



# The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

"Service Above Self"

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### DATE/TIME/

**PLACE:** April 4 - 12:00 noon at Marchelloni's

**ATTENDANCE:** 19 plus Tom O'Connor

**SING-A-LONG:** R-O-T-A-R-Y & You're a Grand Old Flag

**LOTTO:** Rose Strong & Carl Borngasser

**PERFECT  
ATTENDANCE**

**K. Bahler**

Oops! Mike Petersen was drawn first . . . but you have to be present to win

## ACTION ON THE AVENUES

### CLUB SERVICE

#### Programs:

- 04-11 P.C.H.S. - FFA
- 04-18 Robin Coady
- 04-25 Ed Palen
- 05-02 John Tollensdorf, Jr.
- 05-09 P.C.H.S. - ICE
- 05-16 P.C.H.S. - Interact
- 05-23 P.C.H.S. - Student of the Month
- 05-30 OPEN

### COMMUNITY SERVICE



Our **roadside pick up** is scheduled for April 8th at 9:00 a.m. Meet at Marchelloni's. **We need help!**



**Community Sale:** April 22. Bring your prize possessions & junk to sell. This is our Fund Raiser. Contribute!

### INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Dave Roberts talked about PETS & the Foundation clean wells and Joan told of the 3 egg story. The first thing we have to do is "fight bad attitudes!"

**Bits & Pieces**  
Live simply  
that others may simply live.

Elizabeth Seton, Educator & religious leader

### 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

## ROTARY FOUNDATION

### "What It Can Do for Us!" . . . Tom Oconnor

Through the Foundation the District is offering Simplified Grants to do projects in our community. The procedure is very simple with only 2 pages to fill out. This money is designed to stay in the district. Currently there is \$13,600 available in our district. Out of the 55 clubs, they have received only 8 or 9 requests. Why do we want to pass this money? Do an assessment of your community and find a project. It is available to charitable organizations. The grants run about \$1,000. You have to tell them what you need - food, fixtures, plant a tree, etc. They have gotten Christmas gifts for the Boys & Girls Club, refurbished a house for battered women in Bloomington and put book cases and sofas, etc. in it. They will not pay for salaries or expenses. This will let us expand our community service. You can apply on line - it is easy. You gear it for what fits for your town. You define the scope & budget. Be flexible. This grant is approved by people in our District. This is a way to show "Rotary Involvement". You will have some reports to fill in after completion. So - bring your projects to our club.

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## Bits & Pieces

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### UNLIMITED VALUE

When Tim's new teacher announced that Friday would be his turn at show-and-tell, he felt a knot in his stomach. As the other students began to snicker and whisper, Tim hung his head. He'd been dreading this day since the beginning of the school year.

The seven-year-old didn't have any pictures of family vacations; he'd never even been on one. He didn't have any neat toys to boast about like the other kids did. In fact, Tim didn't have much of anything except his soon-to-be-too-small secondhand clothes.

It hadn't always been like this. But when Tim's mother became gravely ill a few years ago, his father's salary as a furniture store manager hardly covered her medical expenses let alone food and utilities for the household.

That night Tim fretted at the thought of his upcoming humiliation. "Daddy, they're going to laugh at me when I don't have anything to show them."

"No, they won't," his father said. "And I'll show you why." He reached for an old rusty railroad spike that sat as a makeshift paperweight atop a stack of bills. "Looks like a worthless piece of junk, doesn't it?"

"Yes," said Tim.

"But the eyes don't always see everything there is to see. You have to use your mind and imagination to discover all the possibilities that exist. It sounds confusing, I know, but just think of this metal melted down and made into something else."

"You mean like a toy truck?" asked Tim.

"Yes, like a toy. What else?" "A wrench?"

"That's right. Keep going."

"Even like a rocket?"

"Yes! And even like the scalpel surgeons will use to remove your mom's tumor and make her well again." Tim's father handed him the piece of metal. "This has *unlimited* value, and so do you, Tiger."

"I love you, Dad," Tim said as he hugged his father.

"I love you, too," said his father. "Now let's get a sheet of paper and write down a long list of metal objects you can talk about. Come Friday, you're going to show, tell, and *teach*."