



The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

"Lend a Hand"

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DATE/TIME/

PLACE: July 29, 2003 - 12:00 Noon at McDonalds

ATTENDANCE: 18 plus Ethan McPherson

MISSING: 20

SING-A-LONG: No piano player!

LOTTO: John Tollensdorf & Jeff Schweizer

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

- 8/05 P.C. Dairy Team
- 8/12 Jim Schahrer - Fair
- 8/19 Mark Prost
- 8/26 Carl Borngasser



Board Meeting
August 4
12 Noon at Marchelloni's

Dues are past due. Check to see if you have paid. Rotary International requires dues paid by August 1. I will be sending in dues for you.



Birthdays



- 8/13 - Calvin Jackson
- 8/16 - John Tollensdorf
- 8/12 - Mike White

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The P.C. annexation fund is looking for funds to place articles in the paper to help everyone to better understand the P.C. & Chenoa possible merger.



The Circus is September 4
at the Fairgrounds!

QUIPS & QUOTES

One may go a long way after one is tired.
 French Proverb

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.

Speaker: Gary Huston

Liv. Co. Habitat for Humanity



Gary is on the Board of Directors for the Liv. Co. Habitat for Humanity. They operate mainly on donated funds and free labor. They have built their 10th house in Liv. Co. A man by the name of Miller Fuller founded it in the

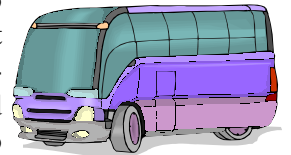
70's. Next Friday will be their second annual golf outing with \$60/person - 4-person teams. They will have prizes, etc.

Last year they raised \$2,500. The homes are not a giveaway. The recipient has to have a job with steady income and have to make payments. These people cannot get conventional funding. They have to have \$400 down (\$250 for application and \$150 at closing, plus they have to put in 400 hours of labor on the house. Presently they have a lack of applicants and are trying to find families. Gary has been on the board for 4 years.

New Orleans Mission Trip

This trip included 7 adults and 22 kids. They began with Vacation Bible School on June 29th at 4:15 a.m. when a bus (driven by Gary) and an extended van took off for the Mission. They arrived at 9:30 Sunday night, arriving along with Tropical Storm "Bill". The mission has been there for 50 years ministering to kids of the inner city. In the morning they would play games and do crafts. Then they would all assemble in the park. Tropical Bill washed them out on Monday so they decided to go to the mall. They got there and no cars were in the parking lot. The parking lot attendant said \$55 for an oversized vehicle. They dropped off the kids and went back for the van. When they got back, they closed the mall in 5 minutes due to rain. Otherwise they had a great trip.

Six months ago they went to Mexico to build a seminary and could see what they had accomplished. In New Orleans they don't know if we really did any good. They would split up into three groups and gather into local parks.



All the churches around the area had been broken into but never the Mission in the 50 years it has been there. Dress code: shorts had to have a 6" inseam. They were given 2 keys. If you lost one you would have to pay \$300.00 to get all the locks changed. They had a great group of kids. They did good and were well respected.

The Waterbearer

There once was a young man who made his living transporting pots of water from the river to the families in the village. He would fill two large pots and then suspend them by their handles from the ends of a pole that he balanced on his shoulders. But one of the pots was cracked and much of the water leaked from it by the time the waterbearer reached his destination.

One day, the cracked pot spoke to the waterbearer. "I am so ashamed," the pot said. "I spill half of my load and cause you so much hardship. If I did not have this crack, you would make fewer trips to the river."

"Do not feel bad," consoled the waterbearer. "You may not think of yourself as perfect but many benefit from your flaw." The waterbearer stopped along the path and allowed water from the cracked pot to fill a small shallow pool made of

stones. "You see? The water you leak has created a place for birds and other small creatures to drink from."

The waterbearer continued down the path and said, "Notice all of the beautiful flowers that bloom on only one side of the road.

You made the ground soft so that I could plant the seeds that grew into these flowers. Water from your pot nourishes them every day. Everyone from the village enjoys their beauty, and now, I have been asked to plant seeds along all the paths leading to the homes in the village. Thanks to you, I earn a higher wage now that there are flowers to plant and water."

"Never be ashamed because you are less than perfect," said the waterbearer. "Each of us has something of value to contribute to the world."

