



The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

"SOW THE SEEDS OF LOVE"

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Editor. . .Leroy McPherson

DATE/TIME/ July 1, 2003 - 12:00 Noon at McDonalds
PLACE:

ATTENDANCE: 23 plus Pastor Gary & Rebekah Martin, Amy Steidinger, Denise Kinzer

MISSING: E. Bellot, J. Capasso, T. Casson, R. Coady, R. Davis, B. Gerber, G. Huston, D. Kinate, W. Munz, E. Palen, J. Paternoster, P. Pogue, D. Roberts, K. Steward, L. Weber

LOTTO: Dean Moser & Amy Steidinger

PERFECT ATTENDANCE WINNER

 **Si Moser**

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

7/8 J. Capasso (Chenoa vote?) maybe
 7/15 Dist. Gov.
 7/22 Gary Huston
 7/29 Open

Membership:



It's that time! For those on e-mail - check your regular mail for this year's bill. **Pay by 7/29.**

Rotary Board Meeting:

12:00 noon, July 7th - Changed to CITIZENS
Topics: Circus & 75th Anniversary

COMMUNITY SERVICE

M.D.A. - Jeff announced he would match all donations from \$100 to \$500 personally. Fairbury Rotary is matching any and all donations up to \$250 from the Club.

QUIPS & QUOTES

Life consists not in holding good cards, but in playing those you hold well.

AREA 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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Guatamala Mission Trip

Living Word Christian Academy

Amy Steidinger, Pastor Gary Martin, Rebekah Martin

Amy, Pastor Gary & Rebekah are all members of the Living Word Christian Church in Roberts. They have 150 kids in their school. This past year was the first year for the high school (Living Word Christian Academy). From the beginning, the vision for the school was to train kids to go out into the world to reach people. The elementary kids visit nursing homes, junior high made a trip to Louisville and the high school went to Guatemala. Upon arrival, they began to build 3 classrooms, paint 120 desks (smurf blue) lay large block columns and rafters in 98 degree temperatures and with an inch of rain per day, all in open air construction - no windows or doors on these buildings. Pastor Gary noted that Guatemala has some of the most active volcanos in the world ("what was I doing there?") Their trip lasted 10 days. The Guatemalan people basically have nothing and don't complain. They are grateful for the little they have. The children in the orphanage are happy and well cared for since it is supported by a church in the U.S. The children have loving foster parents and are happy even though the children were rescued from the streets after physical and sexual abuse. Their houses have no windows or doors and dirt floors. It broke the hearts of the kids from Living Word to minister to these kids during the day and then watch them go down the road to these sad little homes. They hated to think of the kids living like that. Several outreach programs were held in the city park and they made lots of friends. One of the little boys had an opinion of "shoot the Gringos!" but that changed long before they left as

he was loved by the Americans. The time spent just loving these people was time well spent. In the mornings they would have children's outreach or one-on-one ministry in the homes or parks, in the afternoon they all worked and in the evening had church services. They put on a lot of dramas and skits since the people could not speak English and this is a universal language. The Guatemalan people are very small in size. When asked if he had anything to trade, one of our high school boys offered a pair of his shoes but the response was... "mucho grande". They were way too big for them. The kids love soccer and were ready to play any time the ball touched the ground. In the final goodbye, the Guatemalan people in the church sang and acted out a song called "Thank you for Giving to the Lord". They came down the aisles with gold paper crowns they had made and placed a gold crown on the head of each child and adult from Living Word and thanked them for touching their lives in such a mighty way. Six adults and 15 kids traveled to Guatemala and six adults and 15 kids came back forever changed.



Guatemala Team
Students from Living Word Christian Academy

BITS & PIECES

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

Effort Reaps Its Own Reward . . . Long ago, a king had a boulder placed in the middle of a village road. It was just large enough to make passage difficult for villagers who traveled that way. One day, a monk was on his way to study at a nearby monastery and came upon the boulder. He considered it: Move it, or simply move around it? Figuring that the next passerby would be confronted with the same dilemma, he chose to move it from the road.

The monk pushed and pulled at the rock. Many villagers weaseled by him, offering neither help nor encouragement. "You're wasting your time," they muttered, "that boulder has been there for ages. Besides, once you enter the monastery, it will be years before you return to this village again. Why bother?"

After much effort, the monk was able to inch the rock away from the road. Then he took a handful of dirt from a nearby mound to fill the crater the boulder had left in the road. As he started to throw in the dirt, he noticed something: It was a pouch bearing the royal emblem!

He opened it and, to his surprise, found several gold coins. "Oh, how lucky you are to have uncovered a treasure from the king," remarked a passerby.

The monk just smiled as he filled the hole with handfuls of dirt. He knew that it wasn't simply luck. The best rewards are never given freely - they are earned by effort and hard work.