



# The Ratchet



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## Thoughts From Our New President Roland Hansen

The Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club has been an important part of my life since I became a member nine years ago. My membership has provided an outstanding opportunity for fellowship with members of various backgrounds and interests.

Members I have come to respect and admire. Their friendships are highly valued by me. From the first meeting I attended in the late fall of 2001, I have found the meeting programs to be interesting and informative. I always look forward to the next program, including the Student of the Month honoree presentations. The brief announcements and committee reports at the regular meetings help to keep me informed of the business of the club. The periodic club assemblies amplify the club's organizational and business details and the clubs service and fund raising activities. My weekly commitment to the Monday evening dinner meetings has become a way of life that has provided me with an abundance of rewarding experiences.

Above and beyond those pleasurable weekly meetings, the opportunity to serve on Club Service Projects that help and enhance our community and those living in it has been very fulfilling. Fund Raising Activities that provide our club the ability to fund Club Service Projects and Student of the Year Scholarships also have been great experiences with rewarding results. My service on the Board of Directors and progression through the officer chairs has been a learning experience of significant proportion and has prepared me to serve this year as President of our club. I am glad to be a Rotarian and I feel good about it.

It is my hope that every Rotarian in our club can, and will, feel as good, or better than I, about their Rotary membership now as well as in the future.

Be an active Rotarian, be proud of it, feel good about it, share that feeling and the reasons why you feel the way you do with others.



## Rotary Programs



### Aug 2 Alton Sports Tap

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM. Bill Hoagland will be our speaker. He will discuss the condition and history of the Alton-Wood River Levee, particularly the controversy that developed over the Corps of Engineers' plan to build an industrial levee

### Aug 9 Alton Sports Tap

Board of Directors Meeting 5:00 PM. Regular Meeting 6:00 PM. District Governor David Parsons will make his official visit to the club representing Rotary International.

### Aug 16 Rolling Hills Golf Club

Steak Fry at the Rolling Hills Golf Course Club House 6:00 PM. A golf outing will precede the meeting. Contact Richard Johnson for details.

### Aug 23 Alton Sports Tap

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM. Our speaker will be John Caupert, a professor at SIUE who specializes in the study of bio-fuels. He will discuss current government policy and recent advancements in the bio-fuel industry.

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# Mural Project

*By Mike Osborne*



**Mural Progress as of July 31, 2010**

As we move into August the mural commissioned by the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club is near completion. Since Mid-May the artist, Rip Kastaris has been working day and night to complete the mural on the side of the Riverbend Head Start and Family Services building on Lnadmarks Boulevard. The completion date is now scheduled for around August 7, 2010. Alton artist Mike Eckhard created the riverboat scene. I urge you to drive by and take a look at the 60-foot by 70-foot painting. It is truly a work of art!

After the completion of the Mural we plan on having a public celebration. The exact date is still to be determined, but will be in Mid-September. The last piece of business will be to install a “monument” or plaque to recognize our corporate donors and/or friends of the Mural project. This project is still in the planning stages.

As all of the above is moving along we are continuing our fund raising efforts. We do have enough money to pay for the project, however, we need to replenish the monies taken out of the Piasa Foundation to get the project off the ground. We still need your help in this effort.

Shrink-wrapped and/or framed prints as well as the 22” X 30” canvas prints are available at the Alton Visitors Center. Order forms are posted on our web site as well as Alton Dailey News and Riverbender.com. If your business or you know of someone that can help out as a corporate donor please contact Richard Rook. All corporate donations over \$1,000.00 will receive a 3” x 5’ canvas print and recognition on the proposed “monument” or plaque. Donations from \$250.00 to \$999.00 will receive a 22” X 30” canvas print and listed on the proposed “monument.”

Below is a brief breakdown on the financial aspects of the project as of August 1, 2010.

Expenses		Revenue	
Painting the Mural	\$39,900	Corporate Donations	\$34,500
Building Prep	1,928	Kick-Off Party	1,330
Purchase of Prints	3,524	Sale of Prints	6,000
Monument (Estimate)	5,000	Piasa Foundation	17,570
Miscellaneous	3,524		
Total	57,514	Total	59,400

As of August 1, 2010, we are approximately \$1,886.00 in the black. But, as mentioned above we still need to pay back the Piasa Foundation. This is why we still need ALL Rotary members to help the committee rebuild Piasa Foundation to enable us to continue to support other existing and/or new projects.

