



The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

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2001 - 2002 Officers

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Editor. . .Leroy McPherson

DATE/TIME/

PLACE: June 25 , 2002 12:00 noon, McDonald's Family Restaurant

ATTENDANCE: 27

MISSING: J. Bachtold, E. Bellot, C. Borngasser, R. Coady, R. Davis, D. Kinate,
W. Munz, D. Oelschlager, E. Palen, K. Smith, K. Stewart, M. White

SING-A-LONG: The Band Played On (2 times)
We all sang Happy Birthday to Steve Weeks (5th Decade!)

LOTTO: Dean Moser and Jim Schahrer

ACTION ON THE AVENUE

CLUB SERVICE:

Programs: Have you signed up?
July 2 - Carl Borngasser

MEMBERSHIP:

You are cordially invited to a casual reception honoring **Rev. Dr. Kirwin Stewart** on receiving his Doctorate of Ministry Sunday, July 7 following worship (around 10:30 a.m.). Please join us in congratulating Kirwin on this great accomplishment.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Fairbury Fair
August 14 - 18

NOTE: Sat. Aug. 17 at 10:00 a.m. will be the tractor pull (We need help - should be done by 3:00 p.m. Bring earplugs!



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:

Jim Roberts read an article from the June 22 Chicago Tribune on Polio Plus. *See a portion of this article on the reverse side of this newsletter.*

QUIPS AND QUOTES:

*The only person who can make you happy
. . . is you!*

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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PASS THE GAVEL?

With a big smile and a tiny little bitty tear in his eye, Phil wished us fairwell as our President. He wanted to thank everyone who helped this year. He actually said he enjoyed being President of our club (even though he's had to put up with me!). . . Leroy

Phil gave thanks to:

Leroy McPherson for his years of dedicated service as Secretary-Treasurer (*at which point Leroy turned very red* - He then announced that they were going to automate Leroy. Thanks to **Kirwin Stewart & Kim Ernst** for leading us in prayer and recognizing that all good things come from God - **The Board (John Strong, Jeff Schweizer, Gary Huston, Linda Weber, and Bill Munz)**. Thanks to **John Strong** for letting Rotary use his facility - **Steve Weeks & Dean Moser**, our Sgt. in Arms and for taking care of the raffle and keeping things moving - **Rod Stevens** for helping Leroy and being song leader and making sure we had our medals & trophies always ready to give away. Thanks to **Robin Coady** for taking care of Student of the Month. **Bud Gerber** and his staff for getting the cornpicker out - **Dave's**

and **Mark Steffen** for our picnic food and other generosity - **Dr. Pogue** for getting school programs, **Jim Schahrer** for playing piano, **Gary Huston** for RYLA & being a song leader, **Mark Prost** for our PTC Alliance tour. Thanks to **Jeff Schweizer** for getting Interact going - **John Bachtold** for working with **Pat & Christine Harmit** to get our new web site up and running - **Jim Paternoster** for having a vision for the web site during his President's term.

Phil will be in charge of the District Rotary Golf tour in Pontiac at the Elks. George Wolf is our new District Governor We honored four new Paul Harris Fellows this year - Rod Stevens, Robin Coady, Jeff Schweizer and Randy Davis. We hosted our first golf outing with the help of Bill Orth. In all, Phil just wanted to tell everyone in Rotary - **THANK YOU!**

Chicago Tribune on Polio Plus.

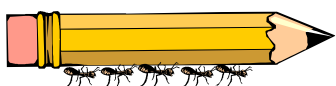
The world Health Organization announced Friday that polio has been eliminated from Europe and Central Asia, and the agency's leader in the eradication effort predicted the last case in the world will likely occur in the next year.

Over half the world's population is now free from poliovirus, and polio cases worldwide have dropped from 350,000 in 1988 to 480 in 2001.....The primary obstacle to global eradication is money. The initiative is \$275 million short of the \$1 billion it needs between now and 2005. It needs \$60 million to complete the remaining 2002 immunization rounds.

Evanston-based Rotary International, the largest private donor to the initiative, will launch an \$80 million fundraising campaign Wednesday, but it's not clear where the rest of the funds will come from.

The large-scale effort to eradicate polio began in Evanston in 1985, when Rotary International created the global immunization program, PolioPlus. In 1988 the World Health Assembly launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Rotary has contributed \$493 million to eradicate the disease which affects mainly children under three.....

TEAMWORK



"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world".