



The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

"SOW THE SEEDS OF LOVE"

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DATE/TIME/ March 4, 2003 12:00 Noon at McDonald's
PLACE:

ATTENDANCE: 22 plus Donnie Simmons

SING-A-LONG: America

LOTTO: Jef Schweizer & Terry Casson

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE:

Programs:

03/11 Jon Bachtold

Jeff Schweizer informed us that Jon Bachtold has been called to active military duty. Jon will be our program next week, March 11, and we'll learn more details at that time. Jeff has attended PETS Training and will become our next club president.

03/18 John Rich
03/25 Terry Casson

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Student of The Month:

J'ne Brown

J'ne came to us at mid-year and has done an outstanding job in the classroom. She is attentive, completes all assignments and leads class discussions. She is the model student. She works hard, has good attendance and participates in every math lesson. She also cares about her peers and her studies. She is a fine addition to the Prairie Central student body.

QUIPS AND QUOTES:

Man can live about forty days without food, about three days without water, about eight minutes without air . . . but only for one second without hope.

-Hal Lindsey

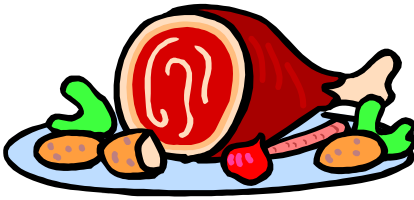
AREA CLUB MEETINGS

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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LIVINGSTON CO. HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Donnie Simmons



The Livingston County Health Department performs inspections on 300 restaurants and between 130 and 150 public and private temporary food stands annually in the county. Twice a year the Health Department offers the Illinois Food Sanitation Course where attendees receive classroom instruction to prepare themselves to take the exam for their Illinois Certified Food Manager License. This license is required for restaurant food handlers, and to keep their license they must have an additional five hours of continuing education every five years.

Donnie also explained the steps necessary for church and other groups to obtain temporary food establishment permits since these are required for fund raising events where food is sold. He also gave us advice on how to safely handle and store food items. As a note of interest, did you know that expiration dates are only required on eggs and infant formula. Any other dates we see on various food items we purchase are just "use by dates" from the manufacturer for quality control purposes.

The Livingston County Health Department was established in 1960 and they started doing food service inspections in 1974. At the present time there are only four counties in Illinois that do not have a county health department.

A Special Message from President Rattakul for World Understanding Month

18 February 2003

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

As we observe World Understanding Month in February, I would like to suggest that we take the time to reflect deeply upon the importance of this month to all Rotarians. As Rotarians, we all share an objective to promote peace and international understanding. We work toward this end in many ways-through humanitarian service projects that relieve human suffering and want, through exchange programs that bring together people from diverse cultures and turn strangers into friends, and through our Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution, which are educating tomorrow's diplomats and peacemakers.

Our founder, Paul Harris, once said that "The way to war is a well-paved highway and the way to peace is still a wilderness." Today, with tensions escalating throughout our world, many of us feel lost in that wilderness, immobilized by the thicket of fear and hatred growing around us. But these troubled times also lend urgency to our calling as Rotarians. This February, more than ever, we must redouble our efforts to break down the myths and misconceptions that fuel conflict among the peoples of the world. More than ever, we must focus, not on our differences, but on our shared human condition.

All people in the world have a common cause, and it is our misfortune that we sometimes fail to recognize how we are all connected to each other. When the situation of one person is improved, the whole world benefits. Through Rotary and in our professional and personal lives, let us dedicate ourselves to serving our common cause and bridging the gaps that so violently divide countries, races, cultures, religions, and ethnic groups.

Coming from 164 countries, speaking dozens of different languages, and professing a diverse range of religious beliefs, Rotarians represent a microcosm of the world-with one important difference. Rotary is a microcosm of a world at peace where tolerance, understanding, and love prevail. Let us extend the Rotary model of international understanding and goodwill throughout the larger world, and wherever hatred, conflict, and violence might grow, let Rotarians instead *Sow the Seeds of Love*.

Yours sincerely,

Bhichai Rattakul
President, Rotary International