



The Cornpicker

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"Celebrate Rotary"

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DATE/TIME/

PLACE: March 29, 2005 - 12:00 Noon at Marchelloni's

ATTENDANCE:

24 + 12 guests - Andrew Harrod (Normal Rotary), Denise Kinzer, Jay Nussbaum, Bill Story, Monique Strong, Keith Kesler (Champaign), Kay Fugate, Ed Abbott and Jack Ottosen (Morrison Rotary). Tom Schahrer and Pam Schahrer (Pontiac Rotary) and Speaker: Ken Killion, Marquette Nebraska

LOTTO:

M. Petersen, K. Ernst, M. Prost

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

- 04-05 OPEN
- 04-12 P.C.
- 04-19 John Tollensdorf, Jr.

Rod Stevens had surgery today. We all welcomed Bill Fugate back.

Bits & Pieces

GUIDING PRINCIPLE

Dream, and dare to be different!

THE VALUE OF LEARNING:

Chief Seattle (a Pacific-Northwest Native American Chief) once said, "We will only save what we love. We will only love what we understand. We will only understand what we are taught." Which always makes me wonder . . . "What have I learned today?"

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

John noted: Rotary license plate available - contact him.

We are looking for a delegate for the Rotary convention.



AREA CLUB MEETINGS

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| 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 |

Cowboy Poet

Ken Killion



Ken is a Texas Aggie. He played trombone in their band. He lives 70 miles from Fairbury (Nebraska) in Marquette. Ken is a farmer, rancher, seed salesman . . . and a cowboy poet. He wears a hat so he doesn't have to comb his hair and boots so he doesn't have to match his socks. He told about a couple of old boys talking. One asks. . . "how ya been feeling? The other "pretty good but had some trouble with my memory". "What you do?" "Went to the doctor and he gave me some pills." "Is it helping you? "I think so." "What kind of pills were they?" "Well, you know that little bush that grows with little thorns a . . . "You mean a rose bush?" "Yea . . . Hey Rose . . . what's the name of that medicine?"

Ken likes to ask directions to see what they say. Ken tells of the 2 aggie roommates watching the 10:00 news. There is a guy on the 5th floor ready to jump. Billy John bet \$10 he would jump. Bobby Don bet \$10 he wouldn't. Well he jumped. Billy John picked up the \$20 and left. Billy John just couldn't take it. He came back and told Bobby Don he had watched the 6 o'clock news and knew he had jumped so he couldn't take the money. Billy Don said "no, that's your money. I watched it too but I didn't think he would do it twice!" Ken loves Ag and livestock so many of his stories are about them. Poetry is like "putting life in verse". All of it is true . . . or at least starts out to be true. Ken told several other poems so I sat my pen down and enjoyed the rest of his presentation. Other verses were "*Mama's Clothes Line*" He picked on the bankers with "*Pet Chicken Charlie*". He told of his fair days and "*The Old Grandstand*". He told on Mama with "*Mouse in The House*". I liked the part about the snake. "*Pulling Story*". Did you know a Zebra is 22 times larger than a Debra. "*Horseback at the County Fair*" and "*Mama Pulling The Tractor*". Pa never asked Mama to pull it again. Ask someone at the meeting why? Ken was a lot of fun and it was very enjoyable.

