



The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

"Service Above Self"

Fairburyrotary.com

2005 - 2006 Officers

President	Mike Petersen
Pres. Elect	Dave Roberts
Vice President	
Sec/Treas	Leroy McPherson
Editor	Leroy McPherson



DATE/TIME/

PLACE: October 25, 2005 - 12:00 noon at Marchelloni's

ATTENDANCE: 28

SING-A-LONG: Daisy Bell - I've Been Workin' On The Railroad

LOTTO: Lesley King & Deb Oelschlager

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

11-01	Bill Fugate - Julie Ifft	11-29	Tom Kahle
	(China World Bank)	12-06	Gary Huston
11-08	Carl Borngasser	12-13	PCJH - Literary
11-15	Jim Paternoster	12-20	Christmas Party
11-22	John Capasso	12-27	Joan Smeltzer
	(Hall of Fame)		



11/22 - Keith Bahler
11/27 - John Strong

Bits & Pieces

Happy are those who dream dreams and are ready to pay the price to make them come true.

Leon Joseph Cardinal Suenens

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Rotary Outstanding Student of the Month

Nigel Pick, son of Nick and Chastity Pick

"Nigel has shown excellence in French and English, notes Mary Frobish of the English/Foreign Language Department. "He contributes quality work to each class. He grasps new concepts quickly. When working with others, his creativity makes learning enjoyable for all involved. "Nigel is well-read and consistently displays an intellectual curiosity. He has a gift for finding an unusual or off-beat angle, which adds depth to all of his work, whether it is in class discussion or in his writing," adds Mrs. Frobish.



Christmas Parade - Are we going to have an entry?

INTERNATIONAL

Lincoln Rotary thanked us for our support. They received monetary donations totaling \$19,288.78. After filling both semis, a check for \$7,092.69 was sent to the Lucedale Rotary Club.



Lesley King

Wife • Mother • Business Owner • Speaker

Lesley comes to us from Piper City where she lives with her husband, Brian and children, Joel and Hannah. But she

says she loves to come to Fairbury to shop! You have to love what you do and find purpose in life, true life. Why did you join Rotary? Lesley has been speaking for 8 years and just loves to talk. She encourages people to live and love life every day. Eighteen years ago she was in a bad traffic accident when a semi hit her on June of 1987. At 26 she then decided to be better than bitter. She was not able to talk. You need to live each day to its fullest and use your gifts that God has given you.

Use them and develop them. You need to talk and encourage, make that difference. Paul Harris was the power of one person. He had vision, ideas and motivation. Enrich someone's life. Think of the needs of the less fortunate. We all impact lives, each of us has something to offer, make a difference, inspire - yes, you have something to offer. Open your heart. Inspired people are productive people - they change their atmosphere - have optimistic solutions to every problem. Look for the good in people and ways to serve. Seize the opportunity. People carry a lot on their shoulders. Have eye contact and just be friendly. Read the book "*The Likeability Factor*" by Tim Sanders. The four factors that increase likeability are: friendliness, relevance, empathy and authenticity. Develop these traits.



Notice anything different about Leroy?

Bits & Pieces

If you were to meet Brenda, you would first see a woman confined to a wheelchair. Then you would notice her smile. It's the same smile she offers freely to everyone she meets and it's the kind of smile that makes you smile back.

It would surprise you to know that Brenda has only a limited education. Yet, her wit and sense of humor are two of her best qualities and make her all the more beautiful to those who really know her.

Ask Brenda about her past and you would learn that she never knew her parents and was raised in several foster homes. But she'd rather talk to you about her future - and her husband. By the way, he's blind.

If you spent time with Brenda, you would come to know a woman who laughs, loves, works, and embraces life - not a woman who whines about unfairness and difficulties. No matter what, she always wears her smile and her sunshiny outlook.



And that's why Bits & Pieces reader Fred Westenberger wrote to us about his friend - his "heroine," as he calls her - Brenda. Because in a world where things don't always go as planned, where it's easy to feel put upon and unlucky and disappointed, there is Brenda in the midst of it all - loving life. And shouldn't we all?