



# The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL ROTARY CLUB

"MANKIND IS OUR BUSINESS"

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### DATE/TIME/

**PLACE:** October 30, 2001 12:00 noon McDonald's Family Restaurant

**ATTENDANCE:** 26 plus Dave Diller and his canine friend

**MISSING:** E.Bellot, T.Casson, G.Huston, D.Kinate, E.Palen, M.Petersen, D.Roberts, K.Smith, J.Tollensdorf, L.Weber, M.White

**SING-A-LONG:** NO PIANO

**LOTTO:** J.Bachtold and M.Steffen

## ACTION ON THE AVENUE

### CLUB SERVICE:

#### Programs:

11 - 6 Steve Weeks  
11 - 13 Jim Paternoster  
11 - 20 Jon Bachtold  
11 - 27 Bud Gerber

#### Membership:

We need for you to follow up with the guest you brought to the steak fry. See if they would like to become members.

Phil presented Golden Eagles to Jeff Schweizer, Jon Bachtold and Leroy McPherson for their participation in our club. "Eagles are like leaders, one never sees them in a flock, they always soar high above the crowd. A commitment made and kept."

*Richard D. King - R.I. President 2001-2002*

### QUIPS AND QUOTES:

*Courage is very important.  
Like a muscle, it is strengthened by use.*  
RUTH GORDON (1896-1985)  
Actress

## Birthdays

11 - 10 Debbie Oelschlager  
11 - 13 Jim Paternoster  
11- 19 Deb Kinate  
11 - 22 Keith Bahler  
11 - 27 John Strong

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### 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

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## K-9 UNIT ILLINOIS STATE POLICE DISTRICT 6

### Dave Diller

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Dave has been an officer for 12 years. Of those, 7 were with the State Police and 1 1/2, out of Pontiac, with the K-9 unit on the midnight shift with Aria. Aria is a 2 year old German Shepherd from Holland. After he was issued to Dave, they went through an intensive 10 week training period at the Pawnee facility. This dog is a full service K-9. He can sniff out narcotics, search buildings, track articles or people, and is trained in handler protection. Locally, 90% of his use has been for narcotics detection. Illinois State Police have 30 dogs in the state along with 5 other dogs that only detect narcotics. They are trained to be an aggressive, alert dog. They will scratch and bite. A special "bite sleeve" is used to train the dogs to bite. Once he bites, he hangs on. There are 4 basic languages used to train a dog - Polish, Dutch, German and English. Dave's dog was trained in Dutch. In building searches, the dog is taught to "alert" if they can't get to the criminal and to bite them if they can. The dogs are used to track from scene to scene. The officers talk to the dog while on night duty to let him know what to do. During the day

they can use hand signals. Uniforms need to be "wash and wear" because of the many different kinds of situations they might get into. A tennis ball is used for play time and the reward for finding drugs is a game of tug-of-war with a sock. This also teaches them to bite and hold on because an offender will try to get away. They like to use more than one dog when searching a school. They can search 4 schools with 6 dogs in one day. Dave and Aria can be called out at any time. The State has about \$40,000 invested in every dog and trainer. They train at least two days a week. The dogs can be used for 6-10 years depending on their health and use. The dog has an agitation collar (bite collar) they use to let the dog know what to do. They also have a tracking collar with harness so the dog knows to track. Aria is great around kids, but Dave's wife has to be careful not to hit or even hug Dave in front of the dog since he is trained for handler protection.

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### BITS & PIECES

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

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Two dachshunds were chatting.  
"I can't figure it out," said the first dog. "I'm in perfect physical shape, but I'm constantly anxious."

"Why don't you go to a psychiatrist?" said the second.  
"How can I? I'm not allowed on the couch.."

PAUL DICKSON  
Dickson's Joke Treasury  
John Wiley & Sons, Inc.



### THE STORY TELLER

While home from college on her winter break, a young woman spent some time with her elderly grandfather. "Gramps" entertained his granddaughter for hours on end with tales about his boyhood in rural South Dakota. It was a place far removed from his granddaughter's world of Internet and instant information, but she enjoyed hearing these age-old stories she already knew by heart.

"Gramps," she said, "you're such a wonderful storyteller. Who's going to tell these stories to my grandchildren?"

"Well," replied the old man with a knowing smile, "you're listening to them now, aren't you?"

WENDY KOPP  
Founder and president, Teach for America