



The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

"Service Above Self"

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2005 - 2006 Officers

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DATE/TIME/

PLACE: November 8, 2005 - 12:00 noon at Marchelloni's

ATTENDANCE: 25 plus Bernard Anderson

SING-A-LONG: You're A Grand Old Flag and Red River Valley

MISSING: Most notable was Leroy McPherson (something about he had to take care of agents from the Department of Labor)

LOTTO: Keith Bahler and John Tollensdorf

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

11-15	Jim Paternoster	12-06	Christmas Party
11-22	John Capasso	12-13	PCJH - Literary
	(Hall of Fame)	12-20	Gary Huston
11-29	Tom Kahle	12-27	Joan Smeltzer

Mike Petersen attended the Danville Rotary Club's 90th Anniversary Celebration. Guest speaker was Rotary International President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammer from Sweden.

Bits & Pieces

A professional is one who does his best work when he feels the least like working.
-Frank Lloyd Wright

CLUB SERVICE



Tour of the new Livingston County Jail will be held November 9th. They'll meet at Marchelloni's at 4:00 p.m. and drive over to Pontiac from there.

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

Nicor Gas

Bernard Anderson



Nicor purchases natural gas from 8 major pipeline suppliers for delivery to your homes and businesses. Natural gas prices have taken a major jump and from last October have risen from \$.58 per therm to \$1.19 today. Weather and the economy have been the biggest factor but Nicor has ample production and storage to get us through the winter. We can expect to see the highest costs for natural gas in U.S. history (a 61% increase from last year). Hurricanes Katrina and Rita

shut down production and the hot summer months saw more gas used in the generation of electricity for cooling.

We can take the following steps to lessen the impact on our family budgets:

- 1) Sign up for budget billing and spread the cost out over 12 months.
- 2) Conserve energy - Set back thermostat, update insulation, seal windows and doors, caulk where necessary and close chimney flues when not in use.
- 3) Maintain or replace furnace.
- 4) Turn thermostat down on your water heater.

Low income energy assistance programs are available and individuals are encouraged to call a Nicor representative if there is a question. We can expect to see higher than normal gas prices for at least the next two years so we need to take all of the steps necessary to lessen the impact.