

before. Whenever anybody gets up in front of a room of Rotarians and starts talking about membership, you see a lot of eyes start to glaze over.

The truth is that our time is not best spent talking about how to attract new members. Our time would be far better spent in strengthening our clubs. Because Rotary, working properly, is attractive enough to retain existing members and attract new ones.

New Rotarians leave because of poor leadership, cost, and a lack of service opportunities. That's what they tell us. So I ask all of you to focus on strengthening the clubs in your districts in those three ways: making sure that there is a strong and effective club administration, that the cost of membership gives good value, and that every club runs a variety of engaging, useful, and productive projects, both in its own community and with partner clubs.

There are so many ways to make Rotary more accessible and more friendly to new members. A meeting doesn't need to involve a hotel meal; breakfast meetings are both more affordable and easier to fit into a busy schedule. Encourage your club presidents to listen to their members and value their opinions. Encourage your clubs to break out of their established routines and to explore new ideas for projects.

As Rotarians, we are not content to let matters stay the way they have always been, in our clubs or in our communities.



New Member - Jack Jacoby

Nov 6 Moonlight Restaurant

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

Nov 13 Moonlight Restaurant

Board of Directors meeting, 4:45 p.m. Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Students of the Month for November will be honored.

Nov 20 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Second Quarter Club Assembly for the election of new officers and board of director members for 2007-2008. Committee reports to the membership.

Nov 27 Moonlight Restaurant

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

- Joel Copley, Bill Hoagland - Program Directors

We are not content with the status quo, and we do not look at a problem only to say someone else will solve it. We are the ones who ask why not us? We are the ones with the skills and the desire to build a better future. And we are the ones who must *Lead the Way*.

We hope President Boyd's words inspire you as you Lead the Way in membership development efforts this year.

August Minutes

The August 14 2006 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, Mike Seymour, Allen McBride, Ron Mayhew, Dan Saeger, Ford Phillips, Josh Farley, Scott Neudecker, Dana Eastman, Dick Jones, Bryan White, Rod Elias, Bill Moyer, Joel Copley, Mike Osborne, Roland Hansen and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour.

On a motion by Dick Jones, seconded by Ford Phillips the minutes were approved. On a motion by Dick Jones, seconded by Scott Neudecker, the treasurer's report was approved.

The membership of Don Emde was approved pending his attending two meetings.

In Club Administration, Josh Farley said his committee would like to have a speaker from the Whitewater conference. Dana Eastman will work with Joel Copley to have a speaker in either September or October.

In Club Public Relations no report.

In Membership attendance protocol was discussed. Mike Seymour said the past District Governors have said attendance is up to the club. The District standard is 60%. It was referred to the membership committee to review the pros and cons of a written policy. They will have a report at the next meeting. Also, steak fry nights are now going to be membership night. Jeannine Kelly read a letter from Bill Kessler asking to be a Senior Active Excused. The board approved his request.

In Services Projects Chuck Norman spoke on the Christmas tree raising. It is his feeling that we need the help of the younger members in putting up the tree. He also feels the club needs to address how much longer Alton-Godfrey Rotary can continue to be involved with the tree raising. Bill Moyer is the

chair for the tree raising this year.

Chuck Norman said the Paul Harris selection committee rewrote the guidelines for selection to this committee. A copy of the new guidelines was given to the board. There was discussion concerning the necessity of the guidelines as there was already a procedure in place. On a motion by Rod Elias, seconded by Dana Eastman, it was approved that it is the discretion of the president to select the committee from the Paul Harris Fellows, consisting of 2 newer members, 3 senior members, and the past chair.

Concerning the Grampa Woo excursion, Bill Moyer had not heard from them and suggested that maybe we should pass this year.

In Rotary Foundation, Bill Moyer stated that the cataract project is underway and should be completed in December.

In old business, Jeff Weber said the Lars Hoffman Committee has raised \$75,000 in donations and in kind services. He requested the \$35,000 pledge from the Piasa Foundation. On a motion by Joel Copley, seconded by Bill Moyer, the request was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Seymour, Executive Secretary

August Report

Previous Balance	\$11,456.03
cleared payments	3,949.44
cleared deposits	9,270.20
Cleared Balance	16,776.79
uncleared payments	0.00
uncleared deposits	0.00
Account Balance	16,776.79
New Payments	1,321.93
New Deposits	0.00
Ending Balance	15,454.86

Club Officers 2005-2006

President.....	Jeannine Kelly
	25 Logan Road, Alton, 465-0123
Vice-President.....	Josh Farley
	1211 Callahan Dr, Alton, 465-5257
Secretary.....	Scott Neudecker
	5212 Richland Woods Dr., Alton, 462-4697
Treasurer.....	Ford Phillips
	1007 Henry St., Alton, 463-0769
Executive Secretary.....	Melissa Seymour
	3026 Edwards St., Alton, 462-7206

Board of Directors 2005-2006

Allen McBride-3rd yr	Dan Saeger-2nd yr
Martha Morse-3rd yr	Tom Turpin-2nd yr
Mike Seymour-3rd yr	Joel Copley-1st yr
Mike Tillman-3rd yr	Dana Eastman-1st yr
Bryan White-3rd yr	Rod Elias-1st yr
Ron Mayhew-2nd yr	Roland Hansen-1st yr
Bill Moyer-2nd yr	Dick Jones-1st yr
Mike Osborne-2nd yr	Sharon Johnson-PP