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DATE/TIME/

PLACE: October 23, 2001 12:00 noon McDonald's Family Restaurant

ATTENDANCE: 26 plus Larry Michou

MISSING: E.Bellot, P.Hermes, D.Kinate, .D.Oelschlager, J.Paternoster, M.Petersen, D.Roberts, J.Strong, J.Tollensdorf, L.Weber

SING-A-LONG: R-O-T-A-R-Y (NO PIANO)

LOTTO: Steve Moser (Dean) and Bud Gerber

ACTION ON THE AVENUE

CLUB SERVICE:

Programs:

10 - 30	Bill Munz
11 - 6	Steve Weeks
11 - 13	Jim Paternoster
11 - 20	Jon Bachtold
11 - 27	Bud Gerber

Membership:

The members all thanked Dean and Steve for a successful membership drive meal.

QUIPS AND QUOTES:

Don't fight forces; use them.
 R. BUCKMINSTER FULLER (1895-1983)
 Inventor and educator

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STUDENT OF THE MONTH:

Jill Augsburger, daughter of Perry Augsburger and Angela Augsburger, has been selected as the Rotary Outstanding Student of the Month by the P.C.H.S English/Foreign Language Department. Jill, a senior, was chosen because she is a talented writer as well as an effective communicator. English teacher Christy Loy said, "Jill's facility with the English language and her insight into literature are remarkable. She is truly a talented young lady." Because of her outstanding abilities and dedication to the study of language arts, Augsburger was nominated by both Loy and Spanish teacher Sarah Varness.

AREA ROTARY CLUB MEETINGS

Bloomington	12:00 Noon	Thursday	Elks Club
Gibson City	6:15 p.m.	Wednesday	Bayern Stube
Gilman	6:05 p.m.	Tuesday	Gilman Lounge
Lincoln	11:50 a.m.	Wednesday	Elks Country Club
Normal	12:00 Noon	Wednesday	Bone Student Center
Piper City	6:15 p.m.	Monday	Azz Izz Tavern
Pontiac	12:00 Noon	Tuesday	New Log Cabin

FAIRBURY ESDA

Larry Michou



September 11th we lost a lot of people, but the system worked. It is still working! People are responding and working the way they should. They want to get the experts to the site, they do their job and then the next group comes in. The problem in New York is that this is also a crime scene. The government is involved. 25-30 years ago everyone did their own thing. Now we have ESDA (Emergency Services Disaster Agency) and FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). The Emergency Services Act required that Chicago and each county in Illinois must establish an emergency response plan. Each local municipality has the opportunity to establish their own local ESDA with the mayor being responsible. They go to the County, the County to the State, and the State to the Feds to declare and get Federal assistance. Larry is responsible for local advice and management on a disaster response. The first responders will either be the police or fire departments. Disasters may include fire, tornado, ice and snow storms, etc. They come in and secure the site. They don't tell people what to do, but coordinate the response. Outside contractors or equipment have to contact them, sign in and sign all documents so that everyone gets paid. Everyone wants to help! They will establish a station for volunteers to sign in and take the Oath of Office for liability reasons. There can be a lot of liability

when a disaster occurs. You must be sure to cross all your t's and dot all your i's. There must be a proclamation by the mayor and the response must be documented in order to have funds returned. When the site office is established you need a treasurer, a chief accountant and a lawyer. Your paper work establishes what you will collect. The Red Cross offers mutual aid. They establish emergency shelter, counsel victims, and help with supplies and finances. Fairbury is considered a low risk area. The Center for Disease Control in Atlanta does not consider anthrax a high potential risk. Anthrax can be treated. Fire and Police Departments had been trained for chemical exposure. They have now been advised on bio terrorism. The police are the primary responders. There is a list of things to look for. Bio is not like a drug. It doesn't have to be white or a powder. Most of it is treatable. Our water department has been under alert. SELCAS and the hospitals also have programs and procedures in place. The police have been advised to use double gloves, masks and sealable evidence bags.

BITS & PIECES

*A mixture of horse sense and common sense
about working with people.*

THE WORST TRAGEDY OFTEN BRINGS OUT THE BEST IN PEOPLE

In the days following the terrorist destructions of the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, rescue teams raced against time to find survivors. Volunteers backed up this nonstop effort with food and other support for the hard-working crews.

Following a long night of search and rescue, one team took a break. It was around two o'clock in the morning. A woman pushing a broom greeted them.

"Where are you from?" asked one fire fighter.

"Dallas," she said

"You came all the way up from Dallas, Texas, to sweep the floor?" he said.

"I came up here to do anything to help." she replied. "I'm sweeping floors tonight 'cause that's where they need me."

"That's what kept us going," the rescue team member later said. Despite the dangers they faced working in the precarious rubble, strangers like this woman from Dallas pushing a broom in the middle of the night gave the team just a little incentive to do their grueling task. "Every time we went in, those people were by our sides," said the fire fighter.

THE VALUE OF CHARITY

A woman volunteer at a telephone hotline for shut-ins regularly checked on people who needed a little extra care because of financial or health reasons. One of her "regulars" was an elderly woman living on a fixed income. Through their conversations, she learned this woman desperately needed a new overcoat. Her tight budget meant she had to rely on an increasingly threadbare old coat.

Wanting to help, the volunteer withdrew \$200 from her bank account and sent it to the woman with an anonymous note reading: "For a new coat."

The next time she called, the woman had some good news. "Someone sent me money for a new overcoat!" she said. "I don't know who it was, but it was \$200."

"Did you get a coat?" asked the volunteer.

"Yes," replied the woman. "But I found one for \$150. You've been so nice to me, I'm sending you the extra \$50 so the hotline center can help others."

adapted from "Coat Check"
MARION GAINES
Guideposts

