



The Cornpicker

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DATE/TIME/

PLACE: May 31, 2005 - 12:00 Noon at McDonalds

ATTENDANCE: 21

SING-A-LONG: On Top of Old Smoky - You're A Grand Old Flag

LOTTO: John Strong and Dean Moser

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

6-07 - SPECIAL MEETING

- 6-14 - Jim Schahrer
- 6-21 - Carolyn Wetzel (nursing home)
- 6-28 - Carolyn Wetzel (Red Cross)
- 7-05 - Handing over the gavel (John's thoughts on this year.

Membership

June 7 special meeting. We need all Rotarians to attend. We will have to make a major decision that will affect our club. We encourage your attendance.



Ella Bellot - 6/19
Stephen Weeks - 6/25

COMMUNITY SERVICE

We may have a bench for the park to show at the next meeting.

Bits & Pieces

There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up.

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

Shelter Box U.S.A.

A Planned Response to Unpredictable Disasters

Jim Paternoster had the program this week. Rod brought the CD player/projector for our viewing of The Shelter Box.

The purpose of Shelter Box USA, Inc. is to provide victims of disaster with shelter, by supporting the efforts of the Shelter Box Trust.

The function of Shelter Box USA, Inc. is, within the USA, to raise the money that provides the shelter for disaster victims. Shelter Box is a grassroots Rotary Club project which has rapidly grown to an international level.

The Shelter Box project was conceived and developed by Tom Henderson, a member of the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard, Cornwall District, in Great Britain as their Millennium Service Project. Struck with the urgent world-wide need for a self-contained emergency shelter unit when disaster occurs, Tom designed a tent, researched suppliers and, through trial and error, developed the Shelter Box. The international relief agency Feed the Children, has called Tom's Shelter Box 'the best disaster relief tool they have seen in their 20 years of experience'. Working primarily through UK Rotary clubs, Tom and his Rotary club has succeeded in exposing the Shelter Box project to over 25 million Brits and, as a result, distributed over 1200 units (providing shelter and aid for over 12,000 people).

In March, 2002, Tom approached the newly formed Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch (near Sarasota, FL) to become the primary Rotary administrator for the Shelter Box program in the United State, known as Shelter Box USA. This commitment involves promoting Shelter Box not only through the established U.S. Rotary club network but to other community groups, corporate groups and individuals as well.



As a result of exhibiting at the 2003 Rotary International Conference, Shelter Box USA was responsible for initiating two other national affiliates: Shelter Box Down Under (in Australia) and Shelter-Box Canada. Shelter Box Japan is the newest global partner.

Shelter Boxes provide basic shelter and warmth



Shelter Boxes are sponsored by service clubs, (Rotary Clubs), school and church groups, businesses and individuals, etc.

The standard Shelter Box weighs 110 lbs. and has approximate dimensions 33" x 24" x 24". They are sealed and banded for transit and security and are made up of the items listed below: One 49 gallon box (The Shelter Box) initially the container for delivery of the materials listed below. Once delivered, can be used as water tank, food store, cot, table, etc.

One three-compartment, ten-person, domed-tent complete, ten envelope-type sleeping bags, one pack of 180 water purification tablets and one 5 gallon flat-pack water container (Each tablet will purify a full container of water providing 1,800 gallons of clean drinking water which should be sufficient for a family of ten for up to three months). Two 2.1 gallon, collapsible, plastic water carriers, two sets of basic cooking/eating utensils (pots, pans, plates, cups, etc), one trenching shovel, one package of three flashlights/batteries and additional set of spare batteries, rope, 164 foot, ten PVC Ponchos/ ten HD plastic bags, tool kit in canvas bag, hatchet, jack-knife, screwdriver, hammer, etc. , Multi-

fueled cook stove. The contents are under continuous review. Plans are in development for site-specific Box contents to address varying climate conditions. For example, a tropical disaster site would require sleeping mats and mosquito netting instead of sleeping bags.

Any given day, more than 12,000,000 people worldwide lack adequate shelter

Floods, hurricanes, wars, and earthquakes leave multitudes displaced and homeless every day.

The traditional focus is on immediate needs

Local and international relief organizations react with initial aid of food, medicine and short-term shelter to relieve suffering and hardship.

However, the need for Shelter goes on - often for months.

Displaced and vulnerable people often have needs that persist long after the relief agencies have gone. Tents, sleeping bags and camping supplies are invaluable while the local infrastructure is being restored and people are better equipped to cope.