



# The Cornpicker

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**DATE/TIME/**

**PLACE:** February 8, 2005 - 12:00 Noon at McDonalds  
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**ATTENDANCE:**

Give My Regards to Broadway, My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean, Around Her Neck She Wears a Yellow Ribbon

**SING-A-LONG:**

R. Coady & M. Steffen

**LOTTO:**

## ACTION ON THE AVENUES

### CLUB SERVICE

**Programs:**

- 02-15 - Rod Stevens
- 02-22 - P.C.
- 03-01 - Terry Casson (P.C. Co-op)
- 03-08 - Mark Steffen
- 03-15 - P.C. Contest Students
- 03-22 - OPEN
- 03-29 - Bill Fugate

**Membership:**

Report on Jim Roberts - weak but doing well. Bill Fugate - some movement in knees - using a walker.

### Quips & Quotes

The mistake we make is when we seek to be loved,  
instead of loving.

Charlotte Yonge (1823-1901) writer

### AREA CLUB MEETINGS

Bloomington	12:00 Noon	Thursday	Elks Club
Gibson City	6:45 a.m.	Wednesday	The Country Kettle
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

# The Bahamas

Jeff Schweizer



Jeff was going to talk about Social Security but, let's wait. One month ago Jeff was visiting his dad in the Bahamas. It is actually called The Bahamian Island. About 20 years ago it became a Nation of its own. Nassau comprised 85% of its population. He visited in Abaco consisting of 14,000 people. It has a very bizarre economy. Fifteen years ago the Islands consisted of 20% Haitians but due to an increase through breeding it is 60% presently. The poor definitely outnumber. People come from all over the world but predominantly from the U.S.A., Canada and the United Kingdom. There are around 80,000 boats that stop at port per year. The Disney Cruise comes

through this area. The Islands are 120 miles long by 10 miles wide at its widest point. It has the second largest contiguous reef in the world - 140-150 miles long. Jeff's parents live there and in order for Jeff to see his Dad he has to go fishing. They fish in the Sea of Abaco. In the winter, the ocean becomes very violent with 10' waves. The ocean is 150' deep at their fishing point. They fish the cheapest and most fun way - by just throwing out a 120 lb to 180 lb test line and pulling it in by hand. They have special rubber gloves for the larger fish. Their Rotary Club has 20 members. There is no Salvation Army so the club rings the bells at stores to get funds to buy meals for the needy families. Two years ago they bought 50 meals, last year 100 and this year 150 meals. This year they went out with students from Special Needs Schools and they rang together. This is all amazing considering two years ago the hurricane covered the island with 5 ft. of water. Rotary was asked and they came to their aid. There is no medical service and only a few doctors. The nearest hospital is Nasau and it is about 50 years behind.

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## BITS & PIECES

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Wanting to have more time to himself, aging composer Johannes Brahms is said to have shocked his friends and colleagues with the announcement that he would no longer write music.

"Why shouldn't I enjoy my old age?" he explained to those saddened by his news. "I'll not write another note."

And so it was: Brahms retired and seemed comfortable with his new freedom. Yet, several months later he debuted a new work!

"I thought you weren't going to write any more music?" asked a friend.

"I wasn't, but after a few days' leisure I was so happy at the thought of not writing, the music just came to me without effort!"

The next time you're ready to throw in the towel, take a breather instead. You may find that clearing your mind makes room for new ideas and energy to come your way. And like Brahms, you'll return to the game more motivated and productive than before.