



The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

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DATE/TIME/

PLACE: August 29, 2006 - 12:00 noon at Marchelloni's

ATTENDANCE: 29+ Alan & Brian Steffen, Dennis Weber

SING-A-LONG: Home On The Range & R-O-T-A-R-Y

LOTTO: Jim Paternoster & John Tollensdorf

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

09-05	Tom Redington	10-10	Prairie Central
09-12	Dist. Gov.		H.S. Senate
09-19	Prairie Central -	10-17	Carl Borngasser
	Music & Fall Sports	10-24	Dean Moser
09-26	Pork Producers	10-31	John Strong
10-03	Steve Weeks		

Membership:



Rotary has a credit card. More information on Page 2.



9/11 - Joan Smeltzer & Bud Gerber
9/24 - Carl Borngasser

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Fair - Jim says "very tickled". Crowd was up - Friday down - one of the biggest Sundays. The carnival was up 25% - beverages up a lot and fights down. Grandstand was up. Due to community involvement, this year was a profit.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Dave passed a brochure around on Foundation Participation

Bits & Pieces

If you can't have fun at it, there's no sense hanging around.

Joe Montana, Football player

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

Motorcycle Enforcement Bureau

State Police Master Sgt. Jim Howell



Linda saw this article in the Pantagraph. She invited Jim to come and talk. He is one of 42 Illinois State Police motorcycle cops. He also drag races Harley Davidson motorcycles. Jim does not like to speak or dance. He cleaned up his bike only to ride in this weather before he could show us.

They said this program would never happen, but this year they saw the light. I.D.O.T. & H.S.I. help pay for this. They began training in March on the motorcycles. They drive in rain, cold, sleet and snow. This training was very humbling. It was the best training he has had. They have 42 and want

50 motorcycles. He is working in 6 zones in Illinois. They work in Central Illinois and extend to Iowa. They go from district to district.

They are committed to at least three years. They are finding this to be a great enforcement tool. They are a supplement to the officers in each district. This program is to help reduce fatalities and seems to be starting to work. People are not looking for a motorcycle. The bike is very comfortable. The only problem is the rear brake is not ADS and can tend to skid.



Rotary International Credit Card

Since the program was launched in Sept. of 2000, tens of thousands of Rotarians and their spouses have applied for the R.I. credit card. Currently available in Brazil, Canada, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, the Philippines, Spain, Taiwan, the United Kingdom, and the United States, the card builds public awareness of Rotary while allowing an everyday bill paying activity to raise money for The Rotary Foundation. To date, The Rotary Foundation has received US\$4 million from the program including \$1 million to support the polio eradication fundraising campaign. See Dave for an application.

Bits & Pieces

DON'T ASK

At age 80, the widow Johnson was called to testify during a civil trial.

"Mrs. Johnson, you know me, don't you?" the prosecuting attorney asked.

"Of course I know you, Tom Kendall. I've known you since you were in diapers. Can't believe you turned out to be such a rotten fool. You think you're a hotshot lawyer, but you're nothing more than that same scheming delinquent who used to cut through my yard and steal pies from my window ledge. Your poor mother must be turning in her grave - "

"Now Mrs. Johnson," Kendall interrupted as giggles echoed around the room, "please keep your answers brief and to the point. Tell me, do you know that man there?" Kendall pointed

to the defense attorney.

"Yes, I do, said Mrs. Johnson. "That's Matt Williams: a ne'er-do-well, gambler, and cheat."

The courtroom resounded with laughter.

"Well, he is," said the widow to the jury. "Paid the other kids to do his schoolwork in the first grade. No home training. None of those Williams children ever amounted to much."

The defense attorney covered his face with his hands. The judge pounded his gavel to restore order and summoned the attorney to the bench. "Mark my words: If you ask her whether she knows me," the judge snarled, "I'll throw you in jail for contempt."