



The Cornpicker

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"Lend a Hand"

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DATE/TIME/ PLACE: November 25, 2003 - 12:00 Noon at McDonalds

22 plus Gloria Wilson, Ass't District Governor, Jim Hargitt, SELCAS

ATTENDANCE:

J. Bachtold, E. Bellot, C. Borngasser, J. Capasso, R. Coady, R. Davis, K. Ernst,

MISSING:

W. Fugate, B. Gerber, C. Jackson, D. Kinate, L. McPherson, M. Mosier, M. Prost, J. Rich, D. Roberts, J. Roberts, R. Stevens, K. Stewart, F. Wing

America The Beautiful and My Gal Sal

SING-A-LONG:

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

- 12/02 PCHS Winter Sports
- 12/09 Christmas Party - 6:30 p.m.
- 12/16 C. Borngasser - Judy Crammer
- 12/23 Rev. Stewart
- 12/30 OPEN



Last week's article on Prairie Lands Foundation should have read . . . **Dr. Voris** and Mr. Nussbaum donated money for a scholarship program.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

**December 9 at 6:30
McDonalds**

Sign-up Sheet for the Christmas Party was sent around again . . . Call Linda if you didn't get signed up. Our 75th Anniversary will also be commemorated.

COMMUNITY SERVICE



Hats off to our PCHS Football team. We wish them 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.



S.E.L.C.A.S.

Program: Dean MoserSpeaker: Jim Hargitt

Jim reviewed the SELCAS program for us. They have a total of 37 people on their roster. They have 4 full time employees that work 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and back up the staff on weekends. They also have a staff of volunteers and are able to staff a second backup vehicle. They send the second vehicle also when there is an accident since there may be more than one patient in need of transport. They transport 600-700 patients per year and also do transfers between hospitals and nursing homes. They have three levels - basics, intermediates and paramedics. An intermediate must be on board. 9000 people are served in our area. They now have Fibrillators and EKGs. They have about a dozen medications they are allowed to administer and have 5 or 6 more coming. Soon they will be able to administer medication to slow or speed up the heartbeat. They work closely with the Fire Dept. The Fire Dept. can stabilize a patient until SELCAS arrives. They do take people to the hospital of their choice. 2/3 of their funding comes from patient charges. Some is written off and some comes from contributions.

Jim handed out a rate sheet of examples of charges to St. James and also to BroMenn. He said medicare patients really don't need to worry about going to the hospital by ambulance.

It is not that expensive. If they check you at your residence and decide transport is not necessary, there is no charge.

SELCAS is in good shape financially. They plan to get a new ambulance every 3 years. They were given money from the Stafford Trust and bought an ambulance, putting the rest in an endowment fund (do not touch account). They want to get that account to \$100,000 and will only spend the interest. A new ambulance costs just under \$95,000. The ambulance they are selling has 123,000 miles on it and will go to Chatsworth. The new ambulances have double the fuel mileage from the past.

Their volunteer Board of Directors makes sure they have good equipment. They're in good shape with top-notch equipment. They put an 850 square foot addition on to the west side of their building recently and now have their own laundry facilities and a generator.

Jim explained that they do transport to the VA hospital but they do not like to have emergency patients unannounced. You should be taken to a regular hospital to be stabilized before going to the VA hospital. Since they strive to break even (not make a profit).



He believed in the "American Dream." While selling paper cups to restaurants in the 1920s, he worked his way up to become one of the company's top salespeople.

Confident that more could be done in the restaurant business, he left the sales position to market a machine that could mix several milkshakes at one time. His travels brought him in contact with two brothers who owned a restaurant which bought his machines.

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Failures . . . But Not Quite

He became a partner in this highly successful restaurant but continued to dream about going beyond making 48 milkshakes at one time on the eight multi-mixer machines.

Ultimately, he bought out the two brothers. He kept their name on the business and focused on building a fast-food restaurant chain.

He could have been satisfied with his impressive milkshake maker but Ray Kroc had bigger goals to meet. Eventually, he built McDonald's into a billion-dollar industry.