



# The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

"SOW THE SEEDS OF LOVE"

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**DATE/TIME/ PLACE:** June 24, 2003 - 12:00 Noon at McDonalds

**ATTENDANCE:** 21 plus Cathy Smith

**MISSING:** 18


**SING-A-LONG:** No piano player

**LOTTO:** W. Fugate & P. Hermes

## ACTION ON THE AVENUES

### CLUB SERVICE

#### Next Week's Program:



07/01 - Amy Steidinger -  
Guatamala Mission Trip

07/08 - Open  
 07/15 - Dist. Gov. Paul F. Luedtke  
 07/22 - Gary Huston - Gamma Phi Circus  
 07/29 - Open

#### Membership:



It's that time! For those on  
e-mail - check your regular mail  
for this year's bill.

#### Rotary Board Meeting:

12:00 noon, July 7th at Marchelloni's  
 Topics: Circus & 75th Anniversary

### Birthdays

7/03 - Mike Petersen  
 7/08 - Linda Weber  
 7/28 - John Capasso

### QUIPS & QUOTES

Success is dependent on effort  
 Sophocles, Dramatist

### AREA CLUB MEETINGS

Bloomington	12:00 Noon	Thursday	Elks Club
Gibson City	6:15 p.m.	Wednesday	BayernStube
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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# Fairbury Pool

The present pool was built in 1983 - 20 years ago. The original pool was built in 1959 and lasted 24 years. The pool holds 158,000 gal. and the kiddie pool is 5,000 gal. Our recirculation

pump pumps 450 to 500 GPM through a filter. The average turnover time for the pool is every 5 to 5 1/2 hours. They test the water mainly for chlorine residual and P.H. adjustment. The State Inspector comes one time per year as a surprise visit. He looks at our records, the filter, whether it is kept clean, etc. Presently we have a staff of 15 of which 7 are college age. They are all certified Red Cross Life Guards. Cathy is a certified instructor and teaches Life Guard, CPR and First Aid. In 1974 Cathy began her tenure with the pool as a guard. In 1985 she became manager and began the swim team. Her main incentive to work at the pool - "college tuition!". Cathy has her Water Safety Instructor (WSI) license. She has also been trained on a defibrillator also but

we have none yet. At a salary of \$1 to \$1.50 per hour she has to love doing the swim team. Presently she has 101 members from 5 to 18. They have 11 meets this year with 5 at home. Their present record is 3 & 1 - over the past 5 years 53 & 4 with all losses going to Flanagan. The life guards are very dedicated and offer swim lessons starting at 8:30 a.m. and in the evening. It was a challenge with 67 degree water temperatures. They have given 135 certificates out. In the past three weeks we have had 2,000 swimmers at the pool. Some strange things that have happened . . . a person lost their glass eye in the 10-ft. and the guards had to find it. A kid lost his trunks in the bottom of the 10-ft. and couldn't get out. They have had to fish out turtles and snakes - they had to crawl in?? The Frito Lay delivery man saw Cathy at Dave's and stated he didn't recognize her with her clothes on. Hours are 1:00 to 6:00 usually but can go to 8:00 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings are set for pool parties. The occupancy capacity for the pool is 283. They have been up to 250 this year. Adult swim is from 12:00 to 1:00 but it works better from 11:00 to 12:00 at the present. The swim team practice usually is from 12:00 to 1:00 until the end of July.

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## The Seeds of Character

Ling was thrilled: He had been invited along with all the young people throughout the land - to a special assembly with the Emperor.

When Ling arrived at the gates of the palace, he was given a seed and escorted to the Great Hall. Other children were already gathered there and after a short while the Emperor came before them and spoke. "The successor to my throne stands among you in the crowd today. Each person here has been given a seed. This seed will determine your future. You are to plant it, water it every day, and return here in one year with the fruits of your labor."

Ling rushed home and planted his seed in a pot full of soil. Did he really have a chance to be the next ruler? He watered the soil and placed the pot in a window where it would get the most sun.

Days passed and nothing grew. So Ling fertilized the soil, yet still nothing grew. Months went by and his pot stood barren.

Finally, the day arrived when the young people were to return to the palace. Ling was so ashamed at his failure that he decided not to go. But his mother said, "Ling you have nothing to be ashamed of. You have done what was asked of you. Return to the palace and be honest about your results."

Ling knew his mother was right. But when he arrived at the palace, he saw an abundance of plants - some with dazzling flowers, others with canopies of foliage - and Ling became embarrassed by his efforts. He picked a spot at the back of the crowd, hoping to conceal his failure.



The Emperor swept into the room and surveyed the plants. Ling held his breath as the Emperor spotted him. "You, in the corner there. Come forward."

Ling reluctantly approached the Emperor. The other kids began to snicker as he passed by with his pot of soil. "What is your name?" asked the Emperor.

"I am Ling, Your majesty."

The Emperor bowed to Ling, saying, "One year ago I gave each of you a boiled seed that could not grow. Yet, today I see every kind of plant that grows in our land. Ling is the only one among you with enough honesty to bring back an empty pot and face possible ridicule and reproach. That kind of integrity shows nobility. All bow to your next ruler, Ling!"