



# The Cornpicker

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**DATE/TIME/**

**PLACE:** January 3, 2006 - 12:00 noon at Marchelloni's

**ATTENDANCE:** 25 plus Pastor Steve Anderson

**LOTTO:** Gary Huston & Joan Smeltzer



## ACTION ON THE AVENUES

### CLUB SERVICE

**Programs:**

01-10	P.C.J.H.S.	02-07	Terry Casson
	CARES Clowns	02-14	Pat Harmet
01-17	Bob Nussbaum		Sonshine Designs
01-24	Steve Weeks	02-21	P.C.H.S. - Captains
01-31	Dean Moser	02-28	Rod Stevens



1/11 - Randy Davis  
 1/13 - Marge Mosier  
 1/16 - Si Moser  
 1/21 - Gary Huston  
 1/24 - Bill Munz

### INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Our Asst. Gov. explained some on Multi P.E.T.S. at Springfield this year overnighter. They offer a lot of training and a lot of contacts. Pre-P.E.T.S. will be in Rantoul.

### Bits & Pieces

The power that makes grass grow, fruit ripen, and guides the bird in flight is in us all.

Anzia Yeziarska, Writer

### 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



## Costa Rica Mission Trip

Gary Huston and Pastor Steve Anderson

Gary (with sore throat and all) had a dynamic presentation with two albums from his new digital camera but due to download technical difficulty he saved it to the wrong laptop.

Gary and 7 other members of the Baptist Church left on November 14 for Costa Rica on TATA Airlines. They were to be there 3 1/2 hours in advance. It took 1 1/2 hours to process 9 tickets, 6 paper & 3 E-tickets. The flight was to take off at 2:00 a.m. but took off at 3:30 a.m. They had a layover at Guatemala and found they had no boarding passes. The Ill. Baptists and Costa Rica are tied together. They met up with missionaries Gary and Melinda Bates. They stayed with 6 different families. They spoke no English so conversation was tough. They had no hot water - only thing close was a "widow maker" (an electric gismo connected to the shower head. Tuesday, they started to work. The building

was already framed up. Their job was to wire, plumb and hang dry wall. Most of them had to be trucked in to the sites. At 7:00 a.m. they would have breakfast - 10:15 break - 12:00 noon lunch - 3:00 p.m. break. Their coffee was excellent. They did eat well but every meal had rice and beans. They attended a two-hour funeral while there. They loaded them in a stationwagon, put flowers on top and walked behind to the graveyard. Every building had a wrought iron fence around it. The church had a wrought iron fence with razor wire on top. The crime and drug business runs rampant. You didn't go any place without a guard. The cost of living is about equal to here. The only difference is an average house income is about \$5,000. They do without. Family is very important to them. They add onto their home to add family. The three most important things to them - church, God and hospitality. They have a rainy season and then not a rainy season. The streets have no names. They have a Rotunda with the Catholic church in the center. Traffic is terrible around this area.

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## Quips & Quotes

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### WE CAN BE HEROES

Heroes take journeys, confront dragons, and discover the treasure of their true selves. Although they may feel very alone during the quest, at its end their reward is a sense of community; with themselves, with other people, and with the earth.....Carol Pearson, Writer and educator