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23rd Annual Chili Chowdown

Main St. United Methodist
 1400 Main St.
 Alton, IL 62002

Date: March 3
 Sam will have tickets at the
 February 11 meeting.



Tickets: \$7.00
 Times: 11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Students of the Month



Jarad Magurany is the son of John and Nancy Magurany of Godfrey. Jarad ranks in the top five percent of his senior class and has consistently earned the high honor roll. A member of the National Honor Society, Jarad has been an active member of a number of student organizations including the Social Studies Club, Amnesty International and World Youth for Science and Engineering.

Magurany devotes much of his time to community service volunteer activities. He volunteers as a martial arts

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Rotary Programs



Feb 4 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Our speaker will be our State Representative, Dan Beiser. He will bring us up to date on what is going on in Springfield.

Feb 11 Moonlight Restaurant

Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Students of the Month for February will be honored.

Feb 18 Rolling Hills

Steak Fry at the Rolling Hills Golf Course Club House 6:00 p.m. Our speaker will be Herman Seedorf, the Plant Manager at ConocoPhillips Wood River. He will discuss the recently announced plans for an extensive expansion project at the Wood River refinery. Melissa Eckert, the public relations spokesperson for the company, will attend the meeting with him.

Feb 25 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Third Quarter Club Assembly. The annual budget will be reviewed.

Student of the Month Essays

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

Life's Little Lessons

By: Rebecca Shell

Over the past few years, one of the most important things I have learned is to be yourself. It's okay to be different. It's okay to be that unique individual that you are. If we were all the same, can you imagine how dull life would be? It would be like living in a world filled with robots where everything around us is black and white. There would never be any differences and there would be no such thing as an opinion. We would all wear the same style of clothes and have the same hairstyle. Everything around us would have another clone right beside it -- simply stated, there would be no purpose in life.

Yet that is not the case. We all have our own tastes that distinguishes us from one other. The world is not found with just black and white. There is a full spectrum of colors around us. The way we think, act, and speak are very distinct. We all have a different purpose in life. Some are meant to be teachers, and some doctors. Sometimes there are differing opinions. Sometimes we all get along, and other times, we don't get along. Sometimes, we may find that our friend is exactly opposite from us, but that is the beauty of your friendship. Our differences do not pull us apart; instead they bring us closer together. Instead of us trying to be like someone we're not, we should always remember that it's okay to be different. In fact, it's good to be different. Differences keep this world from being black and white. Differences in life give it bold, vibrant color.



My Future Plans

By: Jarad Magurany

I find the world of both business and law fascinating. The ideas and strategies involved in running a business or making a good law case are of great interest to me. I like the challenge of developing a plan of action or strategy. In my opinion, most businesses have to constantly develop new strategies to survive because of the competition with other companies. Legal advice is also needed to keep businesses within regulation of the law.

Law is a fundamental part of the business world. Companies have to consult strategies such as, increasing

profits, with legal professionals Every business needs a lawyer to deal with the contracts and issues a business comes across. Law requires a person to find a strategy to protect some one legally with a form of rhetoric to support their position.

Together with a degree in business and law, I would like to be a consultant for a company. I am interested in consulting for business strategies and legal matters. Maybe someday I could start my own business.

instructor, participates in Student Pride projects, and worked as a volunteer in painting school playgrounds. He also is an active participant in the Adopt a Family program

After graduating Jarad plans to attend Washington University [St.Louis] and major in Pre-Law.



Rebecca Shell is the daughter of Dennis and Shelia Shell of Florissant, Missouri, and is at the top of her class at Mississippi Valley Christian School. She has been on the President’s honor roll for three years and has been a recipient of the Bible Memory Award each year as well.

She is the Vice President of the senior class, a member of the choir and yearbook staff, and has been active in the school’s theatre program. She has been recognized for being the top student in English, Algebra, and Family Living classes. She has been the recipient of a yearly

award from AWANA Clubs International.

Rebecca has been very active in her church and in community activities. She is a regular at vacation Bible Schools, collects food and donations for the Sunshine Ministries, and participated in a number of mission trips for her church. She plans to travel to Honduras on a mission trip during the summer. Her activities center around her church and helping people

After graduating she plans to attend a college but has not decided on a major.