Thoughts

Rotary International is a great organization that has accomplished much over the years. Our Rotary club has been an integral part of Rotary International for nearly 90 years, having been chartered on March 1, 1921. It is up to our club membership to continue to provide service not only to our local community but also abroad. To carry on the remarkable level of service our club has established over the years, we must diligently work toward increasing our membership base. Our club members must be motivated to seek new members. That motivation will come from being active in our club and feeling good about it to the point that you cannot pass up the opportunity to inform a prospective member of the satisfaction you have derived from being a Rotarian. Extend an invitation to a prospective member to visit our club. You will feel good about what you have done.

Remember, "Service Above Self" is our motto which exemplifies the humanitarian spirit of Rotary. There are 33,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries with a total membership of over 1.2 million members. Our club is one of those 33,000 clubs that, through "Service Above Self, are "Building Communities-Bridging Continents", the theme adopted by the 2010-2011 Rotary International President Ray Klingensmith.

Again, be an active Rotarian, be proud of your service, feel good about that service and tell others about the satisfaction and rewards found in being a member of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club.

Winston Churchill once said that "We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give."

## JROTC Influenced Me

*By Dakota Grindstaff  
May Student of the Month*



The way I was formed into the person I am today was most likely because of JROTC. The way that happened was by the lessons I learned from the instructors, even if I had six different ones over my four years in the program. Our motto stated that we build citizens of discipline and character, which if you look at most of the cadets in the program you could see that it's true. My role in the program my senior

year was Cadet Corps Commander, where I was in charge of the corps of about 147 cadets at the time. And now that I'm a graduate, I really kind of miss it, knowing that it was like a once in a life time thing.

But then came the time when I enlisted into the United States Army Reserves, this has also shaped me as a person, because when you go through basic training..... You change physically and mentally. Currently I am an E-3 in the Army, training to be a Military Police Officer. This following quote is something I kind of live by: "My deepest fear in life is looking back and wondering what I did with it."

### Aug 30 Alton Sports Tap

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM. Our speakers will be our own Steve Tassanari and Dale Nuedecker, who are co-chairmen of the Capital Campaign for Marquette Catholic High School. They will explain the purpose of the campaign and the ultimate long-range plans for Marquette Catholic High School.

### Sep 6 No Meeting

Labor Day

### Sep 13 Alton Sports Tap

Board of Directors Meeting 5:00 PM. Regular Meeting 6:00 PM. Students of the Month for September will be honored.

### Sep 20 Rolling Hills Golf Course

Steak Fry at the Rolling Hills Golf Course Club House 6:00 PM. A golf outing will precede the meeting. Contact Richard Johnson for details.

### Sep 27 Alton Sports Tap

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM. First Quarter Club Assembly

Bill Hoagland, Program Director



# Wishes for the new Rotary year - Paul Harris

In 1916, Rotary founder Paul Harris shared his thoughts about the organization in an article titled "The Future of Rotary," published in The Rotarian.

Addressing the Rotary world, Harris concluded the short piece with wishes for the new year. As the 2010-11 Rotary year begins, consider his words:



- I wish you all of the prosperity which your good deeds merit.*
- May all things you ought have be yours.*
- May your charities rank among your necessary expenditures.*
- May you not fall into the popular error of thinking that happiness is to be found in outdoing your neighbors.*
- May it always be yours to look beneath the veneer of life to the solid substance which lies beneath.*
- May you be builders, not mere climbers.*
- May you be able to appraise life's blessings at their real worth.*
- May you be free to act in accordance with the dictates of your own conscience and good judgment.*
- May you not be slaves to meaningless customs, social or otherwise.*
- May you shun the groove followers.*
- May you have vision to discern the right and health, strength and will to do it.*



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## Club Officers 2010-2011

President.....	Roland Hansen
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## Board of Directors 2010-2011

Mike Fitzgerald-1st yr	Sam Stemm-2nd yr
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Chuck Norman-1st yr	Brock Hendricks-3rd yr
Jeni Thompson-1st yr	Mike Osborne-3rd yr
Pete Zimmer-1st yr	John Rain-3rd yr
Dick Jones-2nd yr	Larry Spain-3rd yr
Ron Mayhew-2nd yr	Jess Woodman-3rd yr
Ken Spells-2nd yr	Ford Phillips-PP