



The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

"SOW THE SEEDS OF LOVE"

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DATE/TIME/

PLACE: January 28, 2003 12:00 Noon at McDonald's

ATTENDANCE: 24 plus Michael Burke

MISSING: E. Bellot, T. Casson, R. Coady, R. Davis, K. Ernst, G. Huston, D. Kinate, D. Moser, J. Paternoster, M. Petersen, P. Pogue, M. Prost, K. Stewart, J. Strong, J. Tollensdorf

SING-A-LONG: When The Saints Go Marching In - Wait Till The Sun Shines Nellie

LOTTO: J. Roberts - Bud Gerber

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE:

Programs:

02/04 Steve Weeks 02/18 Rod Stevens
02/11 Bill Orth 02/25 Kirwin Stewart

Membership:

Si reported Lucille Moser fell today and may have broken her ankle.



Bring your items in!
To check out ebay go to ebay.com and search.

QUIPS AND QUOTES:

*Let us keep our mouths shut and our pens
dry until we know the facts.*

Anton J. Carlson, Educator

All things at first appear difficult.

Chinese Proverb

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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Livingston County Coroner

Michael P. Burke

Mike thought we are a daring group having him at Rotary for the second time. He promised no pictures, or gory stories. This office has a long history dating back to 1838. Mike was the Deputy Coroner when Roger Duffy was Coroner until 1991 when he took over for Roger. He was appointed April 1. The paper asked him to write a Christmas safety article. The name was "My Mama Didn't Raise A Fool". He is beginning to wonder about that one. He serves in a dual position of handling deaths and being in law enforcement. He is the only one in the county that can arrest the Sheriff. When Don Wall passed away, Mike had to serve as Sheriff for 45 days. The Coroner is an elected position. He has a half-time Chief Deputy, full time Admin. Asst. and 7 Deputy Coroners. In Fairbury, he has Julie Runyon who is also an R.N. and volunteer for S.E.L.C.A.S. Coroners investigate suspicious or unusual or unnatural deaths - i.e. homicides, suicides, accidents, death by natural causes, inmate deaths, deaths caused by diseases that may be public health threats, deaths of persons whose bodies are to be cremated, deaths of persons that are the result of some type of trauma, and death of person without benefit of a physician. Mechanical trauma would be like the grain elevator death a while back of an inspector. In hypothermia cases or freezing, they must warm them up. "You are not dead until you are warm and dead." "We deal with family!" This is one of the hardest things they do. It gets really involved. Most of the time they will go with an officer or Clergy person or both, so the person will recognize some authority. There are some after care organizations like the survivors of suicide group. They will never lie to the family. It is very important to tell the truth. In most non-complicated cases it will take up to 75 hours of staff time to complete. In a complicated one it has ranged up to 175 hours. The Coroner is the custodian of property. It is unbelievable what people will travel with and what people will steal if they can at an accident. It is very important to treat every family as you would like your family to be treated.

BITS & PIECES

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



One minute, Horace Polite-Cobb was a high school honors student laughing with friends outside of school. The next minute, he was an eyewitness to the murder of a classmate - gunned down in a senseless dispute. Grief counselors were called in to help the students cope with the tragedy, but for Horace, it was a futile attempt. To him, good grades and a bright future were now of little consequence in a world overcome by violence.

But rather than remain disheartened by the turn of events,

Horace opted for action. He joined Youth Crime Watch of America (YCWA) and helped to establish the program in his school. As a YCWA member, he received training in crime prevention and conflict resolution - excelling in it as he had in every other class. So now, whenever trouble brews among students, Horace is called in to resolve the problem - before it escalates into something more serious. And his mediation skills don't stop there: Horace follows up with his classmates later to make sure things are continuing to go well.

For Horace, YCWA was the only thing that gave him the hope to move forward after his friend was killed. His next goal: to get the program into every school in the U.S. Horace says, "There's always a life out there that needs our help. That's why we have to stay with it, no matter what."

Adapted from Teens with the Courage to Give