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DATE/TIME/

PLACE: February 26, 2002 12:00 Noon, McDonald's Family Restaurant

ATTENDANCE: 29 and Rita Garman, Jason, Bill Roberts, John Bellot

MISSING: C.Borngasser, J.Gerber, G.Huston, D.Kinate, E.Palen, P.Pogue, M.Prost, J.Strong, J.Tollensdorf

SING-A-LONG: Clementine (all 4 verses)

LOTTO: Kathy Smith and Jim Schahrer

ACTION ON THE AVEN

CLUB SERVICE:

Programs:

3 - 5	Beth Schweizer	4 - 9	Ella Bellot
3 - 12	Terry Casson	4 - 16	Mike Petersen
3 - 19	John Tollensdorf	4 - 23	Mike White
3 - 26	Bill Fugate	4 - 30	Fred Wing
4 - 2	Mark Prost		

Membership:

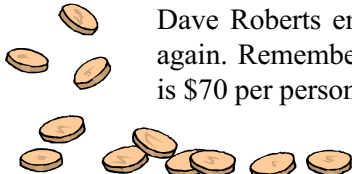
We had 2 guests - Bill Roberts, retired Circuit Court Judge of Ford County and Jim Roberts' brother and also John Bellot was a guest of Jim's,(not Ella?).

NOTE: Next week we will be giving Paul Harris Fellows - come see who they may be!



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:

Dave Roberts emptied his coin jar again. Remember, our goal this year is \$70 per person .



STUDENT OF THE MONTH:

Matt Bennett, son of John and Theresa Bennett, is a hard working student both in the classroom and at his job for cooperative Vocational Education. He puts forth much effort in his studies, shows concern for other students, and is always willing to help staff. He has become a friendly, social student and is a pleasure to work with!

BIRTHDAYS

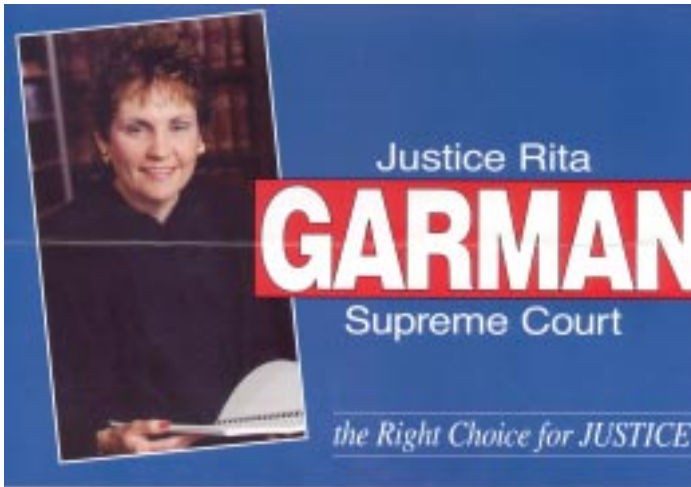
Rev. Kim Ernst	3-5
Fred Wing	3-16
Dean Moser	3-17



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.

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Rita is running for Illinois Supreme Court Justice of the 4th Judicial District. She was accompanied by her driver, Jason, who has a degree in Law from Millikan University. She joked that it's like "driving Miss Daisy" around. The 4th Judicial power impacts the lives of many citizens. The courts are always open and are located on Second and Capitol in Springfield. The court system goes from Circuit Court to Appellate Court and then to the highest court in the state, the Supreme Court. Members are picked geographically. There are 7 judges from 5 districts. She is located in District 4, which covers 30 counties. She was appointed to the Supreme Court February 1, 2001, when Justice Ben Miller retired. The primary will be 3 weeks from today, March 19th. District 4 covers 17,000+ square miles. It is larger than the state of New Jersey. Illinois is a large and diverse state. Rita is a fellow Rotarian from

Danville. She, her husband, Gill and their 2 children, Andy and Sara, are all P.H.F. Service to ones profession is a key aspect of becoming a judge along with giving back to the community. Rita is a native of Illinois and has been in the Judicial field for 28 years. She graduated from U of I in 1965 with a Bachelor of Science in Economics and in 1968 from the University of Iowa with a degree in Law. She likes Danville because the Federal and State courts are located there. Her career started with the Vermilion Legal Aid Society, followed by States Attorney with family cases and then private practice with civil work. In 1974 she became an Associate Judge for 12 years in small claims court, followed by Circuit Court Judge in 1986, Presiding Judge 1987-95, 1995 Appellate Court, 1996 elected to Appellate Court and in 2001 appointed to the Supreme Court. It is a very humbling position. They have serious power over life and death. They are custodians of this power. They meet 5 times a year, 2 weeks in January, March, May and 1 week in July, September and November. During this time they live in the Supreme Court building in a bedroom with bath. They are served breakfast, lunch and dinner. Their policy is never to discuss a case at meal time. Everything is done by seniority. Rita sits to the far left of the Chief Justice. She is the "new kid on the block", but she doesn't have to do dishes. Her home office is in Danville. There she does her research, writes opinions and responds to motions. Four other judges must vote before it becomes a case before the Supreme Court. They hear all cases that involve the death penalty. They have to petition for "leave of appeal". Her husband, Gill, has threatened to put her picture on a milk carton so he can find her. Remember, "cases belong to the people and there are people behind every case!"

BITS & PIECES

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

A MATTER OF PROSPECTIVE

Here's a popular story about a the governor of a state and his wife out on a drive. As they passed through the area where the wife had grown up, they stopped for gas. When the attendant came out, the governor saw that his wife and the attendant recognized each other, though they didn't speak. The governor sensed that the attendant might be someone his wife had been involved with in her younger days.

The wife sat silently for quite a while after they resumed their trip. Finally the governor said, "I guess that you and that fellow knew each other long ago. I bet you've been thinking how your life would be different had you married him-that you'd be the wife of a gas station attendant."

"Well, no," she replied. "I was actually thinking that *he* would have become governor."

Adapted from Story Bin Web site.

QUIPS AND QUOTES:

It is not for us to forecast the future, but to shape it.

ANTOINE DE SAINT-EXUPERY(1919-1944)
Writer