



The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

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DATE/TIME/

PLACE: August 27, 2002 12:00 noon, McDonald's Family Restaurant

ATTENDANCE: 23 plus John Capasso & Jeff Henson

MISSING: J. Bachtold, T. Casson, R. Coady, J. Gerber, D. Kinate, D. Moser, R. Nussbaum
P. Pogue, M. Steffen, T. Taylor, L. Weber, S. Weeks, M. White

SING-A-LONG: Down By the Riverside - Stodola Pumpa

LOTTO: Si Moser & Carl Borngasser

ACTION ON THE AV

CLUB SERVICE:

Programs:

- 9/03 Ed Palen
- 9/10 P.C. Coaches (tentative)
- 9/17 Chenoa Annexation
- 9/24 OPEN
- 10/1 Randy Davis

QUIPS AND QUOTES:

There is no greater joy nor greater reward than to make a fundamental difference in someone's life.'

-Sister Mary Rose McGeady

When you have a gift to offer, the world will make room for you. You must have patience and keep the faith.

-Tyler Perry, Playwright

Birthdays



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| 9- 2 James Roberts | 9-11 Bud Gerber |
| 9- 4 Phil Pogue | 9-24 Carl Borngasser |

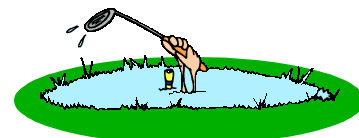
COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Our **Interact Club** officers met today. There is a potential of 45-50 kids to join. Allison and Kara went to Piper City Club to inform and help set up an Interact Club at Tri-Point.

Chenoa-PC Annexation: Informational meeting on September 30, 2002 at the Forrest Public Library at 7:00 p.m. This is to inform the voter and ask for volunteers to help.

INTERNATIONAL:

Rotary Golf Tour - Saturday - Stone Creek - 24 player spots left at \$95 per member. If you sponsor a non-Rotarian, he or she is free. The golf fees go to the Rotary Foundation - sponsor fees go toward local clubs.





Illinois Special Olympics

Jeff Henson

Special Olympics provides year-round sports training and competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children (ages 8 years and older) and adults with mental retardation or closely related developmental disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other athletes and the community.

Jeff started with the torch run conducted by law officers in Illinois. Did you know he is with the Polar Bear Plunge group in Lake Michigan? He then played a 7 min. video on Special Olympics. Did you know Special Olympics was born in 1968 at Soldier Field in Chicago, Illinois? They have 500,000 volunteers and over 1 million athletes. They are training for life. For more information call (800 TEAM-ISO). Illinois has over 20,000 athletes in 17 different geographical areas. Athletes have to train a min. of 8 weeks to help understand the rules and competition. Illinois has 19 different sports. Last June in Bloomington they had 1750 compete. Last Saturday in Area 6 they had 225 participate in the Peoria bowling. In our area,

they have 803 athletes in 14 different sports. If you would like to volunteer call Kyle Moore at 309-454-7812. Today, programs exist in all 50 states and more than 150 countries. They need to raise funds to put this scale of program on. This is accomplished through donations of civic groups, corporations and individuals. They had over 3,000 law enforcement officers participate with the Torch Run and contributed \$1 million. They are looking at an additional 25,000 athletes in the next five years. The Polar Bear Plunge held in Michigan is in March. Last year they raised \$98,000. They will have 4 plunges throughout the state. Next year, there will be 8 plunges. Presently, Illinois has over 30,000 volunteers.

BITS & PIECES

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

Diversity Breeds Strength

Warm climates don't typically inspire winter sports interest, so Miami native Jennifer Rodriguez's path toward the recent Olympics was unusual. Beginning with roller skating and graduating to inline skating, she eventually hit the ice - hoping to compete for a title in speed skating.

This year, Rodriguez made history as the first Cuban-American ever to win a medal at the winter Olympics. She had this to say about our country's competitive spirit:

"The United States is all about diversity. This is probably the biggest melting pot in the world. To grab athletes from all different nationalities, that's what makes us so strong and makes our team so strong."

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	Mary's Family Rest.