



The Cornpicker

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"Celebrate Rotary"

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DATE/TIME/

PLACE: May 3, 2005 - 12:00 Noon at McDonalds

ATTENDANCE: 28 plus Keith Klitzing

SING-A-LONG: Wait Till The Sun Shines Nellie
In The Good Old Summer Time

LOTTO: G. Huston and B. Gerber

PERFECT ATTENDANCE


Bill Orth

(Jim Paternoster was drawn but not present. Bill thanks you!)

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

- 5-09 -  6:00 p.m. at the Walton Centre
- 5-10 - PCHS - ICE
- 5-17 - noon meeting
plus Interact meeting at night at Marchelloni's)
- 5-24 - P.C.H.S. - Student of The Month
- 5-31 - OPEN 6-14 - Jim Schahrer
- 6-07 - OPEN 6-21 & 6-28 - OPEN

NOTE: **May 9** (Chamber of Commerce) will count for a meeting as well as **May 10** (regular noon meeting) Come to one or both. **May 17** there will be a noon meeting and a night one with Interact at Marchelloni's. Come to one or both.

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Our scholarships were announced today by John:
(please do not tell them).

Kristin Schmidgal & Kent Steidinger

INTERNATIONAL

Sept. 5 - Group Study Exchange to Poland - cannot be a Rotarian.

Bits & Pieces

There's only one way to succeed in anything,
and that is to give it everything.

Vince Lombardi (1913-1970)

The most important thing in communication is
to hear what isn't being said.

Peter F. Drucker, Management consultant and writer

Fairbury Fire Department

Keith Klitzing



Fairbury Firemen had a call to go out and check Westview Grade school, due to an alarm going off

Mark thought of this program due to a fire behind his store of several cardboard bales. Keith wore a welding hat but as Fire Chief, wearing his white hat - the buck stops here. He has been on 38 years and 20 as Chief. The white stuff puts out the red. We have gone from rubber suits and hot rods, beer drinking good old boys to wearing air packs and gas masks for terrorist attacks. Keith noted his body can't take it but his heart is still with it. He has 30 people that are his hands, feet and eyes. Equipment is not cheap. Turn out gear is \$1200, hat \$240, boots \$120+. Their lives are on the line so we feel we will keep them well protected. In 1956 his dad built our first tanker, then in 1976 and 1977 they built the next two. With the new I.S.O. ratings and certification factors it is no longer feasible to build. In 1989 we bought our first new pumper since the 1956 unit. It cost \$129,000. Our newest truck is a 3,000 gallon tanker, purchased with a 0% loan.

Basically, we overran the community room and had to take it over. We are still in need of more room. We house over

700,000 worth of fire and rescue equipment. Our air packs used to be \$1700, presently they run \$2200 and we have 20. On the average we have 70 calls per year. We had 6 structure fires and 45 or so bandaide or cloud watchers. Yes, we do storm watches since we do not have an ESDA director. If we have a cat in a tree or a cloud in the sky we do show up. They get all excited and want to do something for \$10.00 if its 15 min. or all night to two days. We were known to be foundation savers but today if called in time with 100-500 gal. of water, we can usually put out a house but not if the flames are coming out of the roof. In 1988 our ISO rating was 8 in town and 10 in rural. Two years ago we went to a 4. (10-bad and 1-best). This is kind of unheard of for an all volunteer fire department. The purchase of equipment, new water towers, mains and looping water mains all helped. Our concerns are for the elderly, schools and business. The rural protection dist. has helped with trucks, equipment and the location of 5 dry hydrants in ponds and creeks for water supply where we hook up a truck and suck water from them. We go hand in hand to make the fire service work. We always say . . . faith, family & fire come first. When the pager goes off we go into a different world. Our adrenaline rush makes us do our jobs without fear usually.



Firemen called out to a trailer fire.



The Fire Department had a call for a truck over turned.