Literacy

from RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson

Literacy empowers people. It is the foundation for virtually all forms of education and an essential component of poverty reduction, social inclusion, and economic development. Despite the importance of literacy, there are more than 800 million people unable to read or write in the world today, and 64 percent are women and girls.

During the next year, the resource group will raise awareness of literacy issues and encourage Rotary clubs to undertake literacy projects both at home and abroad.

The Literacy Resource Group encourages Rotarians, in cooperation with the International Reading Association, to support literacy projects during Literacy Month in March 2008.

Mar 3 Main Street UMC

23rd Annual Chili Chowdown, Serving 11 am - 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Mar 10 Moonlight Restaurant

Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Students of the Month for March will be honored.

Mar 17 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.

Mar 24 Moonlight Restaurant

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

Mar 31 Moonlight Restaurant

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

-Bill Hoagland, Program Director



January Minutes

The January 14, 2008, meeting of directors of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club was called to order at 5:00 p.m., by President Josh Farley. Others in attendance were, Mike Tillman, Roland Hansen, Scott Neudecker, Ron Mayhew, Tom Turpin, Ford Phillips, Mike Osborne, Dick Jones, Bill Moyer, Ken Spells, Sam Stemm, Dan Saeger, Martha Morse, Rod Elias Allen McBride, Bryan White, Dana Eastman, and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour.

Others in attendance, Jeannine Kelly.

On a motion by Bryan White, seconded by Ford Phillips, the minutes and treasurer's reports were approved

In Club Administration, Bryan White reminded everyone that next week is a steak fry and the meal will be \$15.00. He also reminded everyone to bring a giveaway item. For the Foundation, Dick Jones reported that the account balance is \$15,999.64. Dick is looking for someone to be the second signature on the account. He suggested Dave Bartosiak be that person. Mike Osborne felt that the person should be an active member. No decision was made.

In Club Public Relations, correspondence was received from District about attending the Peoria Riverbend Hockey Night honoring the District Governor.

In Service Projects, the pecan sales had a profit of \$4,688.50. It was discussed having a pecan swap next year to help members who need more or less than 10# of pecans. Concerning Chili Chowdown, it was discussed to increase the price of tickets this year. On a motion by Mike Osborne, seconded by Roland Hansen, it was approved to raise the ticket price to \$7.00. It was also approved on a motion by Sam Stemm, seconded by Ford Phillips, that Chili Chowdown is a total member participation project. Alton Symphony Orchestra had previously asked for a \$1000.00 donation to cover transportation expenses for the youth Christmas concert in December. A

committee was formed of Sam Stemm, Rod Elias, John Rain, and Dave Walker to develop a policy on our procedure for allocation of funds. This committee recommended that we give the \$1000.00 to the Symphony this year. The motion passed with 2 nays.

In Foundation, the board approved the annual report. Bill Moyer said the Foundation has a new mailing address that can be found on the Rotary site.

In Membership, E.J. Kupier has proposed Sister Mikela. Her membership was approved pending her attending two meetings.

In old business, the presentation equipment is still on order.

In new business, updating the black book was discussed. Dick Jones suggested that this be brought up at a Club Assembly on the best, least expensive way to do this, maybe new pages could be sent out as a .pdf file. Bill Moyer is going to get a cost for painting the Christmas tree trailer and having the Rotary emblem placed on it. The trailer is currently stored at the old landfill site

In mail/correspondence, a request was received from Pride, Inc. to place an ad in their annual meeting book. Jack Jacoby is going to be honored this year. The request was referred to committee.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Seymour, Executive Secretary

December Report

Previous Balance	\$26,104.22
cleared payments	6,396.59
cleared deposits	3,293.00
Cleared Balance	23,000.63
uncleared payments	2,726.76
uncleared deposits	2,048.00
Account Balance	22,321.87
New Payments	0.00
New Deposits	0.00
Ending Balance	22,321.87

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
Dana Eastman-2nd yr	Mike Tillman-1st yr
Rod Elias-2nd yr	Brian White-1st yr
Dick Jones-2nd yr	D. Jeannine Kelly-PP